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County honors Novi for recognition

Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford on Wednesday honored the City of Novi for being ranked among the nation's "Best Towns for Families" in the August 2011 issue of Family Circle magazine. Novi City Council members and administration received the proclamation at the meeting in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac.

Out of the 10 communities listed nationally as one of the Best Towns for Families, Novi ranked sixth in Family Circle magazine.

Blood needed

The American Red Cross is now in a state of National Appeal for blood donations with supplies critically low. The following drives are being held:

Thursday, Aug. 4; Novi Ice Arena, 2-7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 4; Faith Community Church, Novi; 1-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9; Northville Fire Department; 1-6:45 p.m.

Call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 to make an appointment at any of these drives.

City looks to DPS for possible savings

Mission-critical vehicles, major equipment recommended for exclusion from outsourcing

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The search for ways to save money in Novi is never ending.

And this time city officials are looking at the department of public services for possible outsourcing opportunities.

Currently, the DPS outsources preventative maintenance of select light-duty, gasoline-powered vehicles in the city's fleet, and the request from the City Council was to look at additional areas where savings could be found.

Rob Hayes, director of public services, has been evaluating the possibilities since May and is requesting that the council put requests for proposals out for park maintenance and light equipment as well as light-duty vehicles. Mission critical vehicles such as police vehicles and dump trucks would not be included.

And while Hayes knows the impact it could have on his department, he also understands the economic hardships facing the city.

"It's not uncommon because cities are looking at every opportunity to save money," Hayes said. "And they are looking at services that tend to be the same."

The city has four mechanics who oversee the 266 vehicles and pieces of equipment in the city's fleet. One mechanic is assigned to the police department, and the other three work on the other 177 vehicles and major pieces of equipment. The mechanics also operate snow plows and do select building maintenance among other jobs.

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Mohsin Mahmood, 9, climbs a tilting ladder at an amusement game during the July 30 Pakistan Independence Day celebration at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase.

'Super Wednesday' aims to help high school students

Period intended for academic support, school business

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School principal Carol Diglio knew the school had to do something to give the students time during the day to get extra help.

But with the loss of seminar last year as the school transitioned to the six-period day, the students didn't have that.

This year that will not be the case with the addition of Super Wednesday to the schedule.

Super Wednesday, which includes academic advising as well as school business, is a 40-minute period after third period that will give students time to make up tests, work on homework, get homework help, visit with a counselor and more.

"Students were coming before school or staying after, and it was difficult for them because they felt torn between trying to get help and making their after-school activities on time," she said. "This will give everyone a set time to get the support and help they need."

Every teacher will have an academic advisory class, and they are responsible for monitoring the student's progress and getting them help where needed.

As a result of adding the academic advisory period, seventh period will be eliminated on Wednesday's only, thus ending the school day at 2:01 p.m. However, extra-curricular activities will not start until 3:10 p.m. because that hour is being used for professional development for school staff.

During that hour block, student ambassadors will be in the atrium every other Wednesday to assist students who would like the help of a tutor.

"Part of the goal is to also teach them time management," Diglio said, with the hope that students will use the hour at the end of the day for school work as well.

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Festival to inspire service through stories, songs

Free event at Providence Park focuses on helping others

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Mission trips have long been a part of Michael and Elisa Balon's lives.

And now the father-daughter combination is looking to bring some of what they learned serving others to Novi with the inaugural Gospel Music and Story Festival outdoors at Providence Park Hospital from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

The event is free and open to the public, and it will feature live music as well as inspirational stories alternating throughout the day.

Michael said the goal is not only to entertain but to "inspire people to action."

"We are looking to encourage people to serve and share their stories because there are a thousand stories out there the world would benefit from hearing," he said.

Michael and Elisa came up with the idea for a festival in March as a way to stay connected and help others, choosing to combine Elisa's talents as a musician and Michael's as a story-teller.

The stories will be about either receiving service from someone or how a person's life was impacted by serving, while the music will have a gospel and inspirational touch to it.

Elisa also said it's a way for people to see how much talent is in the area.

Some of the music performers include: Providence Choir, First Baptist Church of Northville Praise Band, saxophonist Tim Reeves, The Arbor Saxophone Quartet, Zaria Zakiya, guitarists Mark and Gaye Shreve and many more.

"We would love for people to come and take from this a better sense of community and be willing to serve others and help," Elisa said.

Michael and Elisa also will be performing at the event, with Michael telling two stories and Elisa performing with the Providence Choir.

Other story-tellers are: Terilynn Shields sharing "My Last Day with Howard"; Jeanne Miko with "Tribute to My Father Percy Andrews"; and Ron, Becky, Mike and Max Morelli sharing excerpts from "Fat Family Fit Family" among others.

The St. John Providence Hospital Southfield Choir will be one of several performers at the inaugural Gospel Music and Story Festival on Aug. 13 at Providence Park Hospital.

The event also will include food vendors and other items for purchase, but people are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and picnic baskets.

Michael said he hopes people come as families to be inspired together.

"We live in some pretty tough times and people can be down for a variety of reasons. This has the option to lift us up as a community and head us in the direction of positive thinking service of others and not so much ourselves," he said.

Proceeds from the event will go to Love INC of Greater Novi, a nonprofit focused on helping people in the community.

For more information about the festival or to volunteer, visit www.gospelmusicandstoryfestival.com.

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The current outsourcing taking place is estimated to save the city approximately $6,000, but it also has caused problems. The vendor is constantly pressuring the city for more work beyond the limited scope, and more administrative staff time is being used to manage the contract. They also do not want to renew the contract when it ends in September.

"We have had some challenges," Hayes said.

In looking at outsourcing in other areas, Hayes found three major areas of concern.

One was that mission-critical vehicles and equipment cannot be off the road long and most private shops use a first-in/first-out system or prioritize work based on the volume of work from a customer, which could keep vehicles out of service longer.

Three other areas were the loss of control in terms of directing repairs, timing and completion of work, maintenance work after hours would be limited and also it would be more expensive.

Hayes said he has not heard back from the council on how it wishes to proceed, but expects to get guidance in a couple weeks.

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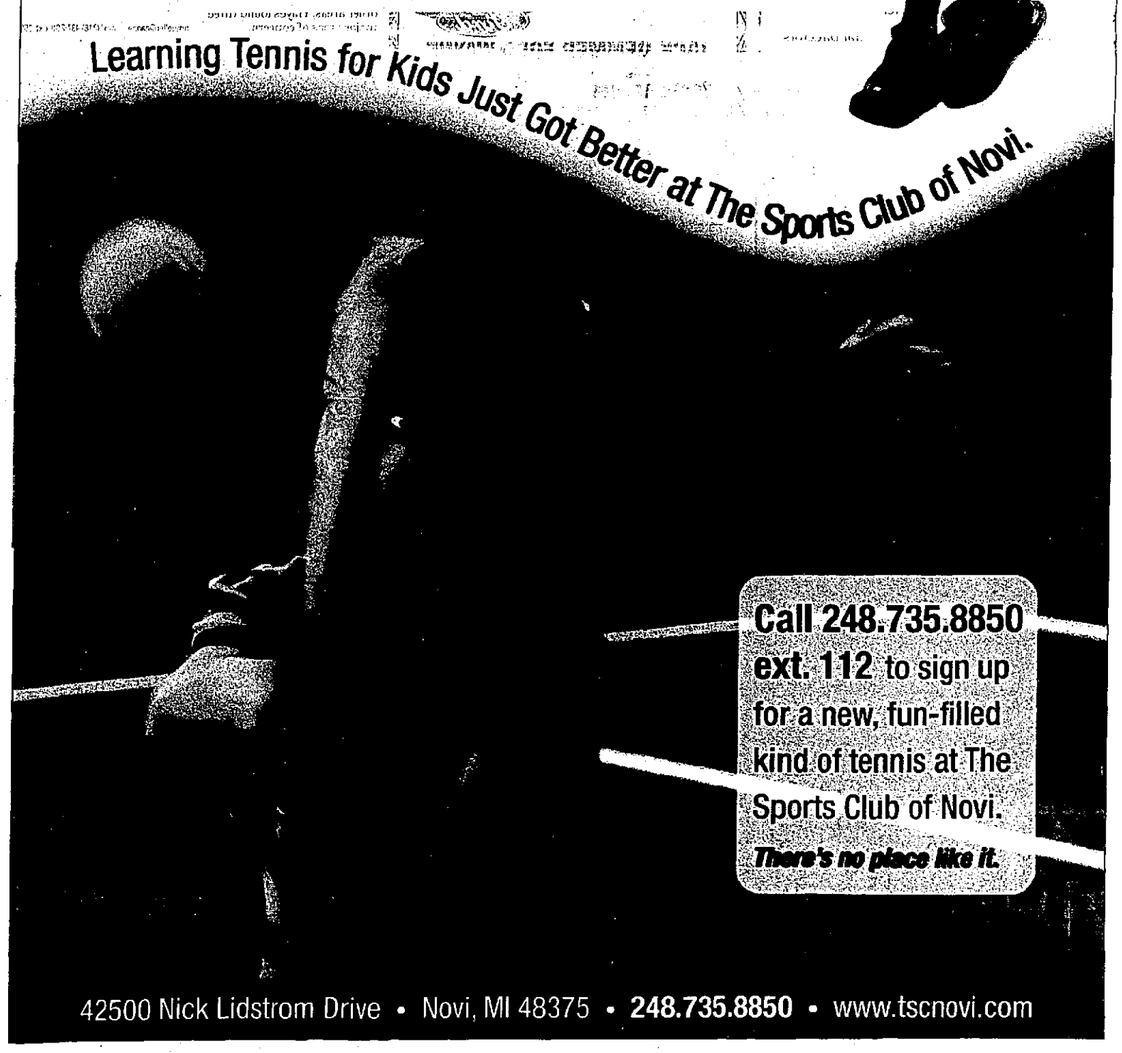

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Walled Lake Western senior awarded Gorsuch Scholarship by AMP

Samantha Hudson, a recent graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, was named recipient of a $2,000 Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship, one of three awarded by American Municipal Power (AMP). Hudson was nominated for the scholarship by the Wyandotte Municipal Services.

AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 128 member municipal electric communities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The AMP Board of Trustees established the scholarships in memory of Richard H. Gorsuch, the organization's president from 1983 until his death in 1987. The $2,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors whose parent or guardian is an employee of either a municipal electric system or AMP, or is an elected official with responsibility for the electric system.

Hudson is the daughter of Charlene Hudson, T&D electrical engineer, and Daniel Hudson.

Hudson achieved the National Honor Society, the Highest Honor Roll and the Outstanding English awards and completed several advanced placement classes including calculus, biology, and microeconomics. She was co-founder of Students Without Borders, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and was part of the Spanish Club along with participating in Relay for Life, and in the school's band. She works at the Goldfish Swim School teaching children four months to 12 years how to swim including those with special needs. She was a multi-year varsity letter winner in swimming breaking multiple pool records at various schools and was a state, sectional, and conference qualifier along with setting several school records.

Hudson plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in kinesiology.

To participate in the scholarship program, each nominee wrote an essay about public power. Finalists were determined based on essay scores and were asked to take a test on their knowledge of AMP and public power. They also were shown a video about AMP and toured their local municipal electric utility. The three recipients – Hudson, Hannah Meyer of Gahanna, OH and Kyle Krieger of Milton, OH – were selected on the basis of their achievements, test score, knowledge of public power and scholastic standing.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Community Ed preschool

Preschool registration for Novi's 2011-12 school is now open for full-day and half-day morning or afternoon classes.

Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for Preschool along with the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum includes language arts, social studies, science, math, music and movements. Novi Community Education Preschool provides all children with experiences and opportunities that allow them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s and young 5s.

Classes are three hours for the half-day and six and a half hours for the all-day program. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2011. Children also must be completely toilet trained.

All preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar and will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6. To secure a spot in the fall's 2011-12 sessions, parents must register their child at the Community Education office in the Community Education/ITC Building, 25345 Taft, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for students attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1206 for rates and availability.

When registering a child (or children), please bring the following:

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Making a splash

Swim team at Meadowbrook CC reaches out to Detroit students

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

It may have seemed like just another day at the Meadowbrook Country Club last Monday as over 100 kids played and splashed in the pool — but it was much more than that.

For the second consecutive year, the Meadowbrook swim team welcomed 100 students from two Detroit elementary schools, Maybury and Academy of the Americas, for a day of cooling off in the pool and a pizza and ice cream party.

"It's the highlight of the summer," said Kelle Vela, a parent volunteer from Novi. "I don't think our kids knew what to expect last summer, and they got so much out of it. They connected on levels I don't think they knew they could."

The swim team at Meadowbrook adopted the non-profit organization Bridgepointe, which seeks to help Detroit schools, as a community service project this summer. The swimmers did a 24-hour Swim-A-Thon to raise money for school supplies, and also did a food packing session where they packaged 10,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger.

One-third of the meals went to Northville Civic Concern, another third overseas and the last third somewhere in Michigan that had a need.

The group packed 100 backpacks with school supplies for students and teachers last year, and this year, with the help of Telcom Credit Union, which donated nearly 150 backpacks, hope to send 200 backpacks to the two elementary schools.

Maren Longnecker, right, stands with a student from a Detroit elementary school who was enjoying a day at the Meadowbrook Country Club pool last week as part of the swim team's community service project through Bridgepointe.

Ellen Snedeker, principal at Maybury, said this type of experience "opens up their world." The party also was an incentive for the students as only those who had perfect summer school attendance or only missed one day were allowed to come.

"For our kids, many of them have never been in a pool or experience going off a diving board and they were just glowing when them came back," she said. "And what's so cool is so many of their children personally attached themselves to our children so they feel like they are getting to know them."

Danny Vela, a Novi Middle School student, said he learned a lot from his time with a student named Alberto, and even helped Alberto get over the fear of jumping into the deep end of the pool.

He also said it was eye-opening to see that some of the students didn't even own a swimsuit.

"It made me realize how lucky I am for what I have," he said. "And it makes me want to give something back to them."

Snedeker said seeing the kids from Meadowbrook make this kind of effort is "wonderful."

"This personalized experience is something our children will always remember," she said.

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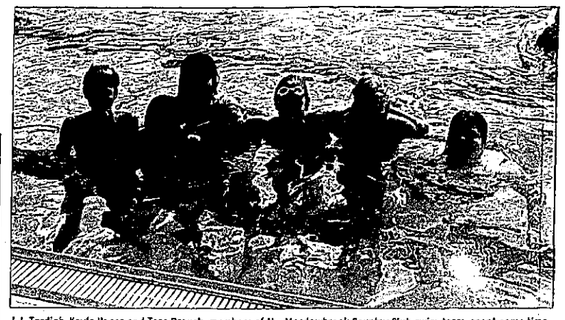

J.J. Tardich, Kayla Hagan and Tess Breuch, members of the Meadowbrook Country Club swim team, spent some time in the pool with friends from two Detroit elementaries last week as part of their summer community service project.

