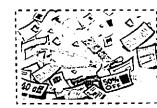


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6 file for special election

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Five Republicans, including a Milford resident, and one Democrat have filed to run in a special election Sept. 5 to fill the unexpired term of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

Republican Kerry Ben-

tivolio of Milford, the only Republican on the ballot in the Aug. 7 primary for the congressional seat, filed July 16. Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, former Livonia school board member Steve King, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia and Kenneth Crider of Livonia filed Friday to run on

the Republican ballot in the 11th Congressional District, as well.

On July 19, Democrat David Curson of Belleville filed petitions with 2,000 signatures.

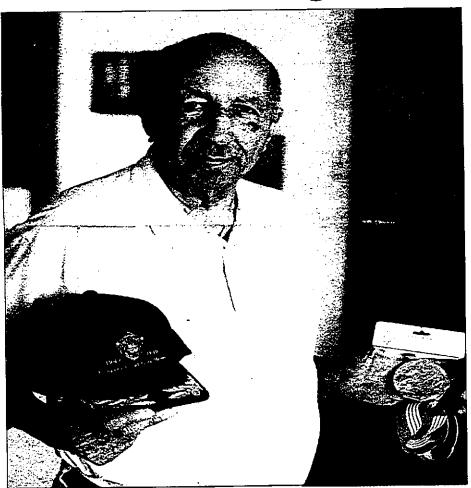
Democratic and Republican candidates had until Friday afternoon to file. The signatures were reviewed by the Sec-

retary of State's office Monday to certify the signatures. All were valid, and no candidates withdrew their name from the ballot. Candidates without party affiliation have until Aug. 7 to file. Minor parties that hold a caucus to nominate candidates

face an Aug. 8 deadline. Residents in the current 11th District will be voting in a special election Wednesday, Sept. 5, and again Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. Locally, each of the communities is included in both the former 11th District and the redistricted 11th District.

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Novi resident honored for inspiring social change in Marine Corps



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Novi Fox Run resident and WWII veteran Herman Dudley was among some of the first African-Americans allowed to serve in the Marines after an executive order by FDR in 1942. He and thousands of others trained in the segregated facility - near Camp Lejeune in North Carolina - called Montford Point.



Novi's William Dudley and other members of the Montford Point African-American Marines were recently honored in Washington in a ceremony and presented with this medal.

By Joanne Maliszewski Correspondent

It took a presidential order, but it opened a window for Novi resident Herman Dudley to join the war effort in 1943 as a U.S. Marine in the South Pacific.

Almost 70 years later, udley and more than 300 other black veteran Marines were honored earlier this month with a Congressional Gold Medal for "outstanding perseverance and courage that inspired social change in the Marine Corps."

"Receiving this med-

al is perhaps one of the highest points in my life," said Dudley, a Kentucky native and former West Bloomfield resident. "I don't think I have ever been prouder of being associated with an organization than I was that day."

Dudley credits President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the taking the initial action that eventu-ally led Dudley to Washington, D.C., to be honored by the U.S. Con-

In November 1941,

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Summer fun and learning at Novi Youth Police and Fire Academy

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It's summer and time for kids out of school to have some fun, which can be a variety of things. But for the group of kids who got to see inside the Novi police and fire departments, it

meant confronting suspects on the police training simulator and putting out a fire with an extinguisher.

Nearly 40 kids from the Novi community, ranging in age from 13-18, successfully completed the Novi Youth Police and Fire Academy — a

week's worth of hands-on experiences that give the narticipants a look into the daily lives of both public safety depart-

According to Novi Police Detective Jeremy Stempien, it's an enjoyable mix of fun and learning for the kids.

This is about bridge building with the youth in the community," Stempien said. "We want to open their eyes to how we do our jobs and may-be spark a little interest for those thinking about being a police officer or

firefighter." It did just that.

Nicholas Tewilliager, 14, said he was motivated to attend the academy because he has familv members who serve as public safety officials and wanted to learn more about what it means.

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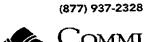
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed executive order No. 8802, which established the Fair Employment Practice that was a starting point for eliminating racial discrimination in

the armed forces. "Without him, we could not have done it," Dudlev said. Ît wouldn't be until

after World War II when in 1949 President Harry S. Truman signed yet another order that panned full discrimina tion in the armed servic-While being allowed to

volunteer at the age of Dudley and some 20,000 black recruits still faced discrimination, Instead of being sent with other recruits to traditional boot camps, the black Americans were sent to Montford Point Camp near the all-white Camp Lejeune — in North Car-

"All of my friends were going. My mother didn't want me to go. But it worked out fine." Dud-

The former architect with the city of Detroit was assigned to the 51st Defense Battalion as a radar operator for the 90 mm anti-aircraft guns.

outfit protected a chain of small islands in the South Pacific.

"We didn't encounter much resistance. But we had to protect it because of a deep harbor that allowed large Allied ships in," he said. "There were no native people on the islands. The Japanese had taken them and moved them to other

In the United States, Dudley and other black soldiers encountered plenty of racism, but not in the South Pacific. Everyone — regardless of race - was enduring the same conditions and fighting the same enemy. Dudley said. Dudley recalls the

Marines on the South Pacific islands receiving a message from Tokyo Rose. It said she had been informed that the black Marines would soon get a visit from her. "We were prepared. About a month later a submarine came by," he said. "We shot 11 rounds

The war finally ended when Dudley and his comrades were preparing to be sent to Okinawa. For a brief time, Dudley considered making the Marines a career. but soon realized he didn't care for the post-

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After serving Following the war, Dudley and a friend, who was a civil engineer talked about moving to South America to start a business. First seeking an education, Dudley moved to Detroit and graduated in architecture from Lawrence Technical College. Though he was considered for a position with a local company, he lost the opportunity when company officials

realized he was a black

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man. That led him to the city of Detroit, where he worked for 35 years as an architect. While he never lost his interest in South America, Dudley stayed in Michigan and married Ruth, who passed away in 2002 They have a daughter. Merrie (she was born on Christmas Day), who is a

In the mid-1960s. Montford Point veterans hosted a national reunion in Philadelphia that led to the creation of the nonprofit Montford Point Marine Association Inc. Today, the association has 36 chapters throughout the U.S.

Approximately 20,000 black Marines were trained at Montford Point from 1942-1949. All qualified for the gold

By 2012, however, it was determined that only

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approximately 430 were still alive. Of that total, 330 gathered in Washington D.C. in early July. "It was really nice to

see the guys again," Dud-

lev said

the Marine Corps and In 1974, Montford Point Camp was renamed Camp Johnson in honor of Gilbert H. (Hashmark) Johnson, one the nation's first

who served as a drill instructor at the camp Today, it's the only camp in the United

States named after a black Marine.

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State election officials estimate the cost of the special election to local ommunities will be \$650,000.

Clerks said they were concerned about the herculean task of getting ballots to military members overseas within 45 days of the election — a new federal requirement.

Chris Ward, spokesman for the Oakland County Clerk's Office, said electronic images of the ballots will be available immediately for military people who request the The ballots will be sent

electronically to military personnel and then must be mailed back, Ward

"We'll meet the letter of the law." he said. McCotter resigned July

an Calley, acting in Gov. Rick Snyder's absence, called for a special election in the 11th Congres-Auto workers...have you been sional District to fill ffered the option to receive a lump the vacancy created by sum payment from your employer.

McCotter's resignation. In the Aug. 7 primary election, voters in the redrawn 11th District will decide between a Republican candidate listed on the ballot (Ben tivolio), two write-in Republican candidates

(Cassis and Drexel Morton of Canton) and two Democrats (Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and Bill Roberts of Redford). The top finishers from each party will square off in the general election Nov. 6. The election winner will begin a two-year term Jan. 3.

ment Friday after she filed her petitions for the mum signatures required special election. On July 13, Lt. Gov. Bri-"I deeply regret the cost, confusion and extra burden on the local

clerks which will occur due to the special election the governor has called," Cassis said, "But we cannot allow this seat to be represented by a Democrat who supports Obamacare, or a Republican who believes President Bush and Vice President Cheney were responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attack on America.'

referenced is Taj, who believes that the Affordable Health Care Act "does not go far enough, and the Republican is Bentivolio, who appeared in The President Goes to

Heaven, a film released

last year that pokes fun

The Democrat she

at a fictional character based on former Presi-Cassis released a statedent George W. Bush. Bentivolio said in a recent interview that he appeared in the film to investigate the state's

> little acting.' King said Friday he decided to run because he wants to serve. "If I am lucky enough, I will serve those 45 days and I will work harder than anybody in those 45 days," he said.

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King said he would work in the district to help constituents. "I want to bring the service back

to public service," he

King was in the process of collecting signatures to run a write-in campaign for the two-year term that begins Jan. 3, but decided to end that campaign when he fell short of the 3,000 signatures he needed. Instead, King collect-

declare his candidacy in the special election. King is running as a Republican because he said the district is a Republican district. "No one could win as a Democrat," he said. King, who has run as a Democrat in a previous race for state representative, describes himself as a "Bill Milliken moderate who was willing to work with peo-

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Fighting polio

Aug. 4 Rotary benefit has family ties for Novi woman

By Julie Brown

online at hometownlife.com

Ginger Barrons brother-in-law had polio as a child, so it's natural that she would become involved in raising awareness of the polio

fight through Rotary. Barrons is past presi dent of Novi Rotary and District 6380 co-chair for the polio committee with Keith Koke. He side of the district, she the U.S.

"He really went through some trying times as a child," she said of her brother-inlaw, who had childhood surgery on his spine at the Herman Kiefer facility in Detroit. "I was able to see how it affected my mother-in-

Time of fear

The cause of polio was unknown at that time, and parents worried about children visiting such places as movie theaters and community pools, which were often closed due to polio fears.