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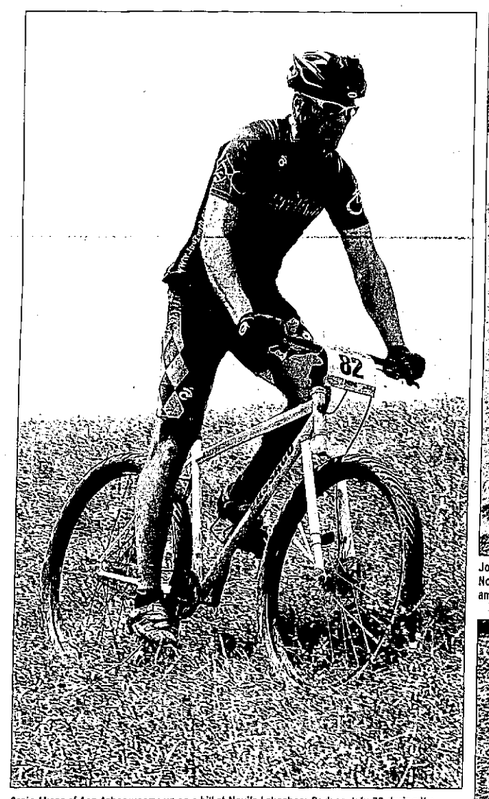
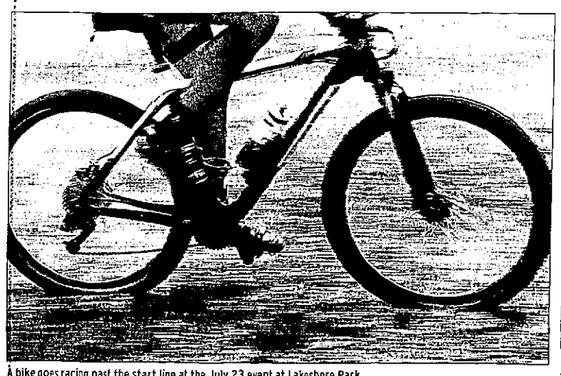
Competitors await the start of a relay event at the July 23 Michigan Mountain Bike Assoc. race at Novi's Lakeshore Park.

Mountain bikers take to the trails

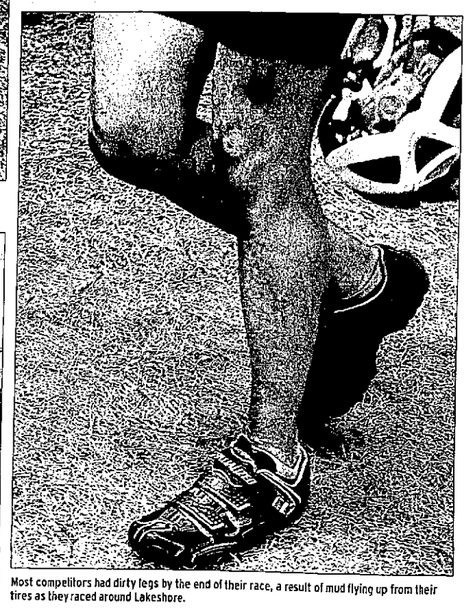


Craig Akers of Ann Arbor warms up on a hill at Novi's Lakeshore Park on July 23 during the mountain bike race event held on its course.

Joe Harris and relay partner Marc Cope, left, hand off a lei during the July 23 Michigan Mountain Bike Assoc. race at Novi's Lakeshore Park. Teams from all over Michigan competed at the park, winding their way through its course set amidst the forest.



A bike goes racing past the start line at the July 23 event at Lakeshore Park.



Most competitors had dirty legs by the end of their race, a result of mud flying up from their tires as they raced around Lakeshore.

Meet the Ritchie Boys

Exhibit tells little-known story of World War II heroes

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Greetings from Camp Ritchie" postcards show a picturesque, almost resort-like campus where certainly any member of the military would want to train.

But, it wasn't just for any serviceman or woman. It was a place for specific soldiers with specific characteristics and skills that would be critical in fighting World War II.

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Maryland, Camp Ritchie — named after Maryland Gov. Albert Ritchie, who served from 1920-35 — was an intelligence camp where psychological warfare tactics were taught.

Those who received the special training became known as the Ritchie Boys and were selected for knowing the German language, culture and the German mentality. Most of them were Jewish boys who had immigrated to the U.S., including Guy Stern, who came to the United States from Hildensheim, Germany, when he was 15 years old.

Soldiers took classes in German Army organization, Morse Code, studied *The Order of Battle of the German Army* and more.

Stern said the book was invaluable.

"We could look up commanders, signal calls, so we could overwhelm them with our knowledge," he said.

They did field exercises, role playing, close combat training and document reading.

Their newfound skills, knowledge and tactics became their fierce weapons.

"Everyone at Camp Ritchie felt it was their war," said Stern. "And they had to be a part of it."

They knew they would be deployed.

Some were shipped to Africa, some to Italy and others to England.

Stern remembers arriving at Lygon Arms in Broadway, England. The Army headquarters was at a British boarding school, where plans were made for the invasion.

"I was very scared," said Stern, who was 21 years old at the time. "All of us were scared. I was a former German Jewish national."

Stern's unit soon found itself on a loaded landing craft, making its way across the English Channel, to Saint Mere Eglise in Normandy, France.

STORY COMES TO LIFE

Stern told the story of the Ritchie Boys this week as he walked through a new exhibit, "Secret Heroes: The Ritchie Boys," at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Stern, curator, was instrumental, along with HMC executive director Stephen Goldman, in establishing the exhibit, which will be there until February. It will then travel to the Army History Museum at Fort Bragg, N.C.

DIGGING IN

Stern had written about his experiences and the work of the Ritchie Boys years ago, but that was the extent of it.

He told Goldman about the Ritchie Boys and Goldman soon named him curator of what would be the first exhibit in the new gallery at the center.

Goldman said the gallery will house traveling exhibits, so people can have different experiences when they visit the center.

"It gives people a reason to come back," he said.

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This postcard, 'Greetings from Camp Ritchie,' was enlarged to cover one wall in the exhibit.

Stern started delved into his research.

"Many people started helping me and we started investigating," he said.

They went to the National Archives, the Library of Congress and four or five other archives, seeking information and documentation relating to the Ritchie Boys and their work.

They located 50 of the Ritchie Boys. As the exhibit came together and plans were made for a reunion, which occurred last weekend, many of the Ritchie Boys said they couldn't travel to Michigan, from points all around the country, for health and other personal reasons. Fourteen said they could come to Michigan; 12 actually attended.

"I was real excited about meeting the boys," said Goldman of the reunion.

The exhibit and the reunion were a result of a lot of work by many, said Stern.

"It was such a team effort," said Stern. "Everybody in this organization pitched in."

NINE PROFILES

The exhibit is divided into four sections, which follow nine of the Ritchie Boys through the events, from recruitment to training, to combat, to postwar civilian life.

Fred Howard is one of them.

"He was my closest friend," said Stern, pointing to a photo and narrative on the wall. "We formed sort of a two-man team — people said it was like 'good cop, bad cop.'"

Stern was known to disguise himself as a Russian commissar, complete with a uniform adorned with medals. Fred Howard worked with him on this particular tactic.

"If a prisoner refused to give information, (Howard) would say, 'I have to turn you over to the liaison from the Russian Army,'" said Stern, noting that usually worked.

Other tactics involved "becoming a buddy" to a prisoner to gain his trust.

"If we talked about soccer for 15 minutes, then I disappeared as an American, then I could get the information I wanted from him," said Stern.

Overwhelming the enemy with knowledge was another tactic used by the Ritchie Boys in getting valuable information from the enemy. A third tactic involved good old-fashioned bribery — they would give the prisoners something they wanted, like food and cigarettes, in exchange for information.

A fourth tactic was playing on their fears, said Stern.

They used mobile broadcast units at the German lines to shout propaganda and they distributed leaflets containing propaganda to weaken the resistance.

Stern recalls that Cpl. Walter Midener single-handedly got 340 German soldiers to surrender to him.

"He was so persuasive," said Stern. "He got the silver medal for this."

The exhibit documents the post-war lives of the nine profiled Ritchie Boys.

"We split apart into all sorts of professions," said Stern, who was most recently a German professor at Wayne State University.

REUNION

Seeing some of the Ritchie Boys recently was a thrill for him.

"In a way, it's so emotionally charged, because you saw the people who marched with you; the people who took the same chances and took on the same tasks," he said. "Also remarkable was that so many young people were here at the reunion — they learned things about their forefathers that they didn't know before. It was a discovery of their own heritage."

And, that's not the only good thing that's come from the exhibit, hopes Stern.

"I think the legacy of not only the Ritchie Boys, but the time we were active, we had a nation united in a common effort and we worked together," said Stern, who is 89 and lives in West Bloomfield. "I wish for my country that the same commonality and effort will prevail in the future. Our nation can be great if we stand together."

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RITCHIE BOYS EXHIBIT

What: Secret Heroes: The Ritchie Boys

Where: Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Rd., north of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills

When: Open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Closed Saturday and on Jewish holidays.

Info: Call (248) 553-2400 or visit www.holocaustcenter.org

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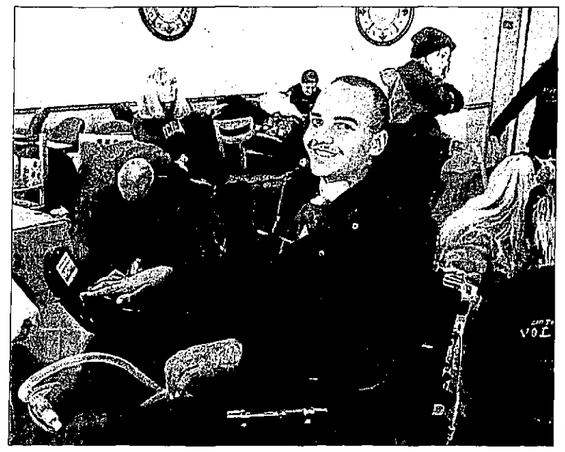
Pelican Foundation 'making a difference' at local level

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER



The golf outing will help Walled Lake Central sophomore Drew Clayborn, who suffered a spinal cord injury while practicing a back flip, which has left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

Bob Langan knows he can't cure cancer, multiple sclerosis or any other disease for that matter. But as someone who feels he has been blessed in life, Langan wants to make a difference for people who haven't been as fortunate. That's why he formed the Pelican Foundation about five years ago.

Each year the foundation chooses a local person who is need of help. Last year, for example, the Pelican Foundation raised the money and provided the labor to make Stefanie Fabbri's home handicap accessible after she had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an incurable disease that has confined her to a wheelchair and taken away her ability to work and her independence. The home is owned by Fabbri's parents, who have had to alter their lives to take care of their daughter who is 29 years old. After the Pelican Foundation was through, the home had been transformed to allow Stefanie some independence she would not have otherwise had.

"It was awesome when we were through," said Pelican Foundation board member Jay Howie. "We really made a difference in that person's life. And not just her life, but her parents as well."

And that's what the Pelican Foundation is all about, according to Langan.

"I started this foundation because of the desire to make a difference and do something charitable. As I was trying to figure how to do that I realized I can't cure cancer or anything like that. But we can change our community, and I think we have done that and will continue to do that," he said.

Of course, it takes money to make a difference. On Monday, Aug. 8 the foundation will have its 4th annual golf outing, its major fundraising event of the year, at Riverbank Golf Club, located at the corner of Currie and Ten Mile roads in Lyon Township. The cost to participate is $125 (or $500 for a foursome), which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, and a buffet dinner. There will also be door prizes, as well as silent and live auctions.

Some of the items that will be auctioned off include signed pictures of Detroit Tigers greats Charlie Gehringer and Mark Fidrych, and Ndamukong Suh of the Detroit Lions. There are also golf trips, a wine tasting outing, tickets to U-M football games, a weekend at a Strawberry Lake cottage, and many more items, including several packages geared towards female interests.

This year the foundation has chosen to help Drew Clayborn, a 15-year-old student at Walled Lake Central High School, who was paralyzed from the shoulders down after a fall while practicing a back flip. Drew went from playing football, basketball and tuba in the marching band to being confined in a wheelchair and going through intensive rehab to regain as much movement as possible.

The Pelican Foundation is going to purchase interactive environmental controls for Drew's wheelchair, which will allow him to turn on light switches, open doors and other mundane, every day tasks that most people take for granted.

"This is going to allow Drew to control his environment, and not be one hundred percent reliable on others. The more you can take a paralyzed person and give them independence, the more you are helping to preserve their sanity," Langan said.

Langan, a Novi resident, said the goal is to have 130 people play in the outing, and raise around $15,000, which is about the cost for the upgrades to Drew's wheelchair.

Langan said Clayborn and his family are going to be at the golf outing. But it will not be a sad affair. In fact, he said organizers make sure it is just the opposite.

"This event is festive and uplifting. We want to make it a good time. We try to do something that is very, very positive. We're not going to key on Drew's life sentence. Rather, we want to key on his future and how we can help improve his life," Langan said. "This is going to be an awesome event."

For more information, contact Bob Langan at (248) 486-6251 or Jay Howie at (248) 437-1813, or visit www.pelicanfoundation.com.

PELICAN FOUNDATION

PELICAN FOUNDATION GOLF
When: Monday, Aug. 8 (11 a.m. registration with a noon shotgun start)
Where: Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, Lyon Township
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Info: Visit www.pelicanfoundation.com or call Bob Langan at (248) 486-6251

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BAHL, KATHERINE M.

July 28, 2011, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Gordon Bahl for 53 years. Funeral was Aug. 2. Donations to Smile Train or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BENEDICT, AGEATHA, R.

July 25, 2011, age 78. Funeral was July 29 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to American Lung Association. Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

FOX, CARREN A.

Age 65, passed away July 27, 2011. She was born on March 17, 1946, in Melvindale, daughter of the late Harry and Bernice Layden. Carren was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family at their vacation property in Jordan Valley and her friend Barb's home in Alpena. She loved being outdoors and the occasional trip to the casino with friends and family. Her true love in life was her husband, children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband William; her children: Sheila (Dale) Granaden, Wendy (John) Bradbury, and William Jr. (Debbie) Fox; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her siblings: William Sayyae, Dennis Sayyae, Mike Layden Chris Layden and Barb Suski. Visitation was held on Friday, July 29, from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, July 30, at 11:00 a.m. at Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Road, Ann Arbor with a luncheon following. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KENNEDY, NORMA A.

July 30, 2011, age 83. A nine year resident of the Manor of Novi. Funeral was Aug. 2. Donations to Manor of Novi or MI Humane. Condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MORAND, MICHAEL ALFRED

7/28/2011, age 76. Preceded in death by his sister, Mary Davis Boettcher. He will be missed by his five nieces and nephews. Memorial service at a later date. Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MORIANTI, DORINA C.

July 23, 2011, age 87. Funeral was July 27 at Holy Family Church. Entombment at Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to Angela Hospice. Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MOTLEY, RICHARD L.

Lifelong resident of Milford, died July 27, 2011. Loving husband of the late Ethel (d.2005); father of Ruth (Ted) Blaszak, Gary (Sue) Motley, the late Tom (Phyllis) Motley, the late Leo John (Carol) Motley, the late Rick Motley; grand and great-grandfather of many; brother of Alice Chant. Also survived by many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on July 30, 2011. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorials to Oak Grove Cemetery Fund and Community Sharing. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

SHROPSHIRE, MARJORIE E.