Barrons' brother-inlaw is now 65. Although he faces other health issues unrelated to polio, as well as some postpolio syndrome, he was able to work at a physically demanding ob as a bricklayer and stonemason in adulthood for many years. He walked with a limp.

"There was a huge stigma back in the day

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my brother-in-law had polio," said Barrons, who's organizing a 6-8 and won. p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, Novi Rotarian Randy benefit locally to raise funds and awareness of the Rotary polio work

with partners. "That really touched me." Her brother-in-law remembers surgery and therapy, but Barrons focuses on the moms of that era and their emotional challenges. Polio has been eliminated in the U.S. and other westernized countries, but remains

Rotary and partners organize National Immunization Days to bring the polio vac cine to those countries, working to overcome local fears and political hostilities. Barrons noted Rotary's role as a nongovernmental orga-

in parts of Africa and

nization is helpful. The vaccine is given orally so many volunteers without a medical background are able to participate with some training beforehand.

Benefit planned Barrons, 55, owns a real estate company locally and served recently as a Rotary assistant district governor. The upcoming benefit originated with the new Lyon Area Club, sponsored by Novi. Lyon had a benefit

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was featured; Barrons bid on his performance as part of the auction,

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D'Amore owns Direct Buy Club at 33800 W. Nine Mile, west of Farmington Road in Farmington. He offered use of his facility for a Saturday, Aug. 4, polio benefit, which will feature Benfante's music. The wine and appe-

tizer party costs \$20 in advance and is offered via the Sterling Heights, Warren, Novi and Farmington clubs. Those are clubs where Barrons had been an assistant governor. "It's a really nice ven-

ue," she said of the site. Checks should be payable to the Novi Rotary Foundation, with all proceeds to the Rotary International Polio Fund. "We're just really

excited about it," Barrons said of the benefit, to raise awareness of polio issues worldwide. She's also still seeking silent auction items as well as appetizers that at gbarrons1@mi.rr.com

or at (248) 348-5244. Its theme is "Cheers to Rotary, End Polio Now." There will be literature on polio that evening, but no formal presentation on related

"Mix and mingle and have fun," she said. "Everyone is welcome."

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Novi Police Officer Jeremy Stempien shakes the hand of Novi Police Youth Academy graduate Alex Gillman, 13, on July 20. Gillman and other youth completed their week of study and activities as they looked at how the police and fire departments operate.

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as a career, so it was fun to learn about a 911 call and what type of force is needed in a bad situation," Nicholas said after receiving a certificate for

completing the program. Philip Duczyminski, a training officer at the Novi Fire Department.

said the academy "is a glimpse into our jobs." He said the "trainees" got to use some of the equipment like the water hoses, in addition to performing search and rescue

operations. Jeff Johnson, Novi's director of EMS/Fire Operations, said probably the most popular lesson was when the kids got to use a fire extinsituation. He said they really reacted and stepped up during the hands-on parts because it

was so engaging. Donovan King, 13, summed up the week perfectly: "Basically, we learned about scenarios to help out people in trouble, which is something I'm really interested in.

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Summer's a great time to read

ne of my favorite movies - of all time s The Princess Bride. They describe it as, "a classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince a beautiful na read it to you. princess, and yes, some

What's not to love about that? More importantly, at the eginning of the movie,

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grandfather: The Grandson: A book?

Grandpa: That's right. When I was your age, television was called books. And this is a special book. It was the book my father used to read to me when I was sick, and I used to read it to your father. And today I'm gon-

A movie that has at its center a grandfather reading to his grandson has to be a great movie. And it was! What I really liked about the movie was that it portrayed that reading can be an exciting shared activity.

In 1987, when this movie appeared, I was the father of two young sons. At that time my oldest son was five years old and my youngest was not even a year old. My wife and I loved reading and we tried to instill a love of

reading in our children. We made a commitment to read to our sons every A third son would come along in 1989, and by then part of our family culture was reading. We set aside time every night to read. When we went on car

trips we had backpacks

read. Reading was just

full of books for them to

ly did. I continued to read aloud to our boys every night through middle

school. Why did we take reading so seriously in our family? First of all it was fun. Curling up in a chair with one of my boys next to me and a book that we both loved was a great way to spend 15 or 20 minutes. Often it would turn into thirty or forty

As my boys grew, reading was something that bound us together. Every night it gave us a chance to be with each other. It gave us a chance to talk

My wife and I also

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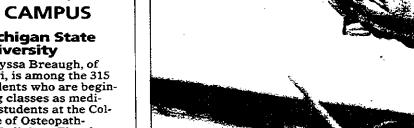
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Reading is a great activity. The Princess Bride showed that reading helps build a connection between grandfathers and grandsons. I believe that reading helps build a connection between al kinds of people. We need to be a community that

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Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1234; www.twitter. com/docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent blogspot.com.



Michigan State University Alyssa Breaugh, of Novi, is among the 315 students who are beginning classes as medical students at the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The class will take its preclinical training at one of three Michigan sites - on the MSU campus in East Lansing, at the Detroit Medical Center downtown, or at the Macomb University Center in Clinton Township. Following that, they will receive two years of clinical education in one of the hospitals statewide affiliated with the college. The entering class includes 172 males and 143 females, ranging in age from 20 to 40. Two hundred seventy nine are from Michigan, and 20 are from Canada, participating in a special program to increase the number of osteopathic physicians in that country.



Animals visit teen center

(At left) Emily Barnes, 12, smiles as she gets an up-close look at a blue-tongued skink by Lansing's Potter Park Zoo's Bill Gorman. Gorman, the skink, an armadillo and a snake or two visited the Novi Teen Center on July 23 to give the kids a look at some of the zoo's collection. (Above) Gabby Maraderosian, 16, is shocked at how cute the face of an armadillo is as it's held in the hand of Gorman. Maraderosian doesn't attend the center, but was in the Novi Middle chool that day for summer school gym class and stopped to look at the zoo's creatures.

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Big dream'

Owning Mediterranean eatery means a lot to cousins from Egypt



Alexandria Mediterranean Cuisine's Kareem Ssein scoops out some hot-from-the-oven pita bread during the July 20 lunch hour rush.

By Julie Brown

Sam Gabr, 22, and cous-in Alex Zaki, 26, are excited about their recently opened Alexandria Mediterranean Cuisine in

The young men have worked in the restaurant field since their teens, having come from their native Egypt. "We know a lot about

it." Gabr said of the restaurant industry. "We have very healthy and fresh food. We make our food daily and fresh." They use a lot of olive

and vegetable oil in cook ing. The restaurant has smoothies and a freshsqueezed juice bar.

Gabr is moving to Farmington Hills and Zaki is a Canton resident. They're excited about owning and operating their own restaurant in their 20s.

"To have my own busi ness at this age is a big dream," Gabr said. "I'm working hard to get peo-

iterranean and Mid-

them and bring them in to try my food," Gabr said. The business partners find their location good for walking; their restaurant has a patio for outdoor dining.

nesses around me," Gabr said, including Walmart coming. "The area's really nice

but must wait six months

ple to try my food out." He knows cooking, but has an experienced chef from Lebanon for kitchen work. Gabr said his business neighbors have been welcoming, wishing him "good luck" as he and Zaki prepared to

Many people like Meddle Eastern food and its health benefits, he said, good for their business They've been busy passing out fliers and menus. "I just want to please

"I have a lot of big busi-

ers during lunchtime,"

of various ethnic back-

He's studying busi-

and Asian.

Gabr said, noting they're

grounds, including Indian

ness at Oakland Commu-

nity College and plans to

transfer to Oakland Uni-

versity. Zaki's a master's

student in accounting at

43155 Main Street in the

Davenport University.

The restaurant is at

He has a liquor license

to use it. Gabr's quick to praise their fresh homemade bread with garlic. "I have a lot of custom-

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ranean restaurant is in the former Grapevine spot. former Grapevine site, and can be reached at (248) 712-1712. Hours are

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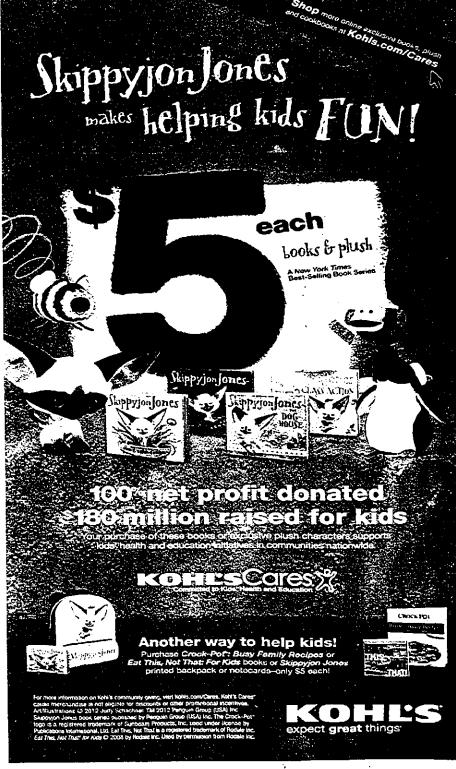
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Business offers discount deals

LOCAL NEWS

Youth no impediment for entrepreneurs

By Julie Brown

Being young certainly doesn't mean you can't succeed in business. Just ask Bill Gates - or Sergio Trojani, Eric Wierszewski and John Govan.

Troiani, 17, lives in Plymouth Township and just graduated from Catholic Central High School in Novi, as did Wierszewski, 18. Govan, 17, is a recent Divine Child graduate.

The three young men just started PIN (Personal Incentives Network). with a website of www. joinpin.com. Visitors to such places as Fiamma Restaurant in downtown Plymouth can upload discount offers to a mobile

So far, they have mostly Plymouth businesses, as well as Westland. Canton and Dearborn. Troiani said. Wierszewski and Govan live in

Dearborn. Troiani and Govan will head to Grand Vallev State University this fall, Wierszewski to the University of Michigan Dearborn, including an international program in

up with the idea this December," said Troiani. They've been visiting businesses to arrange "We take that deal and

no clipping of coupons involved. drink, entertainment, shopping and services.

leave for college. The two at Grand Val-

tinue to prosper while we go to college," Troiani said. "It's helping the

local community.