Age 86, went home to glory on July 18, 2011 at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 27, 1925, in Charleston, West Virginia, daughter of the late Henry and Alpha (Gandee) Dolin. She was a gifted artist of landscape and natural settings. She was an avid gardener and a great cook. She loved to fish with her husband Carl, her favorite fishing buddy. Marjorie had many interests and hobbies, but the most important thing in her life was her loving family and her strong faith in God. She often said: "The only thing you can take to heaven with you is your children". She will be dearly missed by her loving family and many dear friends. She is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years Carl; her loving children: Carl Jr. (Mary), Denna (Bill) Heller, Linda Bachmeier, Judy (Bill) Wynne, Ellen (Bob) Young and Gale (David) Hurd. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings: Howard, Helen, Dennis and James Dolin. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 20, from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, July 21, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SHUREB, PAULINE

Age 90 of Northville. Cherished Wife of the late Wilfred. Loving Mother of Ronald (Debbie), Richard (Marla), Kenneth (Janet) and John (Kathleen). Loving Nanna of Brian, Lisa, Kayline, Crystal, Ricky, Paula, Diane, Theresa, Laura, Justin and Sarah. Great-Nanna of Nathan, Logan, Dharius, Payton and Mason. Dearest sister of Mary Attard. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Memorial Gathering will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Sunday 3-9pm with evening Rosary. Memorial Service at St. Colette Catholic Church Monday Instate 9:30am Mass 10am. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please visit online guestbook: fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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WEINBURGER, EVELYN LUCILLE (SIMMONS)

Was born October 12, 1916 on the Fruit Ridge Farm, Novi, Michigan. She died in Dallas, Texas on July 23, 2011, of natural causes. Evelyn was the third of seven children, and at the time of her death, the only surviving child of Arthur J. and Muriel (Kirk) Simmons. Her husband, Albert J. Weinburger, preceded her in death in 1982. She is survived by her children, Robert (Nancy) Weinburger of South Lyon, Michigan, Karen (Russell) Riley, of Boerne, Texas, Gary (Judy) Weinburger of Porter, Texas and Kathy Roth of Hockley, Texas. She and "Alby" also raised her two eldest grandchildren, Robert (Joan) Weinburger, II, of Eagle River, Alaska, and Lisa (David) Genecov, of Dallas, Texas. She was the proud grandmother of thirteen grandchildren, great-grandmother of twenty-nine, and great-great grandmother of two, known to them by various names, including Mom, Mom Weinburger, Grandma in Texas, Mamoo and Bermonger. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Sarah Simmons of Mentor, Ohio and Rita Chenoweth of South Lyon, Michigan. Evelyn graduated from South Lyon High School, Class of 1933, along with her husband, Al. They married in 1935, and lived in South Lyon until 1959, when Al was transferred to Gulf States Tube Corporation in Rosenberg, Texas. Al and Ev were married 47 years, until his death. They made their home in Houston until 2009, when Evelyn moved to Presbyterian Village North, in Dallas Texas. Church was a very important part of Evelyn's life as she was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, and a charter member of St. John's United Presbyterian Church in Houston. She served as an elder of the church, and on numerous committees; she attended Sunday School faithfully and was an officer of Presbyterian Women in Houston. Evelyn practiced daily Bible devotion. She never missed Sunday church services, even when on vacation. Evelyn loved to read the daily paper, and did the crossword puzzle and Sudoku daily. She enjoyed playing Hand and Foot, and Euchre, with her siblings and their spouses. She was an accomplished seamstress and also enjoyed other needlecrafts. Later in life, she enjoyed playing Chicken foot on Friday night with the "girls" of St. John's. She also loved a wide variety of music and enjoyed reading poetry. Evelyn especially loved traveling and camping in the trailer with Alby. She was a Roosevelt Democrat and was moved to help aid the poor, defenseless and down-trodden. She loved to cook Sunday dinners and often invited people to dinner on the spur of the moment. Conversation with friends and family was important, and she was always willing to strike up a conversation with anyone. She will be missed greatly by many other relatives and friends, as well as her family. A service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon, Michigan, August 6, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. John's Presbyterian Church in Houston (www.stjohnspresby.org) or First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon, MI (www.fpcsouthlyon.org).

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Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
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Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

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Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, $4 per person, $12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a $15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
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Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
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Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
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Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
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Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville
Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.
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Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod
620 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0895
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Pastor Steve Swayze
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Website: milfordbaptist.org

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1250 South Hill Rd.
(248) 685-3560 www.opcw-ifford.org
Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am
Adventureland Children's Program: Sunday 10:30 am
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Sunday Evening 6pm - 8pm
Life Groups: Various Times & Locations

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11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
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Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

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56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165
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Worship-10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

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(248) 349-1144
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Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
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Church 349-2621, School 349-2610
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54899 S Mile Rd. at Currie Rd.
Northville, MI 48167
Pastor Andy Whitten
Phone 248-374-2268
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Sunday Service and Children's Church at 11:00
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Novi

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
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41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
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24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
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Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
Fr. Michael Zuelch, Associate
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. (a Novi at 8 ½ Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175
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Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector
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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
50820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freeouf / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Wheeler
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
• Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (south of Lake Road)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshipepc.org

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540 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
Sunday Worship: 8:15, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery Provided
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The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Callicott, Pastor

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Sunday 10:30 and 1:30
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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9:00 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Music
11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

Wixom

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28930 Wixom Rd.
Wixom, MI 48393
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021
www.cpccnow.com

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Live tonight

The Robin Moore Trio will perform 5-8 p.m. today in the roundabout at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk (in front of Lucky's and Bar Louie). Artists from Arts Novi will also be displaying their work. In the event of rain, music and art will be moved inside Lucky's.

EVENTS

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 4
Details: Ms. Donna May will be speaking on the 'Power of Humor. Learn how to use humor to ease the everyday tensions and problems we all have. The presentation will be followed by an ice cream social where you can meet other singles; $5 donation.

First Presbyterian Church

205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon
Contact: (248) 437-2875
Annual Rummage Sale
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12 ($1 bag sale 11 a.m. noon)
Details: Collection is 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1-10

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Blessing of the Pets
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14
Details: Everyone is welcome to attend the Blessing of the Pets and ice cream social. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.
Sunday worship:
Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor
Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)
Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumc-northville.org.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: *11 a.m.*
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; pre-school through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.
Women's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations
For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at **1-800-331-3530** for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

www.ssdfighter.com

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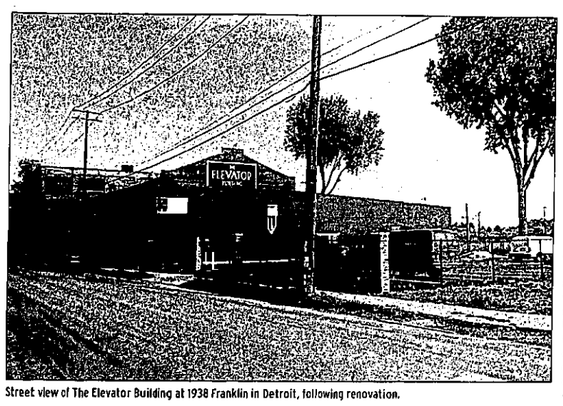

Street view of The Elevator Building at 1938 Franklin in Detroit, following renovation.

SRI Energy schedules solar panel installation on roof of Detroit's historic Elevator Building

Built 103 years ago in Detroit's East Riverfront area, The Elevator Building at 1938 Franklin has undergone a significant transformation over the past few years from an empty, crumbling industrial building to fully leased offices for small businesses.

Helping to fulfill the mission of the building's owners, The Detroitist Group, to be environmentally conscientious, SRI Energy of Novi is scheduled to begin installation of solar panels on the south facing roof this month.

"We're continually seeking innovative ways to lower our carbon footprint and offer cost saving benefits," said Randy Lewarchik, an owner and partner of The Detroitist Group. "The solar panels will be used to generate electricity for common areas that are available to our tenants such as the kitchen and showering facilities."

For SRI Energy, which provides design and installation for small to large scale residential and commercial projects, the installation is an opportunity to help people understand that solar energy has a wide span of uses and is not limited to new construction.

According to Prasad Gullapalli, founder of SRI Energy, LLC, each project begins with a site evaluation, development of a design that meets each client's energy and budget needs, assistance with local government permits along with seeking opportunities for state and federal grant subsidies.

Another benefit is that the installation has an anticipated payback of less than ten years which includes incentives from the federal government and DTE Energy's SolarCurrents program. SRI Energy will finance the installation through GE Money in a way that the owners' monthly payments will be less than the monthly energy costs.

It is projected that the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) system design for The Elevator Building will generate 760 megawatts of energy which is equivalent to consuming 1,260 barrels of oil or avoiding the production of 545 metric tons of carbon dioxide.

Lewarchik is confident that The Elevator Building can become a model for other Detroit buildings, demonstrating how business owners and developers can cost effectively implement green initiatives to stimulate new business and revitalize urban areas in Detroit.

The box, the team and the performance review

BY RICK RADNERS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Takin' Care of Business
Rick Radners

For about last five years, the comment "think outside the box" has been used more than any other catch phrase in the world of business. I have often wondered what box people were referring to.

When I look around my desk, the computer, phone, folders, and personal esthetics are all boxes of some sort. So when we are asked to "think outside the box", why are we barraged with boxes and why the urgency to think outside of them? Along with that, how does the guided performance review help the "out of box" experience? Let's look at both of these ideas.

Creative minds have pioneered and developed solutions to some of the most important problems within business. They are often the catalyst to tomorrow's concerns as well. When given the opportunity, the "outside of the box" mind can turn a company on a dime and turn waste into profitability. With this concept comes but twice a year the performance review. Usually starting with objective setting and then a stern measurement of those objectives, the performance review is the key to most employee's compensation and advancement opportunities.

When these two concepts are laid side by side, they don't make too much sense to me. If thinking outside the box is often the catalyst of performance improvement for an organization; shouldn't every employee have the "out of box" requirement on his or her performance review? Should that requirement be mandated to every senior executive and front line associate in any organization? What stops this notion of improvement; the performance review itself.

In some organizations, the performance review is used as a tool of conformity rather than empowerment. It afflicts the ideas of numbers and targets on each employee in order to reward or discipline them. The performance review sets its objectives and sends a clear message to every employee. The message is usually a 'get there or else' communication. It can literally crush any hope of thinking outside the box. Looking further, once a target is obtained by an employee, what's next? For instance, if back orders are suppose to be 5% or less of the daily shipments of a supplier and they are, shouldn't that employee receive the highest rating possible. Moreover, what if all the employees involved in back orders are reviewed against this same criteria? Shouldn't all the employees receive the highest rating? What is the out of box thinker to do?

The solution lies within the concept of the team. First off, if you look around your office you'll realize that, as individuals the box we work in is too big to think out of alone. We need the help of a team to build a ladder that will allow us to crawl out of the box and think of solutions that are plausible for the organization and have long lasting resolve. Organizations need to review their performance objectives and charge every individual to learn and react to the business climate, relying on the team concept. Moreover, teams need to have their own performance review with team objectives to think of solutions to today's business quandaries. Companies should consider removing the archaic targets of yesterday and motivate its departmental teams to think outside the box.

Companies who decide to adopt the team-driven objective will notice an immediate change in their operations. Letting the team think outside of the box will allow for stronger more driven results. The other phrase that pairs well with the team concept is 'Rome wasn't built in a day". Those that use the team objective concept realize it wasn't built by one person with a single objective either.

Rick Radners Jr., Ed.D., worked for Ford Motor Co. for 13 years and has taught quantitative methods at Walsh college for a over six years. He has degrees in marketing and sales, business management, an MBA, and a doctorate in education. He has research interest in educating people in statistics both on-line and in the classroom, and concepts around group testing in post secondary education institutions. Radners can be reached at rradners@mail.walshcollege.edu.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Little change in Michigan retail sales

Slightly more Michigan retailers expect improved 3rd Quarter sales, following a small slip in sales performance during June, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The future-outlook portion of the Index rose by three points while the current performance gauge dropped by nearly a point and a half during June.

"We don't see either change as very significant," explained James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "Our Index numbers have been roughly the same for the past three months."

Hallan pointed to the state's stubborn unemployment rate as a reason that sales haven't shown much improvement this year. June's 10.5 percent jobless rate was 0.2 points higher than May's and the highest since 10.7 in January.

"We can't expect to see significant improvement in retail sales until the unemployment rates starts moving below double digits."

The Michigan Retail Index for June found that 42 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 34 percent recorded declines and 24 percent saw no change.

The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 52.1, down from 53.5 in May and 53.1 in April.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 45 percent of retailers expect sales during July-September to increase over the same period last year, while 18 percent project a decrease and 37 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 63.7, up from 60.5 in May and 60.9 in April.

Books-A-Million abandons Borders bid

According to Chain Store Age, Books-A-Million said July 25 that it could not put a deal together to acquire the leases and assets of 30 Borders bookstores out of bankruptcy.

The company tried to secure the inventory, fixtures, equipment and leasehold interests for 30 Borders stores, but the parties could not agree on terms. Going out of business sales at these locations began, according to Clyde B. Anderson, Books-A-Million CEO.

After filing for bankruptcy protection in February, Borders Group received court approval two weeks ago to liquidate all 399 stores.

Going-out-of-business sales at all Borders stores, including the two in Novi, are now being led by a group led by liquidation firms Hilco Merchant Resources and Gordon Brothers Group, according to Chain Store Age.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in August offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

Social media marketing part 3

Advanced Social Media: Create and Launch your Social Media Campaign. In part 3 of this training series, you will learn advanced strategies and tactics for building a long-lasting online community and explore ways to take social media beyond marketing. Discover how to grow your base of followers and engage participants across all social media channels, ensure a reasonable rate of return on your social media investment and more. Pre-requisite for this workshop is Social Media Marketing parts 1 and 2.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-9 p.m. Fee: $40.

Pre-business research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division, and a business reference librarian.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6-9:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

CEED microloan orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Development.

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OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

Goodbye, Borders

Huge loss can be filled by other stores

Losing Borders is a blow, not just to this area, where two stores are located, but to the reading public as a whole.

There are different reasons why Borders failed, ranging from questionable business decisions to the onslaught of the Internet, Kindles, Amazon.com and the way people get their information electronically these day. Lord knows, we in the newspaper business are acutely aware of what a dramatic change the electronic media have wrought on the once sacrosanct printed word.

We still are partial to bookstores like The Next Chapter in Northville. In fact, the demise of Borders may in way be good for them. But they have an atmosphere and appeal all their own that isn't the same as a big box book store like Borders. Borders will be missed in a way the most stores are not because books hold a special place in our lives. Almost no one ever throws out a book. We mourn too, for the thousands who will lose their jobs. This is a tough time to be out of work and we hope they move on to better things. But it is, sadly, time to turn another page.

We are attempting to adapt to this changing world. Borders, unfortunately, was utterly unable to adjust. What will happen to its big store in the Novi Town Center is not certain at this time. With a WalMart coming just a few doors down, it likely won't remain vacant for long.

But whatever goes in there won't be the same. There is something special in a bookstore, even corporate Goliath like Barnes & Noble, the only remaining national book chain (including the Six Mile and Haggerty locale). They have a marvelous variety and offer so much everywhere you turn that you can literally spend hours roaming their shelves.

We have our libraries, of course, which do a marvelous job in their own right, but a bookstore offers you a change to buy as well as browse. Find something you like there and it can be yours forever.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

With the start of the school year a month away, we asked students is summer too short?