"The three of us came

we advertise it," Troiani They offer two styles of keychain, each good for life at \$20. There's

The men set up several categories online of food, They're hiring a sales force to assist when they

ley State will also reach out to the Grand Rapids market. "The company will con-



John Govan (left), Eric Wierszewski (center) and Sergio Troiani have started a discount deal businesses including restaurants and services, using a distinctive keychain.

He touts their service over those like Groupon, noting no cost now to businesses and a low one later in the business's

"We're helping them to grow," Trojani said.

'They keep the profits.'

"We're making this The field is competitive, he agreed, with user-friendly to both gendirect mail businesses. erations," he said of baby boomers and their kids. "We're trying to get The participating busiour foot in the door," said ness needs only to use Trojani, who emphasized the distinctive keychain social media as being for verification. important to their busi-The men were able to

overcome legal issues with two being minors and owning a business. with parental help. For information, go online or call (855) JOIN-PIN/564-

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COOK, EUGENE K.

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American Motors and Chrysler

Hoon retirement in 1984 and after

Eugene at Rural Hills Cemetery in Northville at the family plot

First Presbyterian Church of

DALTON, RORY M

Age 58, of Northville, passed 7/21/12. Funeral Mass was held 7/25/12. Contributions to U of M

Cancer Center or Angela Hospice.

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MICHAEL SCOTT

Of Commerce Township, passed away in the care of his family on July 22, 2012 after a long, brave

battle with lymphoma. He was 45 years old.He is survived by his beloved wife of 21 years, Nanci

Dovle; dear children, Megan,

Kevin and Lauren Doyle; par-ents, Liz and Jim Doyle; sisters, Kathleen (Ren Herr) Doule, Mary

(Charlie) Sultan; brother, David

(Mary Ann) Doyle; in-laws, Robert and Sue Ann Moehlman, as well as many extended family, friends and colleagues who join

his family in mourning his pass-ing and giving thanks for his life among them. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons

Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty

Milford, MI on Friday, July 27, a three o'clock. Friends may visi

from 2 PM until the time of serv-

ce. In lieu of flowers, memorial

name to the Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society or toward his children's education fund. For

further information please phone

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March 18, 1926 - July 14, 2012

BUCKLEY, LARRY J. February 9, 1930 - July 19, 2012 Online condolences www.obrien sullivanfuneralhome.com

CAPALDI, ANTHONY

Age 83, passed away July 22, 2012. He was born on June 23, 1929, in Highland Park, to the late Filippo and Giovanno (Novelli) Capaldi, Anthony is survived by his children: Michael & Debra Capaldi, Debra & Rick Cevora Toni & Mike Longlois, Mark & Julie Fabrizio Capaldi; grandchildrent Rebecca & Trent Holman Jr. & Nicole Longlois, Nicole & Tim Larry, Evan Cevora, Danielle Capaldi, Britanny Capaldi, Mark Anthony Capaldi, Adriana Fabrizio; great-grandchildren: Trevor & Gianna Holman and ludson Rains; 5 sisters and rother. He was preceded in deat y his wife Ramona Capaldi and others. Visitation was held on AL HOME, South Lyon, A funeral service was held on July 25, Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South

von. Memorial contributions

may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online guest-book: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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MCCOLLUM, ROBERT GENE

Age 86, passed away December 10, 2011 while on vacation in Age 77, passed away July 17, 2012. He was born of December 18, 1934 in Haifa, Israel, Eugene was proud father of Margaret L. Bernthal, Charles R. Cook and Thomas Hombeak, Tennessee, to the late Cook: grandfather of Kristen M. Stuck, Peter A. Bernthal, David B. Bernthal, Stephanie J. Clay and Minnie Belle (Morton) McCollum. He was a proud Marine and served during the Korean War. He worked for 42 Bernthal, Mark A. Bernthal, Andrew T. Cook, Katherine E. Cook, Daniel J. Cook, Abigail W. years as a Conductor for the Railroad and retired in 1990. He Cook and Haley C. Cook: great enjoyed going to the easino with friends and family, playing golf, croquet, gardening and fishing. Most of all he loved his grandgrandfather of Ashleigh M. Stuck, Blake D. Stuck, Madelyn G. Stuck, and Hudson D. Bernthal. Eugene was the son of Charles K. children. Robert is survived by hi Cook and Matilda L. (Finney) Cook and brother of Norman E. Cook and Lloyd E. Cook, all who children. Robert is survived by his loving children: Sandy (Mike) Schlitters and Ron (Lauri) McCollum; his brother Cecil F. McCollum and his sister Vera Mae Owen; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and coursel, interest perspettives and love-Cook and Lloyd E. Cook, all who pre-deceased Eugene. Eugene was preceded in death by beloved wives M. Joanne (Watson) Cook (1982) and M. Faye Rutherford Gane Cook (2001) and is survived by Wynnefred S. Kamps Cook, whom he married in 2009. While he lived in Northville from and four great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia McCollum in 2011 and his son Kenny in 2003. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 22, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Monday, July 23, from 4:00p.m. at HOME A Funcal service was 1960 to 1984. Eugene served as a member of the City Planning Commission, as Co-President of the Northville PTA, member and Schools and as a Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Eugene was a graduate of General Motors Institute in a.m. at the First Baptist Church South Lyon, Online Guestbook

SCHELLENBERG, DONALD RAYMOND Age 84, of Highland, July 17 2012, Funeral Services were held leaving Northville, Eugene lived in Carnation and Sammamish, Washington, Oak Park and at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home Milford, on Saturday, July 21 Aurora, Illinois. On Saturday August 4, 2012 at 10 am, a grave-side service will be held for

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with M. Joanne Cook and her parents, Robert L. Watson and Margaret E. (Lohman) Watson, officiated by Pastor Stuart Ritter, WALTON, ANITA E. Age 85, of Milford, July 22 2012. Funeral Mass Thursday 26, 11 AM, St. Mary reh, Milford. For further info www.LynchFuneralDirectors.co

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By Julie Brown

Members of Holy Cross Episcopal Church know being a Christian doesn't have to mean being a fuddv-duddv. To that end, they're

holding a classic rock concert on their front lawn 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. The church is on 10 Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook "It's to raise awareness

of how we live out the gospel life. It can be fun,' said the Rev. Ann Webber, The concert idea came along when church mem-

ber Mike Stuso offered the services of his band, in the group named for a Brighton exit off I-96. The event, open to the public by freewill offering, will benefit the downtown Detroit Cross-

Larry Jansen of Novi is roads Soup Kitchen, run by the Episcopal diocese senior warden of the Novi church, a lay leader. He with help of a number of churches. Also benefitand others go on Sundays ing from the Aug. 5 conto Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit, preparing, cert will be other food ministries and Project cooking and serving food to the needy. Night-Night, which gives "We have participated in a bag with a book, soft toy

several community projects like the Rouge River cleanup," Jansen said. This is another step in Webber said. At the Novi that direction." Organizers are call-

ing the first-time event a 'Neighborhood Picnic' welcome to all via freeawareness of the charities will offering. The church will provide live music we support," she said. The and beverages. Attendees Novi church also supports are asked to bring their Hospitality House, based own picnic, as it's not a ing the surrounding area.

For more information, gifts at Christmas through call the church at (248) 427-1175 Jansen added vou're also welcome to just come and listen to the music if you'd like.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS Wintergreen Circle after

a complainant observed

several juveniles with

A 22-year-old Walled Lake female was arrested on OWI after being stopped for a headlight

Drunken Driving

that wasn't working. On July 23, Novi Police stopped the woman on southbound M-5 near 13 Mile Road. Upon making contact the officer reported smelling intoxicants in the vehicle. The driver said she had one drink, which led police t ask her to perform field sobriety tests.

She had trouble with these, including being unable to maintain her balance. Her preliminar Breathalyzer test registered .16 percent bloodalcohol content.

Minor in Possession

The Novi Police broke up an underage drinking party and arrested one partier for minor in pos-On July 22, the police

alcohol go into the home where the parents were known to be out of town. A 19-year-old woman is a resident of the home and reportedly smelled of alcohol when speaking with police.

She was arrested and later released on bond. Another minor was found to be extremely intoxicated; however, she was taken to the hospital because she was vomiting.

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Another random act of destruction hit a Novi neighborhood and left a statue broken beyond On July 22, a Novi cou-

ple found a 36-inch tall statue broken into hundreds of pieces near their home on Summer Lane. It was owned by a 59-year-old Novi woman and made of a hard plastic type material. She said it was given to the home-

The homeowner recently leased the home and was concerned that it may have something to do with the statue. She said the

owner by her father and

valued at \$250.

former owners had the residence foreclosed and were not contesting it. Dangerous Drugs The Novi Police responded to a retail

fraud in progress and end up arresting a woman for dangerous drugs. The 26-year-old West-

land woman was arrested on July 22 at the Rite Aid on Ten Mile Road. There was a report of two women concealing things inside their purses.

land woman did have an unpaid for notebook in her purse as well as Destiny Worship Center a small amount of marijuana and 14 Alprazolam pills. Police also found rolling papers and a pipe. The woman was arrested for retail fraud as well

as for the drugs and paraphernalia. Ihuhman@hometownlife.com

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police found the West-

tact with the women, the



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reading program

Novi Library summer reading program vol-unteer Manjula Sriral 11, helps get Oliver Boyce, 6, signed up for the program on July 3. The reading program has two different sections for readers from grades 1 to 12 and then a separate category for adults. There have been almost a 1,000 kids who've signed up for the program that keeps youngsters reading during their summer break from

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS Skate Bus

The Skate Bus, a new program presented in partnership with the PLUS Skate Shop in Farmington, will take local skateboarders, ages 6 and up, to premier kate parks throughout Michigan and Ohio.
The bus pick-up and drop-

off is at the Novi Civic Center at 10 a.m. and Riley Skate Park in Farmington Hills at 10:15 a.m. for the Aug. 25 trip to Sylvania/ Toledo, Ohio. All skaters under age 9

must be accompanied by a parent. Participants should be a lunch. The deadline to register is Aug. 10. The cost is \$29 and includes a Skate Bus T-shirt. Registration is going on now at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department located inside

the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road or the PLUS Skate Shop in Farmington. For more information, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at (248) 735-5646 or gmorris@ cityofnovi.org.

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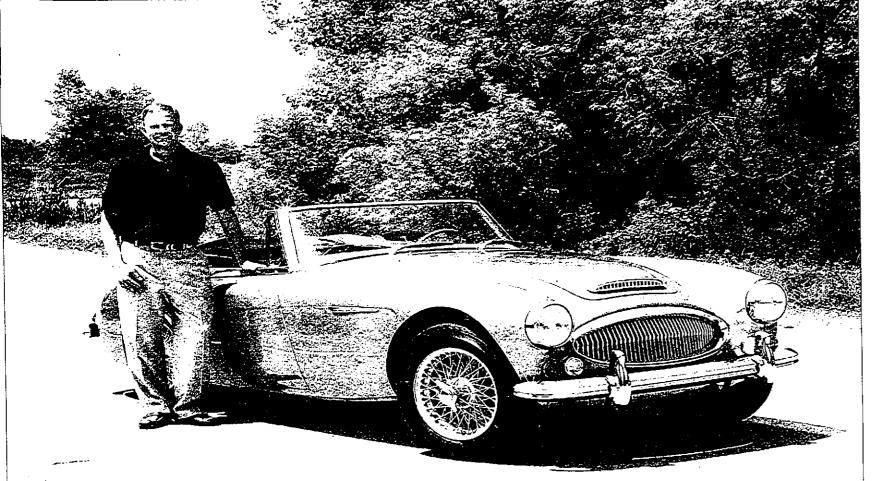
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Frakes of Novi wil show his this year's Concours d'Elegance

'Essence of a sports car'

Novi man's Austin Healey in Concours d'Elegance

By Julie Brown

Daniel R. Frakes of Novi won't have far to go for the Concours d'Elegance this July. He'll display his 1967 Austin Healey Roadster.

Frakes was in another Concours d'Elegance around 2000 at Meadowbrook grounds with anoth-

Motors in the public polier Austin Healey. He owns THINKING ABOUT... the automaker.

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three collectible cars. IF YOU GO "It was my latest restoration project," he said of

this year's display. "I just

It took about four years,

with him doing all but the

paint. That leaves such

areas as assembly, dis-

and interior for Frakes,

who works for General

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events in the days leading up to the Concours. There is a motoring tour 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 27, departing from The Inn at He likes the classic

It takes him longer to complete a car, due to Frakes is married, and he and his wife go boating. He's also a private pilot. His car originally

terms of collectible value with its color -- a combination of gold, pewter and silver. He's looking forward to the nearby Concours

d'Elegance. "I'm excited about the

St. John's, classic autos will

drive the countryside with

tor Richard Kughn's collec-

tion. The tour will continue

lunch at Mill Race Village

in Northville. The buildings

at the village will be open

for touring. Classic cars and

motorcycles, pre-1970, are

gift. Frakes drove it a

few years before restora-

tion, noting it does well in

with the final stop for

a stop at Concours' direc-

night Charity Gala, a ticketed event in St. John's Atrium, to be held 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, July 28. A City of Northville Concours Preview Party will be 3-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, with classic cars and free showings of the movie "Tucker" at the Marquis

being in my back yard," he said of the hosting Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township. This will be the second year for the Concours there, and Frakes finds it a good facility for the auto exhibit.

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The test will be conducted at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK

Publish: July 26, 2012

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 FOR City of Novi

To the qualified electors of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, will be open WEDNESDAY, August 6, 2012, from 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. as the last day to register to vote in the September 5, 2012 Special election.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your current address, you may do so in any of the following ways: At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at the office of any

County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State Registration Applications Available Online to Register by Mail:

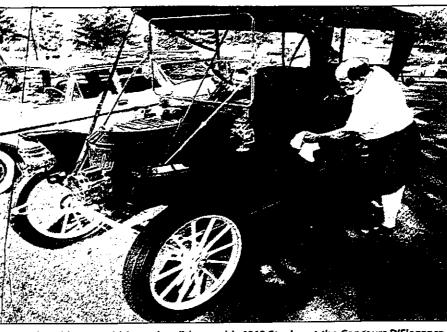
Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by going to: http://citvofnovi.org/Resources/Library/Forms/VoterRegistrationApp.pdf Complete the form, sign and deliver it to the Novi City Clerk at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by the close of registration deadline, August 6, 2012

Note: Persons who register to vote by mail are required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan or are at least 60 years of age or are physically unable to attend the polls.

The September 5, 2012 Primary election will be conducted in all 21 voting precincts of the City of Novi for the purpose of nominating candidates of all participating parties for filling the vacancy for Congressional Representative in the $11^{\rm th}$ District

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk 248-347-0456

Concours d'Elegance visitors welcome in Northville



th resident Gerald Szostak polishes up his 1910 Stanley at the Concours D'Elegance Auto Show media day on July 17 at St. John's Conference Center. Szostak said that there were about 20,00 of the cars made by the Massachusetts-based company that was in operation from 1897-1927.

Lovers of vintage automobiles and the annual Concours d'Elegance will Northville during the event. From 3-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, downtown Northville has partnered the Inn at St. John's on 5 Milein Plymouth Township. Shuttle service will be offered both Saturday and Sunday that week-

"This is the first time we are partners in the event," said Northville

with a shuttle running to their downtown and had a good ridership. We are expecting we will get the

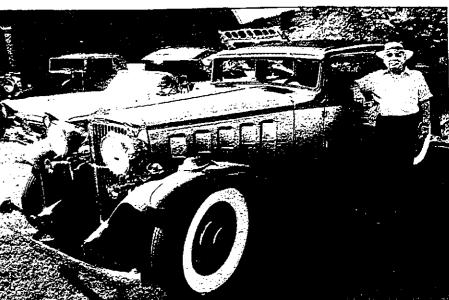
Both show visitors and vendors are expected to visit downtown Northville. Northville residents can park behind Northville Square shopping area, she said, and use the shuttle from there to visit the Concours. A large lot across from

the post office in North-

ville will be available free of charge. There is an admission charge for the Concours d'Elegance. the staff at Concours d'Elegance," Ward said. Many residents are car owners and have had cars in the show. Also, many are affiliated with the auto industry.

The featured artist, Tom Hale, who did the poster and program cover, has a Northville address with Farmington Hills residency. There will be an exhibit at the Concours site including Hale and other artists with auto-themed art.

"I know that the Concours folks have been delighted with the reception they got," Ward said of the event, which moved from the Mead-



Lee Barthell will be showing his 1932 Victoria Nash Coupe at this year's Concours D'Elegance auto show at Plymouth Township's St. John's Conference Center. The Farmington Hills resident (with a Northville mailing address stands with his car at the show's media preview day on July 17.

owbrook grounds to Plymouth Township last year. "We're delighted they're in this part of the

There will be 300 exhibitors with vehicles and 60-70 people related to judging. A lot affiliated with the event will be looking for things to do. Northville "provides something for them to do while they're in town for the event," she said, noting the Concours starts on Sunday and those people will arrive early. Saturday, July 28, will feature Northville's Concours d'Elegance Preview Event and Rare Car

on Main Street between Hutton and Center streets, the event, sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Roush Racing, includes a vintage car exhibition featuring 20 pre-war vehicles. There will be live

ar Snaps and swing band The Tom Allport Band. The car exhibit will run 3-8 p.m. that day, The Sugar Snaps will play 4-6 p.m., The Tom Allport Band 7-9 p.m. Shuttle service, sponsored state-Joel Schem-

from jazz duo The Sug-

available from the Inn St. John's in Plymouth Township to downtown Northville on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29 Hours of operation for the shuttle service are: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Satur day, July 28; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Visitors to Northville's Concours d'Elegance Preview Event and Rare Car Exhibit can also enjoy walking through town and viewing six art masterpieces from the DIA's InsidelOut Exhibit. For information on the event, visit www.down-



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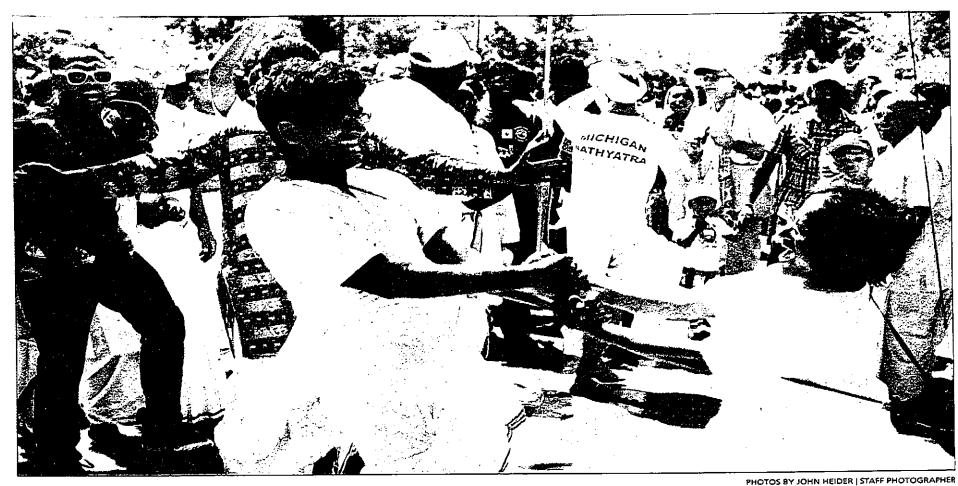
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Cristina Ley smiles as she enjoys the chants and dances of 'hare krishna, hare rama' as the Festival of Chariots and its singers, dancers and drummers makes its way down Taft Rd.