"Yes, it feels like it's too short and goes by too fast, but I am excited to see my friends again."
Tristan Oliver, 13
Novi

"It's kind of in the middle. I wish it was longer, but I like school because I like seeing my friends."
Megan Nance, 13
Novi

"Yes, because the teen center only goes for a month and when it's over we go to school three weeks later so we don't have time to go on vacation or hang out with friends."
Sarah Rothstein, 14
Novi

"I think it's too short because when I want to hang out with my friends they are all out of town, and when they get back it's school already and then you never have time to hang out with anyone."
Kendrik Scherer, 12
Novi

LETTERS

The modern GOP

Who or what is most responsible for the disintegration of the Republic Party: Caulfield and "dirty tricks" in 1968? Arms and drug smuggling by G. Gordon Liddy and Oliver North in the '70s? Nixon and Watergate? Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Dean? The hypocrisy of Newt Gingrich and The Moral Majority? The Florida election theft by A. G. Katherine Harris in 2000? Cheney, Rowe and Libby and their manipulations? Non-existent WMD in Iraq or fictitious nuclear materials in Niger? McCain's choice of Palen in 2008? Fox News, Beck Limbaugh and their ilk? The birth of the Tea Party in 2010? Trump, Bachman, McConnell, etc.?

Their desperation is infinite and has never been more apparent than the party's ongoing effort to thwart and embarrass President Obama.

"Win at any cost" is the battle cry of the modern GOP.

Why am I reminded of Dorian Gray?

Patrick Downey
Novi

Social Security a ponzi scheme

I had to chuckle listening to President Obama saying he couldn't guarantee Social Security benefits being paid if the debt ceiling isn't raised. Back in March, one of Obama's appointees to the Bowles-Simpson debt commission attacked Republicans for wanting to overhaul Social Security. Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif, refused to go along with the overhaul deal because Social Security has "$2.6 trillion in reserves dedicated to paying the retirement, disability and survivor benefits that American taxpayers have earned" and that $2.6 trillion "doesn't add to our deficit."

Well, our agitator-in-chief, employing his patented scare tactics to get what he wants, has let the proverbial cat out of the bag. There obviously isn't $2.6 trillion in a Social Security trust fund to draw on. He's saying that if he can't continue to borrow money he can't guarantee Social Security checks will go out starting Aug. 3. The ponzi scheme finally becomes official. Bernie Madoff would be proud.

Jack Belisle

McCotter has no personality

Thank you to Kurt Kuban for his well written, unbiased op-ed piece on Thaddeus McCotter ("McCotter and his ego step into the race for President"). I met Mr. McCotter once at a meet and greet at my place of employment. It was a rather small gathering with less than 20 people present. Yet, Mr. McCotter seemed more interested in talking about himself and his accomplishments than soliciting input from his constituents. I sat directly next to him around a conference table for 30 minutes, yet he never once made eye contact with me or any of my co-workers.

After what was more like a presentation than a discussion concluded, I tried to engage him in a more personal conversation. I knew of a mutual friend we had and mentioned that to him. Again, no eye contact, no smile, and the warmth of a cold fish. While I respect the man's accomplishments and desire to serve, there was absolutely no connection with he and anyone in the room. I rather spend my time with a greeter at Walmart, with whom I'm certain has more charisma than McCotter.

Nancy Bank
Livonia

Don't raise debt limit

President Barack Obama said it clearly (March 2006) before he become president. This is a great quote.

"The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the U.S. government cannot pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our government's reckless fiscal policies.

"Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that 'the buck stops here.' Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren.

"America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Linn Baisley
Milford

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Borders dead; long live The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro

BY TOM WATKINS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Friday, July 22, was a dark day.

Another bookstore, this time the so-called big-box, Borders Books, began its liquidation process leading to closure.

Yeah, I have my gadgets and can pull my knowledge electronically, but (call me old-fashioned) I love the feel of paper!

Tom Watkins

There was something sad, psychologically intriguing, near cannibalistic and guilt-inducing about being at the first night liquidation sale at Borders Books in Novi.

The Novi store has been a Friday "date night" location for years. I will miss browsing through books and magazines over a hot pot of tea or hot chocolate on a winter's night. The staff were enthusiastic and helpful and the people-watching ... always interesting!

The experience was sad though, because thousands of Borders employees are losing their livelihoods as another adult intellectual watering hole disappears. Store fronts will be shuttered across the state and nation, doubtless making way for some new retail experience, but sadly, nothing as rewarding as knowledge.

Sad, too, that a Michigan-born company, a fountain of knowledge, is going the way of the dinosaur. Yet the job loss is more than some far-off unemployment statistic for me. I became fond of many of the employees and appreciated their directing me to a new book I may enjoy.

I find it psychologically intriguing that even in its coming demise, the store was packed. People waited in lines for up to an hour with a handful of books marked down 10-20 percent. Where were all these people before, I thought? I imagined if 10-20 percent of the people who were there for the liquidation sale to save a few bucks had spread their purchases out and bought one or two books a month, perhaps Borders would not be going bankrupt.

Certainly cannibalistic in that hunting-like atmosphere as people jostled each other for position to snatch up a bargain or to assure no one took cuts in the long checkout line snaking around the store. There was tension in the air and a sense that "a sale/bargain rage" could ignite at the slightest provocation.

Likely, my Catholic-induced guilt was in full force as I reached for my trusty Blackberry to compare Border's liquidation sale prices to what I could order new or used on Amazon.com.

Glancing around, guilt oozing from by pores, I recalled seeing books at Borders, that if I was willing to delay my gratification for a few days, I could buy through Amazon. Even with inflated postage charges, I might save a bundle.

Was I was guilty of killing Borders?

With deep remorse, I looked around sheepishly to see if my nonverbal confession was noticed by the others, busy picking the bones off the Borders corpse. Sadly, and luckily, no one noticed.

Borders closing can be attributed to the Darwinan evolution of technological advancement, poor management decisions and capitalistic change. But regardless, the loss of a font of knowledge in a special place is a dark day indeed.

I can perhaps take a bit of solace in the good news for struggling community bookstores.

Check out The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro (www.thenextchapterbooks.com) 141 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Dan and Kathy Comaianni are wonderful people, and their cafe and bookstore is unique, uplifting and a great place to meet old friends or make new ones.

But I will have to live with the guilt of helping to kill something I loved.

Borders is dead — long live The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Toastmasters Club elects new officers

The Toastmasters Club at Walsh College recently elected its officers for 2011-2012.

Newly elected officers for the Toastmasters at Walsh College Novi are President Kristin McMullen, of Farmington; Vice President of Education Walter Hickok, of Highland; Vice President of Membership Bruce Fette, of Canton; Vice President of Public Relations Linda Hagan, of Novi; Treasurer/Secretary Gene Zalubas, of Farmington Hills; and Sergeant at Arms Tim Fitzsimons, of Waterford.

If you want to improve or practice your public speaking and leadership skills, please consider attending a meeting at the Toastmasters Club of Walsh College. Meetings are held the first and third Friday each month from 8 a.m.-9:15 a.m., at the Walsh College Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road (off of Meadowbrook Road just north of Grand River Avenue), in Novi.

For more information about membership, please contact Bruce Fette at bruceafette@gmail.com.

Cooking demonstrations

Better Health Market will present its first annual Veg-Fair complete with cooking demonstrations put on by well-known nutritionists and dietary consultants from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

The Novi store location is 42875 Grand River Avenue; phone (248) 735-8100.

Additionally, select food vendors from throughout the state of Michigan will be on hand to provide both vegan and vegetarian samples so you can learn first-hand about this healthy way of eating and living.

Susan Kline will perform a free cooking demonstration and will prepare delicious and healthy recipes including meatballs in a sweet and sour sauce, a seafood salad and some pretty unique smoothies and recipes from her brand new cookbook, "From The Earth With Love".

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Michigan Vendors will set out their vegan and vegetarian treats for you to peruse and taste.

From 1-3 p.m. Dr. Joel Kahn will talk about "Eating Green and Clean" and how your food choices can help prevent and even reverse dreaded diseases like cancer, heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

Novi News online

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Fox Run recycling nearly 100 tons of trash annually

For people who lived through the Great Depression and World War II -- or whose parents did -- that little ditty represents words to live by. So it's no surprise that Fox Run retirement community residents in Novi helped to develop and now oversee the recycling program at their 120-acre campus. In 2010, Fox Run's combined total of paper, cardboard, metal, and plastic saved 98 tons of trash from the landfill; that's roughly 300 cubic yards. Proceeds in 2010 from the community's paper recycling, which benefit Fox Run's benevolent care fund, totaled $1,337.27. Total collected for the fund since the inception of recycling at Fox Run in 2004 has reached almost $8,000.

A committee of residents interested in recycling spearheaded the effort to recycle papers, junk mail and magazines. Residents Doreen Poupard, Peg Quigley and Carolyn Benivegna formed a steering committee and explored what could and couldn't be accomplished. Fox Run staff contacted recycling companies and negotiated contracts that added cardboard, metal, and plastic to Fox Run's program.

Both Poupard and Quigley had lived in communities that recycled — Poupard in Ann Arbor and Quigley in Troy. "We had a little green in our hearts," Poupard said.

The steering committee's key to success lay in its comprehensive and methodical approach. It launched a pilot program that included just two of Fox Run's residence buildings. Things expanded gradually from there.

The approach comprised four components: education, convenience, monitoring, and recognition. "We created handouts, held information sessions, and recruited resident volunteers to meet with anybody who hadn't attended a session," says Poupard. The sessions were humorous show-and-tell presentations of what could and couldn't be recycled and why. The committee also videotaped one of the sessions and aired it on Fox Run's in-house TV channel. In May of 2011, the committee also sponsored an educational session on plastics including a speaker and a video.

The four components remain in place today. New residents receive information about recycling and even get a tour of their building's recycling room.

Poupard and Quigley served as recycling coordinators for their residence buildings early on, and each still does. Every building also has a cadre of volunteer monitors.

Glo Whan is one of Meadowbrook Square residential building's seven monitors. The Ford retiree who worked for Ford Motor Land Development Corp. says her recycling is ingrained. During World War II, she recalls, "My mother washed and ironed the tin foil, rolled it on a paper towel roll, and re-used it. That stuck with me."

Whan checks her building's seven 96-gallon recycling bins once a week to remove items that don't belong or are in the wrong bin. She never has to trudge out into the weather to do it because Saeger made recycling convenient — she located each building's recycling room on the lower level by the elevator.

Fox Run's clubhouses and kitchens also participate. They crush the large aluminum cans and bind up cardboard from their supply delivery's. The Hunt Club Café at Fox Run recently switched from non-recyclable Styrofoam takeout containers to reusable plastic ones.

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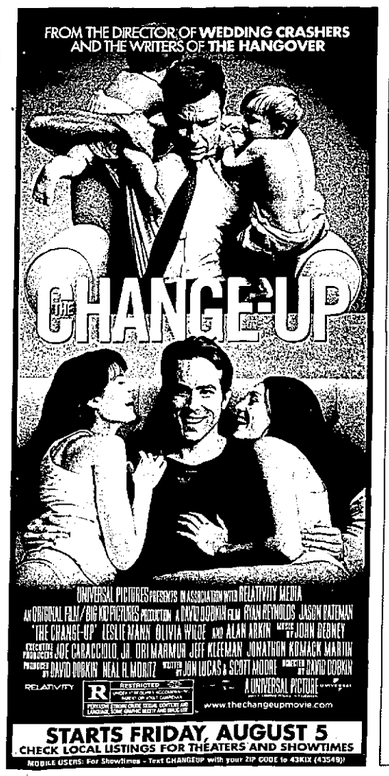

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Police catch man with outstanding warrants

1 Novi police arrested a 29-year-old man around 7:30 p.m. on July 24 for possession of marijuana and outstanding warrants after he was found living in a tent in the woods near the old Novi Expo Center.

Police were notified by an anonymous person that he was living in the woods and that he had a problem with drugs. Police searched the area and found his tent at the end of a pathway into the woods.

The man admitted to having a warrant for his arrest out of Novi on possession of marijuana and that he had marijuana under his pillow.

Police found 4.1 grams of the drug in the tent and arrested him.

He was transported to the Novi Police Department where he was arraigned via video. Bond remains at $3,000.

Car damaged by rocks

2 A Novi man had the rear window of his Ford Taurus broken overnight on July 21 while it was parked at the Portsmouth Apartments on Portside Drive.

According to the report, the victim did not notice the damage until the next day when she went to go to work, and there also have been similar incidents in the area.

The car was parked roughly 15 feet from a dumpster that had rocks surrounding it.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Items stolen from unlocked car

3 A Novi man had his Tom Tom GPS and radar detector stolen from his SUV around 2 a.m. on July 26 while it was parked in his driveway on English Way.

The man said he heard noises around 2 a.m., but he did not check on it. When he went to his car in the morning, the contents of the glove box were on the passenger seat and the two items were missing.

Police have no suspects.

Gym bag taken at Bally's

4 An unknown suspect stole a man's gym bag and its contents sometime between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on July 26 while he was working out at Bally Total Fitness.

According to the report, the man went to what he thought was his locker and opened it only to find another person's property inside.

The second man said the locker was empty when he arrived at the gym. He proved it was his lock by using a different combination than the victim used. Police are not sure how the two different combinations worked.

The suspect used the victim's keys to get steal from his car, but did not take the car.

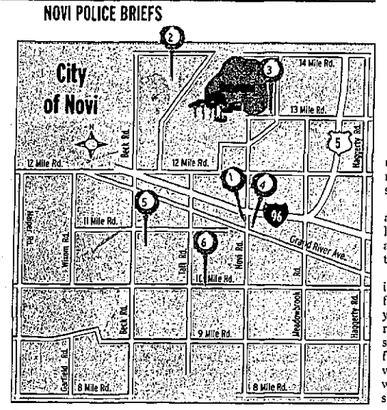
Police have no suspects at this time.

Jewelry stolen from Novi home

5 A Novi woman had her diamond ring and gold wedding band stolen from her home on Groveland Drive sometime during the last three weeks.

According to the report, the woman said she put the rings in a small jewelry box in the master bathroom. Her property was being shown during the time frame as it is listed as a rental property, and because of the number of people who might have visited the residence, she was not sure who could have taken them.

Police have no suspects.



Power Park vandalized

6 Unknown suspects caused damage to several items at Power Park overnight July 29, destroying a tent and pushing over a fence, bleachers and portable toilet.

The park was home to a weekend softball tournament and several tents were set up overnight. Only one tent was destroyed, however.

Police have no suspects and extra patrol was done over the weekend.

– Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

City finding a way to cut down on false alarms

Eight of top 13 offenders have reduced calls in last year

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi's public safety department is not going to stop responding to alarms anytime soon.

But when it comes to false alarms, a new ordinance that has been in place since April is attempting to curtail some of the unnecessary action.

The police department has implemented cost recovery for false burglar alarms for several years, and the fire department recently started doing the same for false fire alarms. The first two false alarms are just warnings, but the third comes with a charge of $50 and the sixth and up $190.

Sgt. Michael Warren said this is not just a Novi issue but a nationwide issue, and one that needs the help of business owners and residents alike.

"We are always going to respond, but we do have to make sure we are making good use of our resources," he said.