After the Parade, attendees were offered a free vegetarian meal by the International Society of Krishna Consciousness.



Piyusha Kolle, center, and Niva Musunooli, right, help to carry the flag announcing the symbolic arrival of the Festival of Chariots to Novi on July 21. The three-story high chariot was drawn by hand along Ten Mile Rd to Taft during the start of the Indian & Hindu celebration of Rath Yatra, which originates and is still celebrated yearly in the Indian town of Puri and commemorates Lord Jagannath's annual visit to Gundicha mata's temple.



The path of the chariot is symbolically cleaned by a sweeper as it continues down Taft Rd. in Novi.



Parade activities are reflected

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A Tremendous Tuesday

(Above) Nikki Van Dis and her kids Krista, 6, and Nate, 4, center, and a few others take in the July 10 Tremendous Tuesdays of the Sizzling Summer Series of concerts and events. Tuesdays' events are held at Fuerst Park and the July 10 meeting featured a presentation by Mad Science. (At right) Mad Science presenter "Florescent Phred" demonstrates how inertia can keep a glass of water steady on a platform as he twirls it around a crowd.



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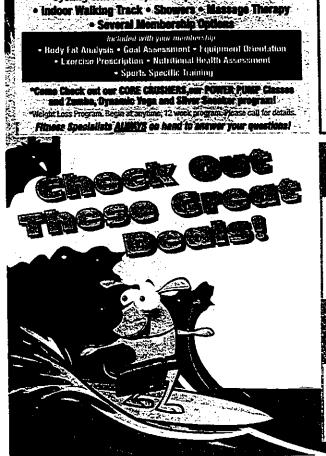
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Aces on the court

Dan Murguia plays tennis on the courts of Novi's ITC Community Park on July 18. Murguia and friend Aaron McPhail were on the courts on a day where the weather didn't prevent enjoyment of some



a shot back to Murguia two play on the courts ITC Com-Park on

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Check it out

Marah Leonard, 5, checks out a book at the Novi Library on July 12. The library, located on Ten Mile Rd. has three different reading programs this summer - with total of more than 1,000 participants - from kids to teens and adults taking part.



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Time/Date: noon-5:45 p.m.

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Farmers' Market Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2 p.m Thursdays through Oct. 25 Location: Northville Downs parking lot (northeast corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon

Details: Over 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, and flowers will be available for purchase. The Market also includes incredible Michigan- Made, Michigan Grown items like honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, iewelry, furniture, wood-

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 **Details:** "Three Centuries of Homes" -- Hosted by the American Association of Contact: Karen Zyczynski, (2480 349-6342; www.

VILLAGE

near Ford Field to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday to the public 1-4 p.m., Sun Contact: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events (*Grounds closed to

Stitching Group Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open: noon-1:30 p.m. Concours d'Elegance motoring p.m. rehearsal; 5:30 p.m. rehearsal

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m.

MARQUIS THEATER

Dates: Aug. 6-Sept. 23 **GENITT'S HOLE-IN-THE-**

WALL Location: 108 E. Main,

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com: by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafavette. South Lvon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to

newspaper. More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see online at www.home-

Contact: (248) 349-0522; Murder at Party Beach

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE Location: 215 W. Cady Street, Northville

> www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, volunteering. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month

Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

a.m. Tuesdays **Location:** Town Square, MAYBURY STATE PARK

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) Recreation Passport required for park entry. MI registered vehicles \$10 annually; non-resident vehicles \$8 daily or \$29 annual. Contact: (248) 349-8390 Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsofMay

NORTHVILLE-NOVI **BUSINESS NETWORK-**ING 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 Is land, 21200 Haggerty Road **Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworking group.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@ sunrisefinancialgroupilc.

Downtown **Events**

FIRST FRIDAYS Time/Dates: 6-9 p.m.

Location: participating downtown galleries, shops and restaurants in downtown Northville

Details: A unique and memorable evening filled with art, shopping and dining. As guests stroll along the streets of downtown Northville's art district, they will enjoy the popular First Friday Experience – a night

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

and shops with many of the

establishments along the

walk offering complimen

tary hors d' oeuvres and

as they browse or shop.

SUMMER FRIDAY

NIGHT CONCERTS

days, June-Aug.

beverages for their guests

Time/Dates: 7-9 p.m. Fri-

Location: Town Square,

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Aug. 3: Shawn Riley Band

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LOCAL NEWS

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Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 26 Location: VFW Post 4012

Location: Novi High School Contact: Donors will be entered into a monthly raffle for a \$500 gasoline card. To make an appointment. donors can go to www.redthe zip code.

17TH ANNUAL NORTH-VILLE-NOVI HOME

MILL RACE HISTORICAL

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street Details: Office open 9 a.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open free days, mid-June to mid-Oct.

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archive: open; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TARTS

Saturday: 3:15-5:15 p.m.

wedding*; 5:45-7:45 p.m. Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Village buildings open to public Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone

Location: 135 E. Main. Contact: (248) 349-8110 The Jungle Book

filled with art exhibits, art demonstrations and related events. Hosted by the locally-owned galleries

be included in Thursday's

the Northville Calendar townlife.com

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 11 and 25

(Celtic/classic rock) Aug. 10: Crutches (pop/

Aug. 17: Global Village (Motown/rock/blues) Contact: Northville Art Aug. 24: Randy Brock (clas-House (248) 344-0497 or sic rock/blues) Aug. 31: Steve King (classic

> and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203. **TUNES ON TUESDAYS**

> > Time/Dates: 10:30-11:30

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16 "NEW LOCATION

17 and 18

20 and 21

Contact: Northville Parks

downtown Northville Details: The popular free concert series for kids is sponsored by the Northville Authority and Toll Brothers. Performances are held rain or shine. Rain location is at

Genitti's Little Theatre (108 E. Main). Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203 support women to become

Regional

Events JAZZ @ THE ELKS Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Haggerty Road in Plymouth. Details: These events

are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating. July 31: The Cliff Monear Trio featuring Susan Tobocman on vocals; Monear on

keyboard; Jeff Pedraz on bass; and Scott Kretzer on Aug. 28: The Dave Bennett Quartet featuring Bennett on clarinet; Cliff Monear

on keyboard; Kurt Krahnke

WOMEN'S NETWORK SOURCE Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to mpower, motivate and

business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming Contact: Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or down

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MOONDUSTERS BALLROOM

Dance Club Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8:30-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia Details: Lessons are \$6 dance with live music is \$6, cost for both is \$10. Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

SUBURBAN COLLEC-TIONS SHOWPLACE ocation: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 or on bass; and Doug Cobb on

showplace.com

GREAT LAKES STATE

Dates: Aug. 31-Sept. 3 Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Grand River Avenue (between Taf and Beck roads), Novi Details: Michigan Pavilion featuring Michigan made, grown or produced products; livestock and agriculture areas with large indoor arena; local Americana/country live music featuring Michigan Breweries; large midway with tons of games and rides; local and national merchandise and concessions vendors; and Shriners small scale circus and circus attractions. Tickets available in advance

at www.GreatLakesState-

Contact: Kristina Jones;

(248) 348-5600 BASELINE FOLK

SOCIETY Location: JWH Center for the Arts Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Details: Entertainment includes eight open-mic spots (and lottery if more show up) Sign-up is between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45

Contact: Mike Mullen. president and founder of BaseLine Folk Society, at (248) 347-6881

NOTICE OF ELECTION PRIMARY ELECTION **AUGUST 7, 2012** IN CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors: NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan; TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012. The polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available at the polling places listed

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Deerfield Elementary School

Judge of Circuit Court - 6th Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position Judicial: And for the purpose of electing Delegates to County Convention of the Republican and Democratic Parties. And for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

Oakland County Art Institute Authority Millage
The Oakland County Art Institute Authority established pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2010 to allow for continuing
support of art institute services for the students, residents and visitors of Oakland County. The law allows the Authority to
seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real
and personal property to provide revenue to an art institute services provider for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue
providing art institute services to benefit the residents of Oakland County, shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property
located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2012 through 2021? It is estimated that if
approved and levied, this new millage would generate approximately \$9,847,191 in 2012. Oakland County Art Institute Authority Millage

Charter Amendment Proposal 1
Shall the Novi City Charter, Section 9.1(b), be amended to increase the millage amount for specific street and highway improvement purposes from a maximum of 1.0 mills (which has been reduced by the Headlee Amendment to .7719 mills) to a maximum of 1.5 mills beginning in 2013 tax year, resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$2,172,006 dollars in the first year.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of July 11, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Novi, in said County, in an follower.

VOTED INCREASE EFFECTIVE LOCAL UNIT Unlimited City of Novi 2008 - 2017 2004 - 2013 Walled Lake Consolidated School District Novi Community School District 2006 - 2015 2004 - 2013 Incl 5.49 .98 .4932 2004 - 2013 Incl. 2004 - 2013 Incl. 2011 - 2020 Incl. County School District Of Oakland County 3.6483 2012 to 2021 Incl. Unlimited Beg. 7-1-2012 (10 yrs) County of Oakland Oakland Community College

Dated: July 11, 2012 - ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER, OAKLAND COUNTY

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION

Absentee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4, 2012. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 6, 2012. Ballots obtained in person on Monday, August 6, 2012 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk 248-347-0456

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OUR VIEWS

Better roads

Vote yes on Novi millage

Residents of Novi have continually said that quality local roads are a high priority. Now they'll have the opportunity on Aug. 7 to increase funding for maintenance and improvements by voting yes for a millage.

It's a sound investment and merits voters support. Here's why this is so important for

In 1970, the city's charter set the level for its Neighborhood Road Program at 1 mill. Under the Headlee Amendment, that was rolled back to .7719 - but the number of streets to be maintained has almost doubled since then.