"And our officers responding on habitual false alarms is not a good use."

Since the ordinance went into place for commercial fire alarms only, there have been 45 false alarms. Five of the alarms exceeded the threshold for the number of false alarms allowed, and the amount billed thus far by the city is $530.

There have been 47 false residential alarms since June 21 requiring police to respond, and only one has resulted in charges.

One reason for the lack of repeat offenders is city officials have contacted businesses that have had an excessive amount of false alarms over the years and asked them to voluntarily use an enhanced call verification system. The system requires the alarm company to first call the business and emergency contact before calling police.

One business, which was one of the worst offenders, has had only two false alarms since the beginning of the year including none in the last three months.

And of the top 13 offenders from 2010, eight have reduced the number of false alarms significantly, according to Warren.

The idea behind the cost recovery program was not to generate revenue for the city, but rather hold people and businesses accountable.

"It's a gradual reminder that we want these people to make sure their systems are working," said Jeff Johnson, director of EMS and fire operations. "If all we are doing is continuously going back to the same places over and over again and they aren't fixing problem, we need a mechanism to let them know they have to maintain it."

Because of the success of the businesses who volunteered to use enhanced call verification system, it is possible the city might update the ordinance again to address how to better use it.

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Couple on cross country bike tour make stop in Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Egli didn't know how to react when her uncle and his wife came pedaling up to her Novi home last week.

The couple was 3,150 miles into their cross country bike ride that started 11 weeks ago in Burbank, Calif., and now they were on her doorstep for a few days of relaxation.

It was the first time Brian and Ulli Draper had seen Jennifer in several years and also the first time they met her 2-year-old twins, Katelynn and Landon.

"I didn't believe it first," Egli said when heard they were coming to Novi. "And the most amazing part is when I saw them they looked great."

Despite battling intense heat and humidity for the majority of their ride, the two appeared upbeat and eager to continue their adventure.

It is the first time Brian has attempted a cross country bike tour, deciding to take the trip with his wife of three years after closing a map and travel bookstore he owned for 25 years.

"I figured it was a good time to take a career break," he said. "And it's been very therapeutic for me, especially after closing the business."

They started the trip by dipping their bike tires in the Pacific Ocean, a tradition of cross country rides. The two took to Route 66 for the majority of their ride.

Early on Ulli admitted it was a struggle as the desert heat approached 110 degrees and there was little in terms of civilization.

"There were no clouds, no bushes, no trees," she said. "It was six weeks of nothing."

The couple made several stops along the way to visit family and friends as well as seeing parts of the country they have never seen. Every stop brought them something unique and different, such as the "Blue Hole" in Santa Rosa, N.M., and the back country of Sedona, Ariz.

"There are so many little things you experience that you wouldn't if you were in a car," Ulli said.

NATHAN MUELLER

Brian Draper (from left) and his wife Ulli stand with his sister Janis Bryant, niece Jennifer Egli and her 2-year-old twins Katelynn and Landon. The Drapers stopped in Novi last week during their cross-country bike tour that started in California.

During their time in Novi, the couple got to enjoy some home-cooked meals, as well as spend time with Brian's sister, Janis Bryant, and Jennifer's family.

Brian said he feels "so fortunate" to be able to take a break "from everything" to travel the country and see family. The couple left Novi on Friday to head north into Canada and eventually to their final checkpoint in Maine.

But the bike riding doesn't end there as they plan to fly to Germany and bike across the country for two months while visiting Ulli's family.

Egli said seeing what her uncle and aunt are doing is inspiring.

"It makes me wonder what my next adventure is going to be," she said.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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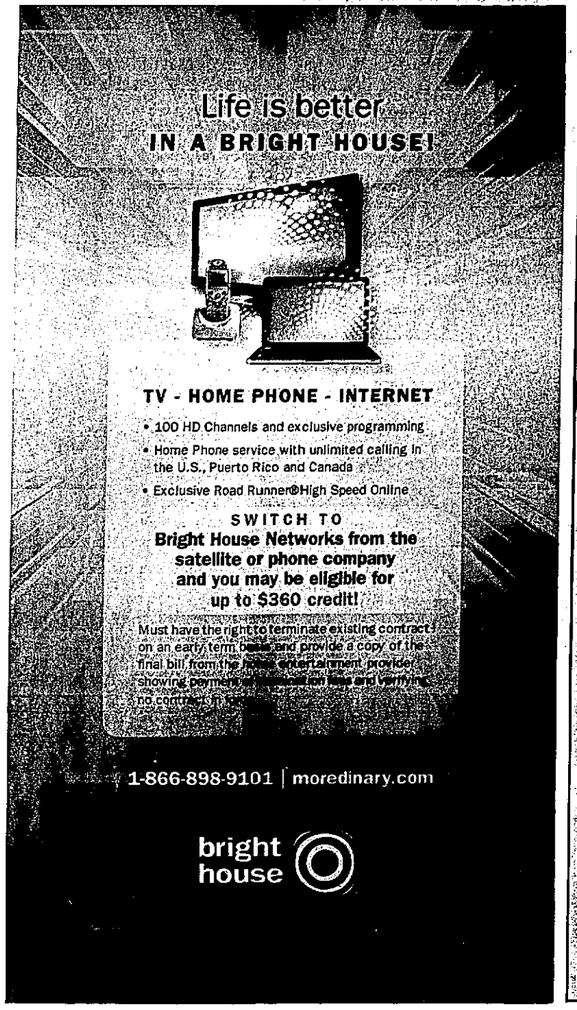
An October 2011 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Summer Sidewalk Series

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk; roundabout
Dates: every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. through August
Details: Live music and artists Aug. 4 - Robin Moore; Aug. 11 - Gia Warner; Aug. 18 - The Reasons Y; and Aug. 25 - Liki Tiki
Contact: (586) 484-8797

Sizzling Summer Art Series

Location: Fuerst Park (southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads)
Contact: (248) 347-0473 or cityofnovi.org

Friday Family Fun

Time: 8 p.m.
Aug 5: Movie - Toy Story 3; Aug 12: The Candy Band; Aug 19: Movie - Viewer's Choice, vote at cityofnovi.org; Aug 26: The Groove Council - Motown Band

GOLF OUTINGS

24th Annual Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

Date: Aug. 17
Details: Registration deadline is July 1. New this year, teams of 12 will compete for a Challenge Cup. Register with your own team of 12 golfers or register individually, in twosomes or foursomes. Electronic scoreboards throughout the course will display team progress. Team format allows even inexperienced golfers to win the Challenge Cup. Individual golfer fee is $145; includes 18 holes, a golf shirt, lunch by Carrabba's at the turn, longest drive and closest to the pin contests, dinner and awards following the outing. Foursome fee is $560. Call for team of 12 golfers fee. Title Sponsor: Varsity Automotive Group
Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743.

BUSINESS

Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is $10.
Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

American Business Women's Association Novi Oaks Chapter

Metro Novi BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
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Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
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Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freetoasthost.us

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Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is $10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

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Novi Public Library

Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; closed Sundays through Labor Day
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the Library or on the library website.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Website: www.novilibrary.org
Summer Reading Programs run through Aug. 6 for youth, tweens, teens, and adults. Sign-up now on the library website or at the library.
Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.

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Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6
Details: Take your basic Word skills to the next level in this hands-on workshop. Please register.

Starlight Story Time
Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9
Details: One of your favorite NPL Youth Librarians will combine stories, music, and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time.

Booked for Lunch
Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10
Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Mind's Eye by Oliver Sacks.

Friends' Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10
Details: Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Library's Board Room. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to attend.

Teen Volunteer Thank You Party
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10
Details: Did you volunteer with us this summer? Then this bash is for you! Come and enjoy snacks and video games and fun as we celebrate the summer. For grades 7-12. Registration is required.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting - TAB
Time/Date: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12
Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. For grades 9-12.

Kiddie Crafts!
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13
Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

Open Office Hours in the Local History Room
Time/Date: 12-2:00 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15
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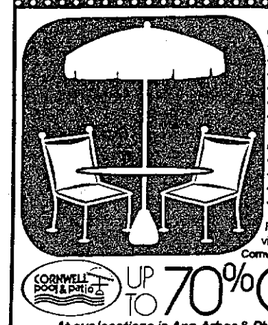

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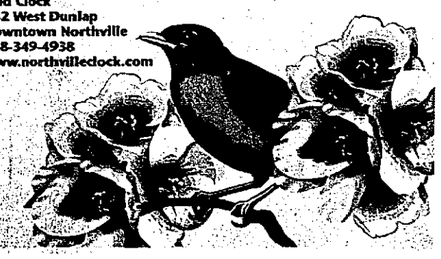

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Ex-Wildcat joins Michigan's best volleyball players for showcase

Subject leads team to All-State Senior All-Star Volleyball Classic title

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Recent Novi High graduate Laura Subject joined the best volleyball players from across the state Friday at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek to participate in the All-State Senior All-Star Volleyball Classic.

The 18-year-old former Wildcat helped power her "South" team to the showcase championship despite being the only Class A member of her group of 11 other recent graduates who had earned first-, second- or third-team All-State honors last fall.

"It was a lot of fun just getting to know the other girls and where they came from," Subject said. "Its just a cool thing to put on. I'm glad they had it. It was cool to see different perspectives on the game."

The event split up more than 40 of the top volleyball student-athletes from throughout the state into four squads. Subject said she knew teammate Katy Rooney (Livonia Ladywood middle hitter, second-team Class B), but had met the rest of her teammates for the first time that day.

Subject and Rooney were paired with Chelsea Lake (Lakewood middle hitter, first-team Class B), Anna Lynch (Lakewood outside hitter, second-team Class B), Megan Drobish (Durand libero, third-team Class B), Kaitlyn Hoffman (Marysville setter, third-team Class B), Leigh Barea (Harper Creek setter, third-team Class B), Maureen Yurgens (Saginaw Valley Lutheran middle hitter, first-team Class C), Maria Almquist (Hancock middle hitter, second-team Class C), Amanda Obrycki (Allen Park Cabrini libero, third-team Class C), Hayley Kirby (Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart outside hitter, third-team Class D) and Heather Lantis (Hillsdale Academy setter/outside hitter, third-team Class D).

"I had a really great time. When we first got there, they had an audition to make sure they split the teams evenly. They put us on different courts by position and split (us up)," Subject said. "Before we actually played, we had a practice together. The only thing that was hard was communication. It seems like they split the teams pretty evenly."

Behind the coaching trio of Vicky Groat (Class D's Battle Creek St. Philip), Jodie Manore (Class A's Temperance Bedford) and James Mathes (Class C's Riverview Gabriel Richard), Subject's team won their semifinal game in two sets before powering through the final 23-25, 25-20, 15-8.

"I think I did pretty good," Subject said. "It was easy because the hitters know how to hit every kind of set."

Subject said there are more than 10 types of sets, so one of the toughest tasks was for everyone on her team to remember a new set of numbers to signify each, as different high school teams number various sets differently.

A three-year varsity standout at Novi, Subject graduated in June with a 3.96 grade point average and will major in biology this fall at Clarion University (Clarion, Pa.). She plans to become a physical therapist, but will also be a member of the Golden Eagles' volleyball squad.

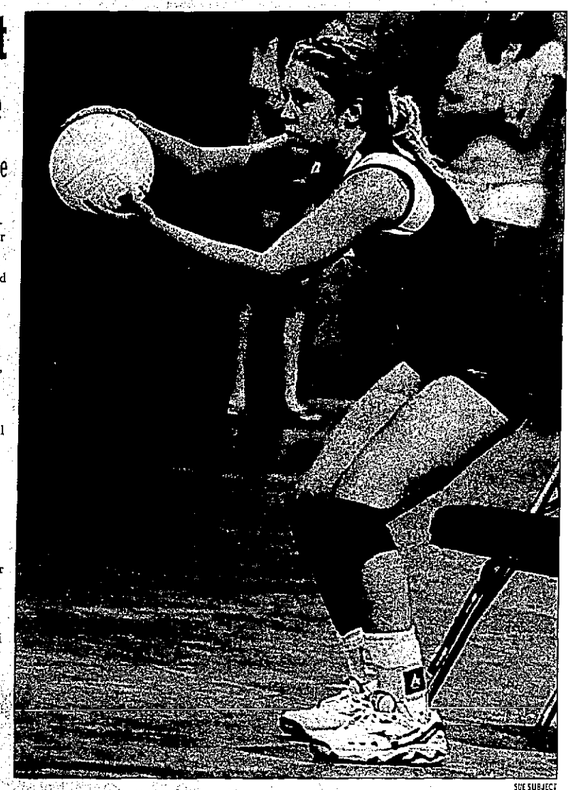
"It is very competitive at Clarion," Subject said. "I had camp last week and I think I'll fit in pretty well."

Subject racked up 949 assists, 320 digs, 69 aces and 69 kills as a senior at Novi, earning second-team All-State honors and an invite to the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association-sponsored All-State Senior All-Star Volleyball Classic.

After earning third-team All-State honors behind 390 digs, 350 kills, 60 blocks and 41 aces as a senior, recent Novi graduate Erica Robb was also invited to the classic, but did not participate. She will play at Robert Morris University (Pittsburgh, Pa.) in the fall.

Subject said 2008 graduate Stephanie Cripps was the last Wildcat to participate in the event, when Subject was a freshman.

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



SUE SUBJECT

Novi alum Laura Subject prepares to serve the ball during a match between 2011 All-State graduates last Friday in Battle Creek.

KLAA flexes its muscles come playoff time

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association just finished its third year in existence.

It is mostly made up of the former KVC and WLAA leagues combining with a new school in South Lyon East, a pair of Walled Lake Schools and Grand Blanc entering the league when the Parker High School in Howell never came to fruition.

The league had a few kinks when it was formed and things have changed mostly for the good as a whole.

One thing that has remained a constant in the short span of the new league, the KLAA is a heavy-hitter on the state scene in many sports.

The following is the first of three installments, looking at how the KLAA has performed in the state playoffs/state finals scene by season, starting with spring sports.

GIRLS SOCCER

One of the most dominant sports in all the KLAA is girls soccer. The Central Division is basically a who's who of state powerhouses with State Champ Novi, Northville, Salem and Livonia Stevenson packed into the same division.

Novi earned its back-to-back title and fifth in seven years. The 2010 title came against KLAA member Plymouth.

Northville coach Eric Brucker gave a breakdown of how the KLAA has fared in the state playoffs.

"I think that we are one if not the premier league for Division I girls soccer," he said. "In 2010, the KLAA had four of the final eight teams in the playoffs and both finalist. In 2011, the KLAA had two of the final eight teams and the D1 champion.

"Overall, I would put the talent in our Association against any conference in the nation. Our division/conference is great preparation for the state playoffs."

For South Lyon, things are brutal for the school that plays at D2 in some sports and is usually one of the smallest D1 schools in other sports.

"We play the best, hands down," said South Lyon coach Tracee Senter. "Soccer has always been strong in the old KVC and WLAA. It's just that much stronger with the merger. No question the KLAA is the premiere soccer conference in the state."

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Both the boys and girls track teams have shown top-notch abilities at the Division 1 State Finals.

Lakeland coach David Browne breaks down some of the numbers on the boys side.