The current millage gives the city \$2.2 million which (along with another \$1 million from other sources like grants) is mainly used for maintaining current roads and sidewalks.

If approved, the new maximum millage rate would be 1.5 mills, which would generate an additional \$2.1 million for a total of more than \$5 million annually.

Of course, as a homeowner, you want to know how this would impact your pocketbook each year. It's simple to calculate: Just multiply half your home's value by .0007281.

For example, if your home's true market value is \$250,000, it has a taxable value (1/2) of \$125,000. Multiply that by .0007281 and the annual property tax increase towards roads would be \$91.01 - or about 25 cents a day.

However, it won't cause your taxes to go up when the increased millage becomes available in 2013 -- or really even after that, if the city's budget projections are on target. That's because the city reduced the overall

tax rate for 2012-13 from 10.5416 to 10.2 mills because less was needed for debt service and the millage for a storm water component

The new millage would remain in place unless it is changed by amending the city charter (and subject to Headlee rollback provisions). Taxpayers

would, see it on next summer's tax bill, and road improvements would also begin then.

It's important to note that this money can only be used for roads, sidewalks and pathways. The majority of the funds, 65 percent, would be used on neighborhood streets while 25 percent would go to major roads. Non-motorized facilities - including new sidewalks pathways and intersections -- would get the remaining 10 percent.

Most concrete roads have an expected service life of 30 years and it's only 20 years for asphalt roads. Novi uses a Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system to assess road conditions. It shows that if the millage stays at .7719, Novi's roads will decline from current state that is already not up to Novi expectations. Funding from the new millage would be used to reconstruct or rehab roads in 'poor' condition while those rated 'fair' would receive routine maintenance. Even if your street was just reconstructed, these new funds would be used to maintain it.

Roads in Novi will continue to deteriorate without these additional funds. They'll then need to be reconstructed - at a cost far greater than 25 cents a

We recommend Novi residents to vote yes on the proposed road millage increase in the Aug. 7 election.

YOUR TAXES

Here's how to calculate how much the new millage would cost you. If your home's true market value is \$250,000, it has a taxable value (1/2) of \$125,000. Multiply that by .0007281 and the annual property tax increase towards roads would be \$91.01 - or about 25 cents a day.

Novi News

Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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COMMUNITY VOICE

OPINION

Walmart will open in Novi Town Center by the middle of next month. Do you think it will be good for Novi?



'The answer's no. don't. I think they'll help Novi businesses in the short term, but I think eventually they'll take some business away from the small merchants.

Lou Mascolo



"I don't think it's a good "It's great for business, draw for Novi. Most of course, but my first people I spoke to won't concern would be the congestion in the Novi go. I won't go. When I go Town Center area. It's shopping I want to buy products made in the always been since they first proposed building

U.S.A. Walmart mostly stocks Chinese-made LaTanya Topps things."



the business success of our customers.

a good thing, but I don't go to Walmart much." **Roger Colting** Lvon Township

Laraine Levin

LETTERS

Taj the better choice

Republicans gerrymandered a congressional district to help out the weak incumbent Thaddeus McCotter who, through his own incompetence, was unable to get enough signatures to make it onto the ballot. To make matters worse, the Republican resigned and the cost of holding a special election to fill the remaining two months of his term may cost Michigan taxpayers more than half a million dollars.

The opportunistic Nancy Cassis, who was averse to running against incumbent McCotter, wants to take advantage of his resignation and is pledging to hold a vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act - something that has already been done (and failed) more than 30 times at an estimated cost of \$50,000,000 to taxpavers. This is the problem with gerrymandering – a political party chooses their voters and treat

them as their fiefdom. Luckily, we have a moderate candidate in Dr. Tai who understands the real costs to taxpayers of all the political theater of his opponents. We have a real choice this year: a career politician who is cynically exploiting a weak Republican field and wants to maintain Washington gridlock, or Dr. Taj, a successful small businessman and a medical doctor. I'm voting to move our country forward, I'm voting for Dr. Taj.

David Kniaz

Thank you Friends of the **Novi Public Library!**

Ever since there has been a Novi Public Library, there has been a Friends organization lending support and promoting the welfare of the Library. The Novi Public Library sincerely thanks the Friends for their ongoing support and the generous donations for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, including funding for the 2012 Youth and Adult Summer Reading Programs; Community Reads Program featuring a November 14, 2012 visit from "Picking Cotton: Our Mernoir of Injustice and Redemption" co-author, Jennifer Thompson-Cannino; Battle of the Books program; Morning Arts programs; an e-reader/tablet device; Novi Newbie bags and bibs; marketing of youth programs and resources, including early learning materials; replacement toys for the youth area; and staff in-service activities. These donations total over \$10,000 and help the Novi Public Library provide the resources and programs to support the educational, cultural, informational and recreational needs of its diverse community, without impacting the taxpayers of the Novi Community.

Besides annual donations to the Library, the Friends also sponsor adult programs, annual author luncheons, scholarships, the Book Nook book sales, fundraisers, and the Detroit Free Press Gift of Reading program. Novi Public Library Director, Julie Farkas-states, "We cannot thank the Friends organization enough. Our Library is a very special

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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place with programs, technology, and resources that focus on the needs of our community. We could not do this without the Friends of the Novi Public Library.

before the election.

Want to part of a valuable organization that directly supports the community? The Friends of the Novi Public Library are actively seeking volunteers and members to continue supporting the Library. To learn more, visit www.novilibrary. org/AboutUs/FriendsoftheLibrary. asp or contact the Friends at friends@novilibrary.org. The Novi Public Library is located at 45255 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi.

> Laura Liddicoat Communication Specialist Novi Public Library

Cassis misinforming about Bentivolio

As a Novi resident and precinct delegate for the Republican party, I am writing to make fellow constituents aware of a problem in our district. Time after time we see candidates slay each other during elections and we sit by and let it happen. We even defend the behavior by saying, "that's politics." Well, I have had enough! If someone feels a calling to office then they should educate people as to why they should be chosen to represent. They should not blatantly mislead the public in order to win. One example is the U.S. House of Representatives race between Kerry

Bentivolio and Nancy Cassis. Kerry Bentivolio, a war veteran. is on the ballot for this race. He is running because he feels he can best represent our district without the pressure of special interest groups. His opponent's campaign has focused on feeding the voters information that is simply not true. For instance, a literature piece went out implying that Mr. Bentivolio is for amnesty and not securing our

borders. This couldn't be further from the truth!

Do we really want a representative who is comfortable spreading misinformation? Do we want to reward this type of behavior? I certainly do not, and I urge everyone to really research the candidates before voting and decide for yourself.

11th Congressional District Republican Committee member

Who is Clark Durant? When people ask me, "Why

should I vote for Clark Durant?," I quickly prioritize my response. There are so many reasons that the brief time window available for my answer never seems sufficient. As an unpaid volunteer for the last two months, I have had the unique privilege of getting to know the man, Clark Durant. As I have watched and listened as he answers questions at press conferences and town-hall meetings, I can see that his education in economics from Tulane and his law degree from Notre Dame have served him well. His people skills and quick on-hisfeet thinking are readily apparent at town-hall meetings as he combines meeting new people with answering the tough questions. His grasp of our constitution and the federalist papers have defined him as a deep thinker and more importantly a man with a very real understanding of the wisdom that our founding fathers installed in our constitution and the declaration of independence. The passion that is revealed when he speaks of these subjects not only for their obvious value in guiding our government but the less obvious advantage of unifying citizens from both left and right of political center is contagious. Clark's list of endorsements is growing and includes The Detroit

Free Press, Hillsdale College, and, remarkably, the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce (home ground of his chief primary competitor). His work with the inner city education process (Cornerstone Schools) has labeled him as a giver and as one that is in this to help people from all walks of life and both political

This leads me to the single most important reason to vote for Clark: his integrity. His integrity has been revealed to me in many ways. I have had the privilege of meeting his wife Susan, his daughter Maggie, his son in-law Mike and many of his friends that have known him 20 to 30 years. You don't earn and receive the admiration of friends and family unless you are a person of integrity. The fact that he saw a need to help the inner city children of Detroit and responded by cofounding Cornerstone Schools: speaks volumes as to his character. I can think of no requirement for public office more than important than personal integrity and will vote for Clark and support him in any way possible.

> **Bob Cushman** Northville

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Lafayette, South Lyon,

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HOLY FAMILY Location: 24505 Meadow brook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

CHURCH OF THE

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and in Thursday's newspaper.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by ap-Priests: Father Bob LaCroix pastor and Father Michael

Zuelch, associate pastor CROSSPOINTE **MEADOWS CHURCH** Location: 29000 Meadow brook Road, south of 13

> Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org Sunday Worship: 11:15

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages **Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting n a multi-sensory worship

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@

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Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Location: 21260 Haggerty

Road, north of 8 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. Felowship 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 Wednesday Schedule: **LAKES BAPTIST** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; CHURCH 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilt-

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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Time: 10 a.m.

Road, Northville Contact: (248) 349-1144 or Contact: (248) 348-1020 visit www.fumcnorthville. Sunday Worship: 10:45 **Sunday Worship:** Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Meditative - Held in the

Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m. Sunday School: Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade

Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LU-THERAN CHURCH Location: 41415 9 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 HOLY CROSS EPISCO-

PAL CHURCH Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship

Alzheimer's Suppor Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

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Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonía Contact: 734-427-8743 or

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadow

brook Road, between 8 and 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 CHRIS-TIAN ASSEMBLY Location: 41355 6 Mile Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church or the second level (208/210) **Tuesday Morning Ladies** Bible Study 8:45-10:30

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 Pre school Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade)

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youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248)

790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www noviiewishcenter.com Wednesday

NOVI UNITED METH-ODIST Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy 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 com munity will stand united in prayer for peace. **Advent Service** Time/Date: 9:45 a.m.

OAK POINTE CHURCH Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or

visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Overseen by True-North Christian Counseling offering a variety of support and relational groups Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Sin

gle and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Grow-Wednesday Bible Study: ing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are

http://www.oakpointe org/lifegroups/renew/index

Women's Life Groups

Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Men's Life Groups Min-

Tîme/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various ocations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD HILLS BAP-TIST CHURCH

Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix 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

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH Location: 770 Thaver, Contact: (248) 349-2621 or

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

OUR SHEPHERD PRES-BYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 Sunday Worship: 10:30

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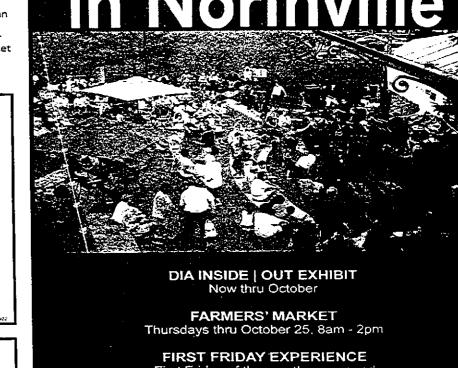
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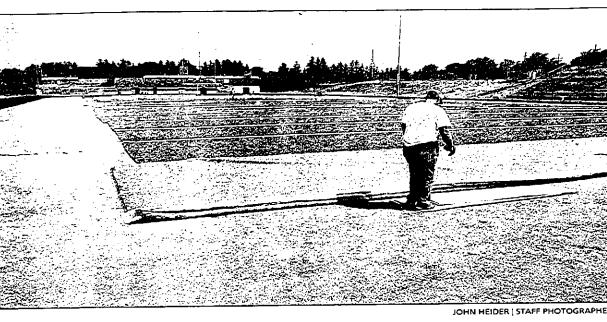
Holzer donates \$250,000 to Northville schools

Through a hefty dona-tion of \$250,000 to the Northville Public Schools Tom Holzer Ford has acquired naming and signage rights for the next decade at the athletic stadium on Eight Mile Road and helped push the fund raising goal for Phase 1

A ceremony was held Tuesday at the newlynamed Tom Holzer Ford Field with members of the school board, Holzer Ford team, Northville Educational Foundation, TURF Club and other school district staff present to witness Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and Holzer Ford President and CEO Connie Holzer sign the 10-year donor agree-

"Our children are our future and our future is our children," Holzer said "I want to do all I can to protect and educate these beautiful young minds. It is an honor to be involved with the wonderful city of Northville and the board of education. Let's put our helmets on for Turf Club."

The turf field has been completed and is ready for the first athletic con-



Northville Public Schools announced a generous \$250,000 donation from Tom Holzer Ford, Inc., in Farmington Hills, that will support the completion of Phase 1 improvements to the school district's athletic stadium — including the installation of artificial turf — and give naming rights for the Eight Mile facility to the automotive dealer.

Aug. 24 when the Northville varsity football team takes on Lakeland High

"We deeply appreciate this amazing gift from Tom Holzer Ford," said Dottie Garrity, school board president. "This unique agreement is an example of how our community is choosing, through its generous sup-

City of Novi

Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

um side yard setback of 10', with the aggregate of both sides no less than 25'.

4 district have a minimum rear yard setback of 35' and a minimum side yard setback o

abut a woodlands and wetlands area.
The property is located south of Grand River Ave and east of Meadowbrook Rd.

10' and a minimum aggregate of 25'. CASE NO. 12-035 41200 BRIDGE STREET

not higher than ten (10) feet.i

of no more than 16 square feet.

Publish: July 26, 2012

CASE NO. 12-037 26940 TAFT ROAD

CASE NO. 12-036 25975 MEADOWBROOK ROAD
The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance

level to protect and grow the incredible educational and extracurricular programs that are the hallmark of Northville

Public Schools." The agreement states \$172,600 will be donated immediately and ther \$8,600 annually over the next nine years. Gallagher said this is

a win-win for everyone

"The artificial turf project and stadium improvements are becoming a reality through the incredible generosity of

community members. local businesses and community groups - without taking money away from the classroom," Gallagher said, "This is truly a reflection of the fact that our community values exemplary programs,

including academics, athletics and the arts."

Deal specifics The school district has agreed not to enter into arrangements for advertising at the athletic facility with any other sponsors who are auto dealers in competition with Holzer, which is defined as another Ford dealer and any other dealer locatConnie Holzer

d within seven miles of Holzer's Farmington Hills location.

This will allow Holzer Ford to place logo signs at the north and south entrances to the facility, and on the scoreboard facing the field and on the back facing Eight Mile Road.

Holzer will also have the option of setting up car displays during events at the facility and will be responsible for the safety of these setups. Holzer said in tribute to the school mascot, the first cars to go on display

will be Ford Mustangs. The goal of raising \$1.2 million for Phase 1 has been reached and now the next round of fundraising will begin in the fall to help get Phase 2 under way. This will involve renovating the concession, restroom and locker

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Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: <u>CASE NO. 12-031 43700 EXPO CENTER DRIVE</u> The applicant is requesting an exception to (5) Sections of the Novi Sign Ordinance: Section 28-5 (3), Section 28-5 (2) a.2.ii, Section 28-5 (2) a.1.i, Section 28-1(10) and Section 28-1-(3). Applicant requests to place two signs on the water tower at the former Expo Center property, reading iAdelli horizontally on the top and iNovii vertically on the support of the water tower. The sign would be 120 square feet, exceeding the maximum size of 100 square feet. It also would be 120 feet in height, exceeding the maximum height of 6 feet, and would not be a properted by a propurent if with the base of the sign on the ground. Finally, the sign be isupported by a monument, i with the base of the sign on the ground. Finally, the sign would not reference a business located on the premises as a business with the name Adell will not operate on the property. The property is located west of Novi Rd and south of Interstate 96. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits only one (1) sign per CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5 (2) a.2.ii allows a ground sign to be a maximum of six (6) feet in height. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5 (2) a.1.i stipulates that a ground CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-1 (10) states that a ground sign must be supported by a monument with the base of the sign on the ground. CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-1(3) requires that a business sign reference only the name of a business on the premises. CASE NO. 12-032 24926 BLOOMFIELD COURT The applicant is requesting an exception to CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 which stipulates minimum rear and side yard setbacks. Section 2400 requires that a site within an R-4 district have a minimum rear yard setback of 35' and a requires that a site within an R-4 district have a minimum rear less than 25'. つい The applicant's proposed plan has rear yard of 29.24', approximately six (6) feet less than the minimum. The proposed plan has a 3.9' side yard setback with an aggregate total of 13.9', below the minimums of 10' and 25' respectively. The rear and side yards at issue CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a site within a R-4 district have a minimum lear yard seconds in 60 and a minimum aggregate of 25'. CASE NO. 12-083 21937 MERIDIAN LANE The applicant is requesting an exception to CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 which stipulates minimum rear yard setbacks and lot coverage for construction of a screen porch. Section 2400 requires that a site within an R-4 district have a minimum rear yard setback of 35' and a maximum lot coverage of 25% of the total lot size. The applicant's proposed plan has a proposed rear yard of 28', 7' short of the mandated 35' setback. Additionally the proposed addition to the home increases the total lot coverage to 27% of the total lot size, 2% greater than the allowable maximum. The property is located south of Nine Mile Rd and east of Meadowbrook Rd. The property is located south of Nine Mile Rd and east of Meadowbrook Rd. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a site within a R 4 district have a minimum rear yard setback of 35 and a maximum lot coverage of 25% of the total lot size. CASE NO. 12-034 121 AUSTIN DRIVE The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400. Front yard and side yard setback requirements are stated in Section 2400. The minimum front yard for a lot in an R-4 District is 30 feet and the minimum side yard is 10 feet. The proposed reconstruction/repair of an existing nonconforming structure would maintain the structure with only a 7'2i side yard, 2'10i short of the mandated minimum. The front yard would have a 20' setback, 10' below the required Wednesday, August 1 minimum. The property is located west of Old Novi Rd and south of 13 Mile Rd. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a site within a R-Wednesday, August 29 trict have a minimum front yard setback of 30' and a minimum side yard setback of The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance granted in ZBA 11-022 for one 24 square foot oversized real estate sign located at 41200 Bridge Street. The property is located east of Meadowbrook Rd and south of Interstate 96, north of 11 Mile Pa 5 Weeks MILE RG. COPY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE. Section 28-6 (4) states: iSale, rental or lease Registration begins June 14 sign which identifies the sale, rental, or lease of the non-residential property Obe Onot less than one half the distance between the principal building and adjacent street and The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance granted in ZBA 11-022 for one 24 square foot oversized real estate sign located at 25795 Meadowbrook Road. The property is located east of Meadowbrook Rd and south of 11 Mile Rd. Register for classes online, The property is located east of Meanth of the property of NoVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-6 (4) states: iSale, rental or lease of the non-residential property obeonotes in which identifies the sale, rental, or lease of the non-residential property obeonotes. s than one-half the distance between the principal building and adjacent street and over the phone or in person The applicant is requesting an exception to CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES Section 28-(6) which governs sign requirements. One sale, rental or lease sign is allowed **42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive** as of right as long as it does not exceed 16 square feet. Applicant's proposed sign is 48 square feet. It will be placed so as to be visible from the I-96 highway. **NOVI, MI 48375** The property is located east of Taft Rd and south of Interstate 96. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-6 permits a sale/rental/lease sign

Welcome. Weichert

A ribbon-cuttina ceremony was held July 20 at Weichert Realtors Cass Realty 42020 Grand River Avenue, Suite A, in Novi. Pictured (r to i, front) are Steven Barnes, associate Conway, associate broker Novi: Renata Rae Ballas, manager and Realtor; Ronald LaCasse Jr., owner broker; Sheryl Solarz, administrator; (back) Jason McCarver, Realtor: Charles Schumacher, Realtor; and Warren Ginsberg,



NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

hoff, CEO of Shazaaam.