"The KLAA placed six teams in the 4x800 into the state finals. Five of those teams placed in the top eight," he said. "Five teams from the KLAA made it in the 1600 relay — two placed in the top eight. Waterford Kettering had the state champ in the long jump. Five made it in the shot put, two in the top eight. Seven made the finals in the 800 - one All-Stater from Northville."

But distance is what the KLAA really shines in.

"In the 1,600, the KLAA placed 15 of the 31 finalists, including four of the top eight," said Browne. "Twelve of the 36 finalists in the 3,200 were from our league, including three of the top eight.

"Competing in our league on a weekly basis definitely helps prepare our kids for state competition," said Browne. "You can always count on a state quality competition in at least one event. That really helps to push our kids."

Milford track coach Brian Salyers brings up another point that effects all of the boys sports in the area.

"Since moving the school out of Redford to the Heart of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, they made a resurrection as a state power in nearly every sport," said Salyers. "While the school pulls from over 70 zip codes, I am sure that the core numbers of their athlete teams reside in within the boundaries of the KLAA.

"So not only are the KLAA programs excelling in a multitude of sports, they are serving as a feeder program for the DCC athletic teams."

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

The girls were also able to burn up the track, highlighted by a state title by the Novi 4x100 relay squad made up of Jasmine Ward, D'Mya Davis, Janee Hood and Mariah Smith. The Wildcats had the top KLAA finish in sixth place.

Grand Blanc's Gabrielle Anzalone also

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Northville, Novi to square off in senior league softball rematch

Scrimmage could be glimpse into future of 55-and-over men's softball in area

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

With temperatures soaring above 90 degrees two weeks ago, it was hard to picture anyone wanting to go outside to mow their lawn let alone go out there and play a game of softball.

But, two teams from Novi and Northville did just that, meeting at Powers Park at 10 Mile and Taft, and slugged out a 12-8 game over seven innings that ended in Northville's favor. That game will have a rematch this Thursday at 10 a.m. at the same location and could be a precursor for things to come.

Surprisingly, the two teams that put on the cross-town showdown weren't young bucks who are built to frolic in the summertime heat, but rather squads made up of 55-and-over men who likely brought along some Advil to chase down with water following the contest.

"Obviously, there were concerns with the heat and age mix, but once the teams took the field — well, let's just say start a game of baseball and boys will be boys," said Charlie Gabbeart, the athletic supervisor for Northville Parks and Rec and the manager of the Northville team. "Caution was taken for plenty of fluids and players catching whatever shade was available."

The game began after a request from the Novi Parks and Rec department was made by director Tori Heglin and Novi team manager Ron Megesi was made. Novi already had a 55-plus men's

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Champs again

The Motor City Madness 10U Red softball team recently finished their season with a 5-0 championship performance in the Brighton Tournament. Players pictured include (front, from left) Anna Dixon, Jaime Gustitus, Hannah Biddlecome; (second) Maria Gustitus, Anna Biberstein, Elizabeth Kemp, Heidi Richman, Lauren Murphy, Sarah Fish; (back) and Julia Lalain.

Division 2 champs

The Northville Broncos 10U Girls Travel Softball Team won its division (2) in the Western Wayne County League with a 10-3 record. Shown (kneeling, from left) are Jennifer Ostrowski, Maggie Petix, Ainsley Kirkland, Courtney Gozdor, Anna Timm, Hannah Laurin; (second row) Brooke Gibbons, Abby Tolstyka, Sarah Hige, Sydney Moss, Madison Kestin, Sydney Puda; and (third row) coaches Kevin Kirkland, Bill Tolstyka and Joe Hige. Missing from the photo is Olivia Gibaratz.

Play ball! Signup under way for Miracle League players

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sign up now — and hear "Batter up!" next month.

As the Bilkie Family Field, under construction on Theodore Street behind Central Middle School in Plymouth, nears completion, the Miracle League of Plymouth has opened registration for ballgames scheduled to begin there on Saturday, Aug. 27.

"We've had a lot of interest all summer. We have a long list of people we've just sent the information to," said Deb Madonna, the league's commissioner and co-chair of the committee that put together both the plan for bringing the field, designed for special-needs players, to Plymouth, and the fundraising that made it possible.

The field, on land leased to the league at no cost by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will be scaled down — each basepath will 35 feet, compared to 90 feet in full-sized fields — and surfaces will be rubberized for safer navigation by children who might be using wheelchairs or walkers. Plymouth's field will include shelters for the players, a grandstand for spectators, and restrooms.

There will be no grass or raised bases, which could present hazards for some players, and players' abilities will the focus of the games in the non-competitive league. Players will have "buddies" who will help them with their games.

An opening day event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20; Madonna said players will get their T-shirts and get to meet their buddies, and that a ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out. The official season kicks off the following week.

Registration began Friday and continues through Tuesday, Aug. 9, for the fall season. The fee is $50 per player for residents and nonresidents alike. The league will have four age divisions: 5 to 8; 9 to 12; 13 to 17 and 18 and older.

The fall season begins Aug. 27 and runs through Saturday, Oct. 1, with no games scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, because of Labor Day weekend.

Madonna said league games will be scheduled for Saturdays, with the possibility that other game days could be added.

"Depends on the interest," she said. "We get the numbers and we'll add."

The field's rubberized surface is scheduled to be installed around Monday, July 18, Madonna said, and construction is set to be wrapped up in about four weeks. "We're in good shape on all of that," she said.

Meanwhile, fundraising is surpassing expectations, with the MLP just $58,000 shy of its overall goal of $1.1 million. The goal includes the $500,000 for construction, the $300,000 lease value of the property and another $300,000 for an endowment to cover maintenance and future needs.

"I'm really happy with the fundraising," Madonna said. "We're so much farther ahead than I thought."

The MLP got a boost in April with a $40,000 challenge grant from the Detroit Tigers Foundation; the league will get the money if it can raise an equal amount. That shouldn't be a problem, as Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township immediately pledged $25,000 toward the effort and is expected to make its formal donation next week.

Registration for the Miracle League of Plymouth can be done at the city's recreation office at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, during counter hours, noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Tuesday, Aug. 9. Registration is also available on line; on-line registrants must have an e-mail address on file and a username and password. First-time users can set this up through the recreation department via e-mail, recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us, or by calling 734-455-6620.

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As for the family atmosphere of the event, there will be a silent auction including packages such as a movie package and Detroit Tigers package along with fun events that will take place on the field in between rounds of the derby. The derby will also feature tables promoting local businesses and a registration table for the Miracle League of Plymouth. With the focus on the community, the Miracle League of Plymouth is hoping for a wonderful, fun, exciting day at the ballpark to complement its opening day on Aug. 20.

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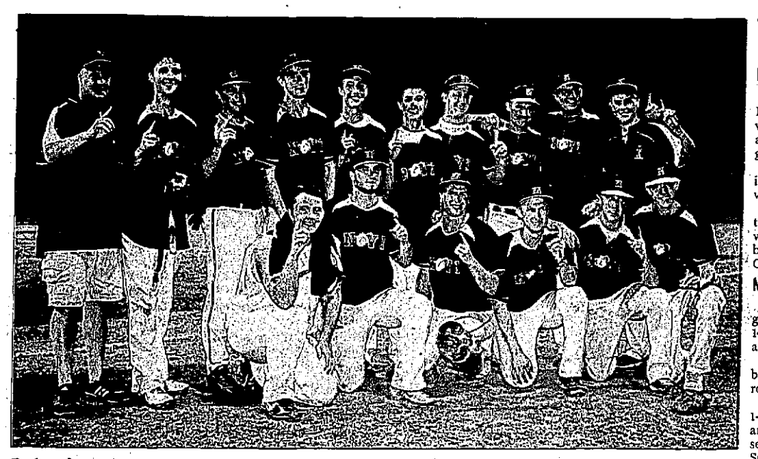

Palomino champs

The 2011 Novi Elite won the Palomino National Division championship on July 30 to capture their fourth straight league championship. Led by Head Coach Rob Reilly and Assistant Coaches Eric Carlson and Tim Rush, Novi beat No. 1 seed Dearborn Expos 6-4 in the semi-finals and No. 2 seed Livonia Stevenson 10-4 in the finals capping off a tremendous season. Pictured (front, from left) are Matt Brasil, Austin Wertheimer, Nick Aprilliano, Andy Carlson, Kiefer Haffey, and Nick Bageris; (back) Coach Eric Carlson, Zach Reilly, Tommy Heffernan, Andrew Valade, Mark Breaugh, Jack Sinkovich, Andrew Breaugh, Chris Valade, Chris Stepek and Coach Rob Reilly. Missing from the photo are Justin Rush, Patrick Carney and Coach Tim Rush.

SOFTBALL

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softball team and they were looking for someone to play locally to help keep down the cost of traveling and because there was no local league for the team to join.

Gabbeart liked the idea and put together a squad, called "Whoz on 1st" and accepted the chance to play their Baseline neighbors.

Northville took an early 5-1 lead and increased their advantage to 9-1 in the top of the fourth. Novi, however, wasn't about to let the score remain that way and scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth to cut the lead to 9-6. The score held until the sixth inning when Northville scored two more, followed by Novi scoring two of their own, before the game was called in the seventh inning as the temperatures continued to rise.

With that game behind them, the two teams have agreed to rematch this week. And it could prove to be the first of many games between Northville and Novi in the coming years if Gabbeart, Heglin and Megesi have their way. They are attempting to start a 55-and-over men's softball league that would include possible teams from South Lyon, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Plymouth/Canton, Ann Arbor, Wixom, Milford and, of course, Novi and Northville.

"(We are) hoping for at least one team from each, and possibly set up a travel rotation amongst the communities, depending on what resources they have available to host games," Gabbeart said.

Ideally, there will be eight teams in total, though Gabbeart said they could make it work with four teams.

The league isn't quite ready to be formed, however, and the other communities are currently being approached about the idea. Logisitics, said Gabbeart, are still being worked out concerning team fees, field expense, utilization of umpires and more.

But, the future of the potential league could be bright.

"Considering senior leagues — both slow pitch and fast pitch softball, as well as fast pitch hardball — are very successful in Florida, we feel it is a matter of getting the word out to the more active seniors in our communities to enable us to enjoy the same success," Gabbeart said.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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Motor City Madness Fastpitch Softball Tryouts

The Novi based Motor City Madness fastpitch softball program is holding tryouts on Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14. Girls 7-18 years old (as of Dec. 31, 2011) are encouraged to attend.

Tryouts will be held at Novi Power Park fields #5 & #6 (in the back). Power Park is located off of 10 mile between Taft and Novi roads, behind the Civic Center.

Tryout times are: (10U) 9-11 a.m.; (12U) 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; (14U) 1-3 p.m.; (16U) 3-5 p.m.; (18U - Sunday Only) 5-7 p.m. Pitcher and Catcher specific tryouts run an additional 30 minutes. Team selections begin on Saturday and athletes may be asked to return Sunday for a second look.

For a copy of our registration form or additional details, visit www.eteamz.com/MotorCity/.

Novi High boys cross country tryouts

Tryouts for the Novi High School Boys Cross Country Team will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. Mandatory registration must be completed and turned in to Coach Smith by Monday, Aug. 8. Please contact Coach Smith at (248) 763-1831 if you have any questions.

Motor City Chiefs U10 baseball tryouts

The Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club will be entering its 10th season in 2012, providing a competitive baseball environment with a priority on individual skill development. Teams will be playing in the KVBSA as well as local tournaments. The coaching staff is qualified and experienced, having the ability to teach kids the game of baseball while making it fun. Home field is in Plymouth/Canton, but kids from all communities are welcome.

If you want this experience for your child please contact (734) 377-3123 or motorcitybaseball@gmail.com. Tryouts will be held at UAW Local 735 Field at 48055 Michigan Ave. Canton at 7 p.m. Monday Aug. 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. If unable to attend tryout dates, an evaluation can occur before Aug. 13.

3-on-3 basketball

The inaugural Wiley's Hoops for Hope 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held Aug. 13 at Novi's ITC Community Sports Park (corner of Eight Mile and Napier) in memory of former Novi basketball player Wiley Moss and his passion for basketball.

Divisions are for boys 13 and above and men 18 and older (Open Division). All of the proceeds of the event will go to Novi Youth Assistance to support their efforts in Drug Education and Prevention. Visit WileyMoss3on3.com for additional details and/or to register; (248) 476-9698.

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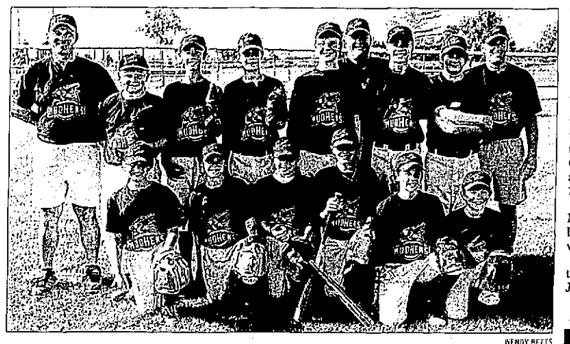
Tops in 'the Burgh'

The Motor City Madness 12U Red softball team recently won all eight games at the Battle of the Burgh July 8-10 in Pittsburgh, Pa. to capture the title in their division. The Madness, with several players from Novi, defeated the Silver Creek (Pa.) Starz in the championship game. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Alivia Cragg (Canton), Kaitlyn Welschlager (Walled Lake), Emma Nowak (Plymouth). In the middle row (from left) are Sydney San Juan (Novi), Madyson Ampe (Canton), Emma Clark (Canton), Mckenzi McKnight (Novi), Nicole Ireland (Novi), Aziza Afzal (Canton), Shirley Hao (Novi) and coach Holly Ireland. In the back row (from left) are coach Adam Sam Juan and head coach Scott Ampe, of Canton.



WENDY BETTS

Bronco League champs

The Mudhens from the Novi Youth Baseball League boys 11-12 age group won the Bronco League championship 9-3 against the Lansing Lugnuts on July 23 at the ITC Community Sports Park in Novi. Pictured (back, from left) are coach Mike Betts, Dane Flynn, Ben Hepp, Kevin Tice, Austin Morton, assistant coach Guido Broche, Nick Pagano, Matthew Wasserman, assistant coach Tim Alonzi, (front) Connor Betts, Travis Davis, Stephen Davis, Derick Broche, Tommy Hines and Nick Alonzi.

KLAA

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captured a title in the 3,200 meters. Three others reached All-State status in the same event: Walled Lake Western's Lindsay Clark (4th), Western's Julia Valencia (7th) and Novi's Jackie Mullins (8th).

Other All-State performances came from Milford's Margaux Canup (4th, long jump), Canton's Lindsay Lipa (6th, long jump), Franklin's Pia Klein (8th, long jump), Lakeland's Stephanie Lock (7th, discus), Livonia Stevenson's Alex Kitz (8th, pole vault), Northville's Alexandra Moynes (6th, high jump) and Novi's Kerri McMahan (tie 8th, high jump), Waterford Mott's Allyson Goff (6th, 100 hurdles), WLW's Lindsay Clark (4th, 1,600), Mott's Shannon Osika (6th, 1,600), Hartland's Avery Evenson (7th, 1,600), Novi's Kelly McCloskey (4th, 300 hurdles), Mott's Osika (7th, 800), Novi's Ward, (3rd, 200)

In relays, Waterford Mott and Hartland placed fourth and fifth in the 4x800 and Novi finished seventh in the 4x400.

GIRLS TENNIS

Of the 17 teams which scored points at the State Finals, the KLAA supplied four of them. Northville led the way tied for sixth-place, followed by Novi in 11th, Grand Blanc tied for 15th and Livonia Franklin tied for 17th.

Novi's No. 4 doubles team of Meng Meng Jie and Amy Zhou had the furthest run at state with a runner-up finish.

Northville's No. 2 doubles team of Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhiede made a run to the final four at the State Finals, as did the No. 3 tandem of Christy Snyder and Elizabeth Sakorafis.

SOFTBALL

Prior to this season, it was the Lakeland show as far as softball was concerned. An incredible string of district and regional titles came to an end this year.

But the baton was carried by six different district titles going out to KLAA teams: Canton, Hartland, Westland John Glenn, Waterford Kettering, Pinckney and Walled Lake Northern.

The furthest run came from Canton with a run to the quarterfinals before bowing out to eventual champ Mattawan.

In 2010, the Lakeland Eagles made a run to the State Finals and finished runner-up.

BASEBALL

The KLAA pushed four teams through districts to regionals, with Hartland the lone team to also grab a regional title. The run came to an end in the quarterfinals.

The KLAA has put a team into the quarterfinals (final eight) in each of its first three years.

"Bare in mind that I was only here for a very limited time under the old KVC setup, however, I think the KLAA is doing well in regards to the rest of the state," said South Lyon coach Nick James. "Despite the adversity we have faced, I like that fact that we really don't need to wait long for a tough opponent on our schedule. With Northville, Novi and Stevenson in our division coupled with Milford, Lakeland and Hartland, I think we may one of the tougher baseball conferences around."

BOYS GOLF

The KLAA placed a pair of teams in the top seven at the Division I State Finals. Pinckney led the charge with a third-place finish. Plymouth finished in a three-way tie for seventh place.

Pinckney's Otto Black finished tied for fourth overall, just two strokes back behind the champion.

In Division 2, South Lyon qualified for the State Finals and finished 12th.

In 2010, Plymouth, Northville and Hartland finished eighth, ninth and 10th, respectively.

In the inaugural season of 2009, Brighton placed third, Northville fifth and Hartland seventh.

Northville's Wes Gates also captured the individual title in 2009.

BOYS LACROSSE

While it's not a complete league as far as everyone in the KLAA having teams, it doesn't mean there isn't top-notch competition.

Novi broke through this year with a win against powerhouse Catholic Central in the playoffs and made a run all the way to the final four.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The KLAA was especially well represented at this year's playoff run. Brighton finishing atop the mountain with a State Title with an overtime win against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Pioneer also needed overtime to get by South Lyon United in the quarterfinals.

The Bulldogs dispatched fellow KLAA Hartland in double overtime in the quarterfinals.

Brighton also finished state runner-up in 2010.

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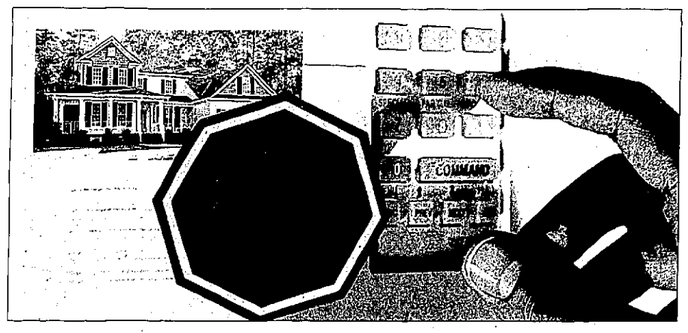
Alarm can be good investment, but shop around

The summer months are the perfect time for a vacation getaway. Unfortunately, they are also the perfect time for a home robbery. According to the FBI, July and August have the highest rates of burglaries. Better Business Bureau is advising homeowners, who are looking to secure their property this summer, to do their research when picking a home security system.

According to an Academic Study of Home and Business Security by Temple University, the Electronic Security Association says that homes without security systems are about 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems. (Actual statistic ranges from 2.2 times to 3.1 times, depending on the value of the home.) Losses due to burglary average $400 less in residences with security systems than homes without alarm systems.



Although no system makes your home completely burglar-proof, a home security system can reduce your chances of being burglarized and give you some peace of mind. In 2010, BBB received nearly 25,000 inquiries from customers asking about burglar alarm systems.

"It's important to investigate the purchase of a home security system with the same care you would any major purchase," said Patrick Bennett, director of Community Relations of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "There are too many door-to-door salespeople selling home security systems out there that don't always have your best interest at heart."

BBB advises consumers to do the following when looking to invest in a home security system:

•Choose a professional installer. The best home security system will accommodate your lifestyle and specific valuables you want protected. Carefully consider your security requirements and budget. You may also get recommendation from the insurance company that covers your home. Deal only with reputable firms and check out the company with BBB first.

•Contact at least three companies before selecting an installer. Find out if they are properly licensed in your state and if they screen employees before hiring. Make sure to check with the ESA website for a list of member companies throughout the United States who have agreed to abide by the National Code of Ethics.

•Ask about all charges up front. Prices for home security systems will vary, based on the level of protection and type of technology used, so be sure to compare apples-to-apples bids on similar systems. Do not forget to factor in the initial installation charge, as well as monthly monitoring charges. Also, talk to your insurance agent; some systems may qualify you for a discount on homeowner's premiums.

•Know the ins and outs of your contract. If your alarm system will be monitored, either by your installing company or by a third-party monitoring center, find out the length of the contract. Typically, monitoring contracts are between two to five years in length. What is your recourse if you are not satisfied with the services provided? Can you cancel the contract? What are your rights if your monitoring company is purchased or acquired by another alarm company? If the alarm sounds, does the company first notify you or the police? How soon? What happens if you can't be reached? Does the company have a local security patrol car? Are there costs for false alarms — and if so, who pays? What's the early termination fee if you move? These are the types of questions you need to consider before you obligate yourself to a long-term contract.

•Insist that the installer "walk" you through your system until you fully understand how it works. This will prevent the most common problem: false alarms. False alarms are an indicator of the quality of the alarm installation and user education. Ask for a complete inspection of your property and an itemized written estimate. Review the sales contract closely to ensure you understand exactly what equipment and protection you will be provided.

•Beware of "Door Knockers." The BBB has received reports of "high pressure and fear selling practices" from door-to-door Home Alarm System salespeople. These salespeople were citing false police reports of recent burglaries that had not happened or are making claims that the resident's current alarm provider has gone out of business. Some home owners were misled into signing a contract for a new system, before canceling the contract on their existing system or they discovered that their current alarm provider was not out of business, resulting in their having to pay for two different alarm systems at the same time.

Additional advice:

•You do not have to let door-to-door salespeople into your home.

•If you are not interested, say "goodbye" and shut the door.

•Individuals should provide credentials and identification.

•They should be able to display proof of a city-provided neighborhood solicitation permit.

•Ask if the company is local, regional, or national.

•Do not be misled by false police reports.

•Do not be pressured into signing a contract — if the deal is good today it will be good tomorrow. Beware of claims of "limited offers" and that the company is ready to immediately install the system. Reputable companies let you compare bids and engage in a comprehensive review of your security needs.

•Be sure to completely read and understand any contract before signing, and remember your FTC, "right to cancel" a contract within 72 hours since it is signed at your home.

For more home tips you can trust, visit http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/bbb-news/.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 25-29, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

1973 Ashbourne Dr	$405,000
1856 Chateau Rd	$287,000
49274 Ivybridge Way	$305,000
399 Kings Way	$164,000
4599 Pond Run	$163,000
44975 Rector Dr	$110,000
8182 Trafford Ct	$80,000
47720 Vistas Circle Dr N	$226,000
8256 Westchester Ln	$188,000

Garden City

6531 Arcola St	$87,000
29046 Block St	$24,000
501 N Leona Ave	$93,000
348 Radcliff St	$72,000

Livonia

18723 Bainbridge Ave	$165,000
34609 Blue Skies St	$180,000
9101 Brentwood St	$122,000
16915 Canterbury St	$245,000
16822 Farmington Rd	$95,000
38749 Five Mile Rd	$72,000
9268 Gillman St	$75,000
36355 Hamster Ln	$145,000
5810 Harrison St	$103,000
35707 Hees St	$94,000
27527 Long St	$61,000
19169 Meadowridge Dr	$86,000
38218 Richland St	$114,000
15874 Shadyside Dr	$156,000
28966 Terrence St	$93,000

Northville

46752 Freestone Dr	$110,000
135 Hampton Ct	$215,000
15797 Johnson Creek Dr	$124,000
44433 Thornapple Ln	$119,000

Plymouth

11097 Chestnut Dr	$160,000
40623 Newport Dr	$71,000
1181 W Ann Arbor Trl	$95,000

Redford

11704 Berwyn	$90,000
11359 Columbia	$68,000
17635 Gaylord	$55,000
20532 Gaylord	$23,000
18243 Lennane	$10,000
18682 Lexington	$60,000
9242 Louis	$92,000

Westland

34025 Cambria Ct	$14,000
37445 Cherry Hill Rd	$225,000
35030 Donnelly St	$60,000
30889 Grandview Ave	$70,000
28007 Mackenzie Dr	$76,000
36367 Marlie St	$10,000
1871 Stockmeyer Blvd	$100,000
806 Summerfield Dr	$45,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 18-22, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills

16011 Lauderdale Ave	$226,000
30851 Lincolnshire E	$200,000
16124 W 13 Mile Rd	$78,000

Birmingham

1538 Buckingham Ave	$505,000
592 Catalpa Dr	$450,000
1250 Latham St	$385,000
727 N Eton St	$99,000
625 Ridgedale Ave	$383,000
731 S Bates St	$713,000

Bloomfield Hills

310 Martell Ct	$695,000
2741 S Woodward Ave #a-1	$45,000
3060 Woodcreek Way	$470,000

Bloomfield Township

3270 Chestnut Run Dr	$590,000
4495 Chisholm Trl	$430,000
4571 Grindley Ct	$325,000
630 Half Moon Rd	$470,000
1118 Hill Line Trl	$325,000
3824 Manchester Ct	$486,000
4900 Ranch Ln	$223,000
5053 Van Ness Dr	$250,000

Commerce Township

8136 Barnsbury St	$755,000
3332 Benstein Rd	$200,000
2647 Crocker St	$56,000
3943 Don Rovin Ct	$240,000
5565 Ford Rd	$223,000
536 Grand Traverse St	$130,000

Farmington

31785 Folkstone Dr	$93,000
36545 Sarony Rd	$150,000

Farmington Hills

36219 Crompton Cir	$215,000
27830 Kendallwood Dr	$110,000
29361 Laurel Dr	$80,000
22280 Parklane St	$233,000
30496 Ramblewood Club Dr	$155,000
28505 Rollcrest Rd	$94,000
30190 S Stockton Dr	$67,000
38174 Saratoga Cir	$116,000
39359 Silverthorne Blvd	$275,000
37373 Wellsley	$375,000
27184 Winterset Cir	$255,000
Lathrup Village	
18131 Coral Gables Ave	$109,000

Milford

401 Bennett St	$98,000
2198 Forest Dr	$385,000
617 Shaw Ct	$90,000
647 Teliya Rdg	$220,000

Novi

43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	$125,000
27597 Albert St	$45,000
50873 Almati Ct	$50,000
51093 Almati Ct	$50,000
45327 Bartlett Dr	$84,000
22070 Clover Ln	$230,000
25037 Davenport Ave	$275,000
51212 Lake Ln	$45,000
25175 Sutton Ct	$50,000

South Lyon

58715 Castle Ct	$40,000
1099 Fountain View Cir	$70,000
23630 Lyon Ridge Dr	$61,000
23782 Prescott Ln E	$61,000
1173 Shetland Dr	$180,000
54110 West Ct	$30,000

Southfield

24503 Pierce St	$80,000

White Lake

8265 Eastway Dr	$276,000
530 Lakeside Dr	$40,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the office, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Attendees will learn about the $50,000 income guarantee and the free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

Foreclosures

A program on "Buying Foreclosures" will be presented by Linda Orleans, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. $20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Study results

Results from the J.D. Power and Associates 2011 Home Buyer/Seller StudySM, recognize RE/MAX for providing the highest overall consumer satisfaction for both home buyers and home sellers. In last year's study, two different companies ranked the highest in each category, but this year home buyers and sellers both rated RE/MAX the highest.

"It all comes down to professionalism and a commitment to a premier level of customer service," said RE/MAX Chairman and co-founder Dave Liniger. "Because RE/MAX agents average more experience and training than other agents, they are better prepared to deal with home buyers and sellers in any kind of market. And, consumer preferences tell the story ... nobody sells more real estate than RE/MAX."

This is the fourth annual study of home buyer and seller satisfaction with the largest national real estate companies, conducted by J.D. Power and Associates. For the home buying experience, three factors were considered: agent/salesperson, office and a variety of additional services. Four factors were examined for the home-selling experience: agent/salesperson, marketing, office and a variety of additional services.

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 593-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Land use claims based on facts

Q: I will try to give you factual scenario of my problem. A and B owned adjoining waterfront lots which were originally part of a larger parcel subdivided by A's grandmother. After subdividing, the members of the A family regularly used a short path across what became B's lot to visit each other and to get to a beach and boat mooring area. No one in the family ever asked for or received permission from any other family member to use the short path. When B acquired their lot later, it was the first transfer of any part of the original parcel out of A's family. Now, B is claiming that A has no right to use the short path across their land. A is saying that they have a prescriptive easement which requires continuous use for at least a number of years under claim of right adverse to B. Who do you think will win?

Robert Meisner

A: Ordinarily, when a claimant offers proof of continuous use with the owner's knowledge, a presumption arises that the use of the land in order to obtain a prescriptive easement was hostile and under a claim of right which are requirements to establish a prescriptive easement. However, some courts have held that that presumption does not arise if the putative dominant and servient estates were owned within the same family during the period when the prescriptive acts occurred. In such cases, the courts have held that the comings and goings of family members, across property owned within the family, are by accommodation or permission and do not have the requisite adversity to support an imposition of a prescriptive easement by one family member upon another. The chanees are A's claim will fail because she cannot offer affirmative proof of hostility, but each case depends upon its particular facts.

Q: Do you have any information on the status of residential construction and the costs of residential construction in Hong Kong?

A: Hong Kong is a highly densely populated city and depending upon the location, construction costs, as well as purchase costs, can be as high as New York or Paris and, in some instances, higher. The closer you are to the water, the more expensive the property is. If you are on a mountain top or a drive leading up to the mountain, the homes and/or apartments can cost over a million dollars for a one or two bedroom unit of less than 1,000 square feet.

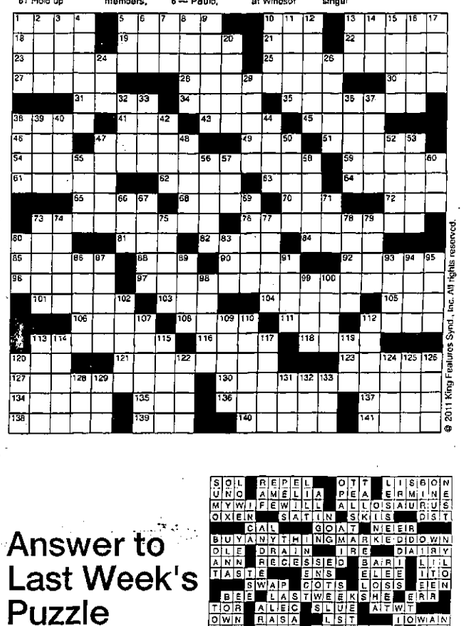
Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for $24.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Crossword Puzzle

Whirled Tour

ACROSS
1 Hollywood clashers
5 Out of line
10 Palindromic Persephian
13 Heirlem export
18 '78 Bujold thriller
19 Lavished
21 Waggle
22 Meyerbeer masterpiece
23 West Indian trouble-maker?
25 Midoastern show tune?
27 Aquatic animal
28 Appraise
30 Compass pt.
31 Vacation sensation
34 Citrus fruit
35 Brand of Chamberlain
38 Thames town
41 Son of Noah
43 Touch down
45 "— Dinah" (58 hit)
46 Opening
47 — acid
49 One — customer
51 Gambols
54 Speechless, in South east Asia?
59 Church members
61 Hold up
62 Pro bono
63 Summer quencher
64 Gawk
65 Israeli cence
68 TV's "— Life"
70 Brenda or Brandon
72 "Unforget-table" name
73 South American designer?
76 Scandinavian sugar substitute?
80 Muir or Minivier
81 By means of
82 Nobelist Wiesel
84 — gin fizz
85 Gam and Wilson
88 Exot's dag
90 Concept
92 Pointless
96 Adult insect
97 Central American song?
101 Adds —
103 Rock's — Brothers
104 Ointment
105 Ornamental vine
106 Whip, for one
108 Family members, to many
111 Hum bug?
112 Perplexed
113 Artist Vincent
116 Stagger
118 Haul
120 Impresario Hurok
121 Self-assurance
123 Biblical kingdom
127 Caribbean entree?
130 African palanquins?
134 Where the buoys are
135 Fr. holy woman
136 Beethoven symphony
137 Ginger cookies
138 Swelling
139 Aunt or niece
140 Bestow
141 "Guarding —" ("94 film)

DOWN
1 Narcissus' nymph
2 Big kid?
3 Fail to mention
4 Glossy cloth
5 Garment part
6 — Paulo, Brazil
7 Relatives
8 Actress Georgia
9 Plant pest
10 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
11 Director Polanski
12 Let up
13 Anderson's "High —"
14 News org.
15 Raze
16 Musical of 1919
17 Unwind a rind
20 Stage stuff
24 Lovin or Remsen
26 Extremely introquently?
29 Slowly, to Sibelius
32 Dispel
33 Head set?
36 Sacred cows
37 Paul of "The Burning Bed"
38 "Heavens to Betsy!"
39 "Little Man — " (91 film)
40 Fall brimstone
42 Irritate
44 Mrs. David Copperfield
47 "Blue —" (77 hit)
48 It's walked at Windsor
50 Baffle
52 Nero's instrument
53 Scarecrow stuffing
55 Bolger/Haley co-star
56 Singer Della
57 Moisten
58 Starts a lawn
60 Still
66 Gun the engine
67 Out on —
69 Stage whisper
71 Sushi candidate
73 — donna
74 Cornerstone abbr.
75 Tag
77 Literary parson
78 Dim
79 Easter ends it
80 Med. test
83 Taylor or Trotta
86 "F Troop" corporal
87 Edna Ferber novel
89 Crooked
91 Spirited steed
93 Baudelaire's buddies
94 Church area
95 "Orinoco Flow" singer
98 Grenoble's river
99 Beseached
100 Done
102 Take on
107 Way out
109 On edge
110 Anchored
112 Taken way aback?
113 Endorse, with "for"
114 "The Sandbox" playwright
115 Wasteland
117 Enticed
119 Timber tree
120 Sailboat, o.g.
122 — Ball (arcade game)
124 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
125 Some underwear
126 Snake charmer's crew
128 Bond rating
129 NBC comedy showcase
131 Support
132 Sq. or cpl.
133 Cornfield cry



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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

MARKETPLACE

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Announcements & Notices 6200

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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7030

NEW FLEA MARKET – Open weekends at Dinkelville Melons, 1006 W. Schafer Rd., Howell. New Vendors Welcome. 517-546-4638

Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7030

TROY Multi-Family Garage Sale - Antiques, furniture, kitchen gadgets, you name it! Date/time: August 4, 5 & 6, 9-5 p.m. 5409 Folkstone Drive, Troy, MI 48085

WEST BLOOMFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
Thurs., Aug. 4, 6-8pm, $3 cover charge this night only. Fri. Aug. 5, 9-4pm, regular price and 4-5pm, ½ off. Sat., Aug. 6, 9-2pm, bag sale. 4100 Walnut Lk Rd., just W. of Orchard Lk Rd. 248-851-2330

Household Goods 7100

DINING ROOM SET- 1950s Duncan Phyfe, 9 pc, solid mahogany. Incl china cabinet, buffet, table w/6 chairs. Table has a built in leaf plus 2 additional leafs, & padded cover w/glass top. $1650. 248-625-0724, 248-356-0507

DINING SET- Queen Anne, China cabinet, table incl pads, 2 arm chairs & 6 side chairs, $400, Novi, 248-348-2504

FOR SALE – 2 Refrigerators, gas stove, humidifier, dehumidifier, gas dryer, couch, chairs, lamps, dressers, chests, end/coffee tables matching. Call 810-629-5556

FURNITURE- 2 antique china cabinets $100/each, Antique chiffarobe $100. Dinette set w/2 chairs $50. Four antique chairs, $50. 734-658-2668

MISC ITEMS- Indoor patio furniture, 10 pc, white wicker. Exc cond., $500. 20" Samsung Microwave oven, $50. 6 doorwall custom made green/ beige valance, with matching 36" window valance, $50. 734-422-7122

MISC ITEMS- Queen sized Thomasville headboard & frame $200. Cherry night stand w/drawer $75. Small refrigerator $25. Light weight travel wheel chair $100. Adult potty chair $15. Walker $15. 248-476-0121 lvg msg.

SOFA BED: White, very good cond, clean, 3 removable cushions, comfortable, Sealy Posturepedic mattress - queen, 82" long, 35" wide, $350. 248-491-9281, 201-767-3003

MODULAR HOME AUCTION
THURSDAY
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Appliances 7180

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Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs 7190

SOFTUB, 120 gallon hot tub. 4 person. Grey. Good cond. $650. Call: 517-545-7314.

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Hospital/Medical Equipment 7460

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Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment 7480

FERRIS 48" ZTR 21 hp, double bagger, weed whip, blower, Haulmark trailer, all equip. Is 2007. Less than 200 hrs. $6900. 248-912-8292

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Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment 7480

TILER: Kohler tiller, BCS electric start, 24" tine, 42" sickle bar, 8 hp. $575. 586-822-6839, 734-404-5524

Musical Instruments 7510

PIANO- Kawai Baby Grand piano, black polished. Asking $8500. One owner. 734-459-0918

Sporting Goods 7520

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GOLF CLUBS Cobra S10D 1/H irons. Reg. Mid Kick. Aldila Graphite 4-GW. $79. (734) 455-0195

SAVAGE Model 110 7 mm mag w/bresighter, 4x15x40, scope and hard case $500. 734-673-6987

Wanted to Buy 7540

ABSOLUTE 1 BUYER!! We are not a scrap yard. Top $ Paid for coins, gold, diamonds, guns, musical instruments. Uptown Exchange, 810-227-8190.

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ABSOLUTELY ALL SCRAP METAL WANTED
Steel, stainless, copper, brass, tool steel, carbide, aluminum. Highest dollar paid!
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Wanted to Buy 7540

WANTED: WAR RELICS
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Cats 7830

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NEWFOUNDLAND PUPPY
11 weeks old, all shots, male, $900. (248) 207-7057

PEKINGESE/CHIHUAHUA Pups. Adorable babies, will be small. $175. 517-212-5231

Farm Animals/Livestock 7850

ADORABLE PYGMY GOATS
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Pet Services 7900

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GARAGE SALES

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7100 Estate Sales 7100

ESTATE/MOVING SALE: Sat. Aug. 6, 8:30-4. Centennial Farms 10 Mile & Rushton, 12316 Nahtucket, South Lyon. Dining set, china cabinets, sofas, tables, antiques, gun cabinet, kitchenware, screen tent, camping & hunting stuff, treadmill, tools, Christmas decor, much more!

Howell-Fantastic Moving Sale 1982 Coon Lake Rd Aug. 4th, 5th, & 6th, 9-5pm Antiques, China, original artwork, Maytag washer/dryer, dorm fridge, furniture, electronics, & much, much more! For pics go to www.tlc-estatesales.com

FLYNOUTH- Tools, furniture, crystal, lawn furniture, & tools misc. Aug. 5th, noon-5pm. 10436 Chestnut Ct. S. of Ann Arbor Trl & E of Haggerty

Garage Sales 7110

BERKLEY GARAGE SALE Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9am-5pm. 1943 Bacon. Lots of toys/ appliances small bookcase treadmill.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 3 Family Garage Sale - Aug. 5 & 6, 9am-4pm. Furniture, artwork, jewelry, children's clothing, Women's clothing-petites, misses, & women's, lots more! Chestnut Run North Sub., btwn Telegraph Rd.& Lahser, off Hickory Grove. 2838 Meadowood Ln.

CANTON Garage Sale - 50320 Hanford Rd. August 4th-5th. Furniture, tools, toys, sports equipment, Yamaha 4 whlr, Rhino off-roader, aquarium and free stuff! Great Deals!

CANTON- Multi family. Furniture, Snow babies & misc. 41950 Woodbrook Dr, near Michigan Ave & Lilley. Aug 4-6th 10-4pm. No early sales

CANTON-Poplar Ridge Sub. Garage Sale - Multi-Family. Southside of Palmer, btwn. Sheldon & Lilly. Fri-Sat, Aug 5th & 6th, 9-4pm. Furniture, electronics, books, & toys.

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Nurses, in particular, are in high demand. Many areas of the country are experiencing major nursing shortages. Those with a degree and certification are valuable to employers, and it's not uncommon for experienced nurses to have a number of opportunities to choose from.

Jobs in health care are increasing despite losses in other major industries. Over the last 12 months, health care has added 283,000 jobs, or an average of 24,000 jobs per month. As the largest health care occupation, registered nurses will likely fill many job openings in the future. With above average growth numbers projected through 2018 and a national median wage of $62,450, there is a unique opportunity for registered nurses.

The majority of nurses work in a hospital - approximately 60 percent - but nurses are also needed in other places. Some alternative workplaces include offices of physicians, home health care services, government agencies and educational services. Because complicated procedures, once only performed in hospitals, are now being performed in physicians' offices and in outpatient care centers, demand for qualified nurses with strong leadership skills at these locations is increasing.

Whether just starting down the nursing career path or looking to take on a leadership role and influence the delivery of care, education and training are highly valued by employers in this field. Higher education helps practitioners become more skilled and knowledgeable nurses, thus allowing them to step forward as leaders, while helping improve health care delivery and patient outcomes.

How can you become a nurse? Getting the right education is key. Employers expect nurses to keep their skills current and be able to handle multiple tasks and an increasing number of patients. There are a variety of options for those considering a nursing degree. Typically nurses get a two-year associate degree or a four-year bachelor's degree that includes coursework and clinical training. For those that wish to expand their skillset and become leaders in this field, higher education programs prepare nurses for the increased responsibilities and challenges facing today's health care practitioners.

Many nursing students today are considered non-traditional students. This means these working learners have full-time jobs, are parents, spouses or active members of the military. If you fit into this category, you can still pursue a nursing degree through a flexible online school like University of Phoenix, which has one of the largest nursing schools in the United States with more than 30 years of experience.

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By Dale Buss

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But even more important to Ford executives than the encouraging sales results is who are buying Explorer, Focus and Fiesta, and how much they're spending. U.S. purchasers are loading up these vehicles to a remarkable extent, and they are a younger cohort -- and more often from the West Coast - than Ford has enjoyed in decades.

"It's full steam ahead," said Robert Parker, group marketing manager for Ford, who professed that he's not even concerned that a full supply of Japanese-brand small cars and fuel-efficient crossovers expected in the second half will slow the momentum being enjoyed by any of the Ford nameplates. "We'll hit our stride when everyone else is also hitting their stride. We've compared extremely favorably with the competition and with the technology we have that the competition doesn't have. We'll break through to a new set of buyers and retain the buyers we already have."

Overall inventoryof the new Focus, launched earlier this year, has been turning in just 11 days, compared with a typical healthy level of 30 to 45 days, Parker said. Throughput for the Titanium version, the highest level for Focus - with leather seats, reverse camera and rain-sensing wipers -- has been just six days. "It's a better place to be than the alternative," he said.

The key has been how Focus has been drawing the younger buyers targeted by Ford, and how they've been driving away from dealerships with heavily contented cars. More than one in six Focus sales is to Millennial consumers, Ford said, more than for the Hyundai Elantra and equal to the fast-selling Chevrolet Cruze. And it is drawing more buyersages 33 through 55 than before, while purchasers 56 years old and up are declining as a percentage.

"The design is getting attention," Parker explained, with Focus's hatchback rear end proving "a breakthrough for more Eurocentric buyers, people who were buying a European hatchback. Now we're on their radar. That includes more higher-income buyers and import owners. But overall more important, he said, is "the technology inherent in the vehicle," especially Sync. The "take rate" for Sync in Focus is 75 percent, driven in part by customers enthused about how they can bring their own music on iPods and other devices into the car and just plug it in.

Ford's 2012 Focus is catching on with younger buyers who are purchasing them loaded.

The 2012 Explorer has become one of Ford's hottest sellers.

Fiesta is no slouch either. In June, it enjoyed a rousing 18-percent share of subcompact-car consideration on Edmunds.com, near the level it has had since its debut in mid-2010. Meanwhile, Fiesta's share of segment sales rose to 12 percent in June (and had been as high as 16 percent in March) from just 3 percent at launch. In the fevered environment for sales ofgas-sipping cars in the first half, Fiesta's days-to-turn fell sharply, to 38 days at the end of June from 66 days at the end of March.

One way that Ford aimed hard at Millennial consumers with Fiesta was to make it much easier and more reliable for them to order accessories to trick out their rides. That has included putting Ford-authorized accessory wheels and interior packages right on the dealership order form for the car. As a result, for instance, about 10 percent of Fiestas are ordered with an expensive "piano black-and-white" interior. And overall, more than 25 percent of Fiesta buyers throw in pricey accessory options.

As with Fiesta and Focus, higher contenting for the new Explorer version has become the norm, Peterson said, about 40 percent for the robustly appointed Limited series. Transaction prices areup about 10 percent over those for the model it replaced. The take rate for MyFord Touch in Explorer has reached 92 percent. More than 45 percent of all vehicle trade-ins for Explorer are conquests, with nearly 12 percent of the trades coming from luxury brands, Ford said. About 15 percent of purchasers of the new Explorer were getting rid of an older version of the SUV, up from 8 percent for the previous version.

Many consumers also are attracted by a 3mpg improvement in Explorer's fuel economy to a level that Ford said is segment-leading. "Every bit of fuel economy is a big deal right now," Peterson said. "

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