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Beauty store opens in Novi Town Center

ULTA has opened its new store in Novi Town Center, providing customers prestige and mass cosmetics, makeup, fragrance, skincare, bath and body, haircare tools and salon services.

'The 11,000 square foot ULTA Beauty store is a significant addition to the new Novi Town Center," said Jim Clear, NTC gen the nation's leading beauty retailers, shoppers are going to be very pleased with the incredible selection of products and services they'll find at ULTA Beauty.'

The store will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 11 More information about ULTA Beauty stores can be found at www. ulta.com. The address is 26110 Ingersol Drive; (248) 449-5221.

Shazaaam! Receives IABC award

The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Detroit Chapter recently onored Shazaaam! Marketing & Public Relations of Novi, Mich., with the Renaissance Award for lenge, a philanthropic social media campai

"We viewed The Million Dollar Challenge as a meaningful way to celebrate our 10-year anni versary while giving back to worthy organizations vital to our community," said Adrienne Len-

Business owners and

entrepreneurs who need

assistance are invited to

ruary offered by the Oak-

attend seminars in Feb-

Center, Business Basics

offered in the evenings

land County Business

workshops are now

dollar contest, which involved a social media promotional strategy to drive traffic to nonprofit organizations and to the Shazaaam website. The 10 nonprofit organizations that received the

liance Audio as one of its most votes each received locations on the Amazon \$100,000 of pro bone pubcorporate website; lic relations services from Shazaaam "We set the bar high report on Brilliance and exceeded expectations," said Lenhoff.

of Amazon; and "More than 140 worthy organizations participat ed and over 14,000 individuals voted to support their favorite nonprofits. for all of Brilliance It is truly an honor for IABC Detroit to acknowledge our accomplishments for this win-win Hallan pointed out in

Michigan Retailers calls on state treasurer to send sales tax bill to Amazon

campaign."

The Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) today called on State Treasurer Andy Dillon to follow the law and his department's own guidelines by sending a bill to online giant Amazon for sales tax owed the State of

Michigan "Because Amazon has a physical presence in Michigan it has sufficient nexus with the state and should be collecting sale tax for Michigan-based online purchases on its website," James

P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO, wrote in a letter to Dillon. "We urge Treasury...to send a bill to Amazon for sales tax

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this summer, another faster devices and technologies are hitting the market. Among them are the Droid 4G LTE, the Nokia

900 and the Verizon Jetpack. Soon, Windows will be releasing a number of oth-

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ing products such as the Windows 8 Phone. I had the opportunity

to test the Droid 4G LTE courtesy of Verizon and witness the new Droid 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich operating system and beats audio.

The phone had impressive multimedia functions with an 8.0 Megapixel camera and even more impressive speed The unit comes with a 1.2 GHZ processor - that's faster than the laptop l bought after college and I'm not that old.

I was also able to use the phone in conjunction with another new Verizon technology - the Verizon Jetpack. The Jet Pack is a device that ws users to become their own mobile hotspot at speeds about ten times faster than 3G network connectivity.

The Jetpack is great tool for those vacationing

for a fast, reliable internet connection. And at \$19.99 it comes at a very nomical price.

If you're not a Verizon customer and are still looking for a great phone, the Nokia Lumia 900 is receiving great reviews. The phone was one of the first to deliver 4G capabilities and now retails for as low as \$19 with a two-year agree-

ment. The best part of the Lumia 900 is its unique Windows interface · much different than the Blackberry, Apple and Android set ups on most phones. The Lumia 900 also comes in bright blue – unlike most of the black, white and gray

models you see on the market. Like the Droid Incredible 4G LTE, the Lumia 900 has a 8.0 megapixel camera - but it also has a 1.3 megavixel chat cam. AT&T's latest project. the Windows 8 Phone will share the same operating system as the Lumia and will also be fully integrated with Microsoft's

newest version of MS The new Microsoft Office is another item on a long list of Windows products that are receiving a lot of press this ummer. The new office suite isn't a must-have for every PC user, but it does have some cool features that even technology novices will love.

New for Microsoft First the system will be touch-screen compatible will also embrace cloud computing which will help Microsoft compete with other tech giants like Google, who have been steadily creeping

into their space. One of my favorite features within the new Microsoft Office suite, is the ability to embed videos or other multimedia from the web, into a

word document. Microsoft has set up the suite as such so that users explore the cloudbased technology. Consumers who buy the home version of the new office suite (dubbed office '13) will receive 20 GB of cloud storage

space. Additionally, Microsoft will allow a subscription-based approach to Office '13 for those look ing to utilize the cloud service. Office '13. which has been out since July 16, is also available

One device discussed in this space you still can't get your hands on though. Is the Windows 8 Phone. It has no official release date, but could be on shelves as soon as October or as late as Christmas.

You can find the Droid Incredible 4G LTE and Verizon Jet Pack at your nearest Verizon store or

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The groom-elect is the son of James and Colleen Giovanni, of Farmington Hills. He graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 2004. He is a record producer and owns and operates the Record Shop recording studio

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Rhonda Davenport Johnson has been named senior vice president and director of the Comerica Loan Center.

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Oakland region of Michigan banking centers. During her tenure with the bank, she also held positions in Business Banking, new business devel-

opment, and operations. Davenport holds a bachelor's degree in business and an MBA from Western Michigan University and is a graduate of the Consumers Bankers Association's Graduate School of Retail Bank Management.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hospice of Michigan Foundation, where she is the incoming chair, and the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. She has also served in volunteer positions for the American Cancer Society, Garden City Hospital board of trustees, American Heart Association, United Negro College Fund,

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Lumley, Langley join Teach for America

Teach For America announced that Joshua Lumley and Paula Langley, Novi natives, have been accepted to the organization's 2012 teaching corps. Teach For America is the national corps of top recent college graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational opportunity for all

Joshua Lumley is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School and 2012 graduate of University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and Paula Langley is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School and 2012 graduate of Marygrove College, Lumley will teach in The Rio Grande Valley and Langley will teach in New York.



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Learn-to-Skate instructor Meredith Bauer, left, plays keep away from student Abby Losey, 4, during a June 27 class at the Novi Ice Arena. The day's class had more than a dozen youngsters on skates as they began to learn their way around a rink. For more information on summer skating programs at the Novi Ice Arena, go to www. noviicearena.com or call (248) 347-1010.



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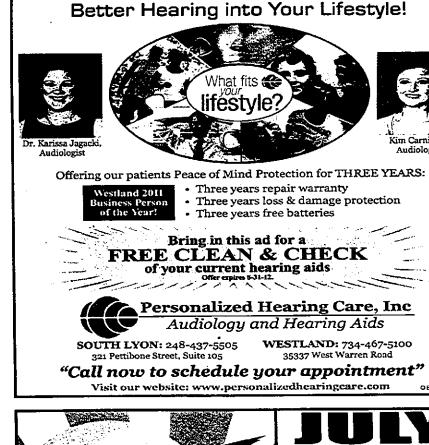




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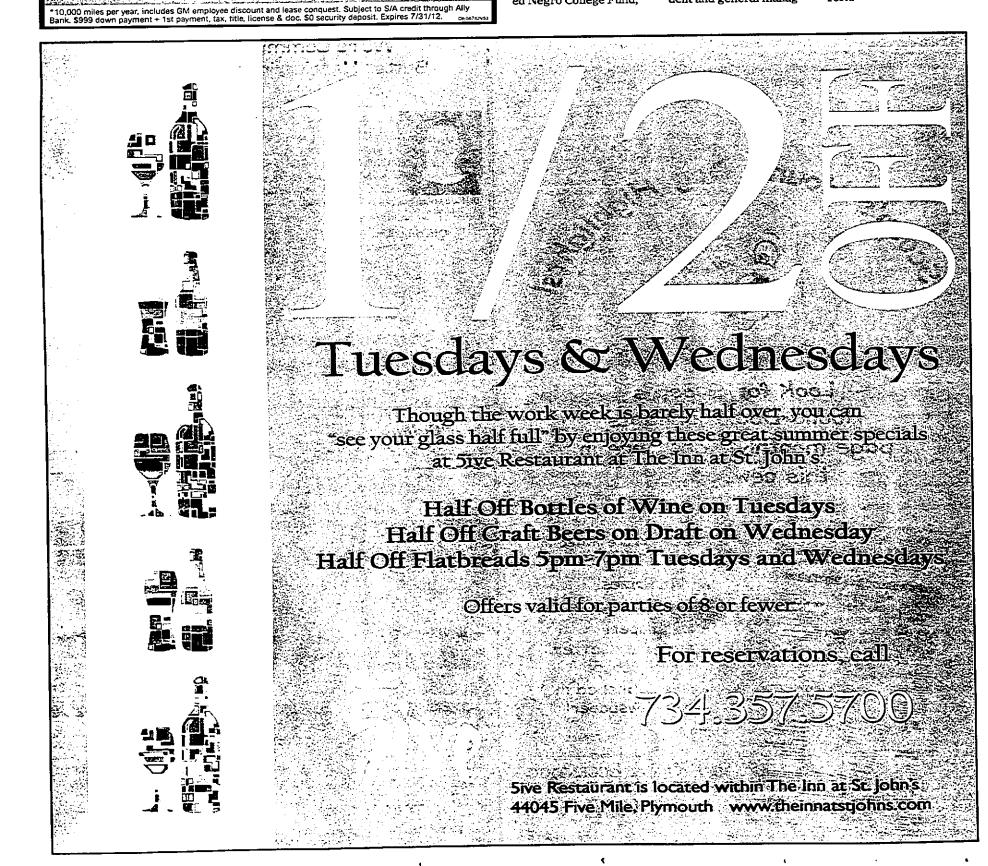




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Northville set to host 31st NABF World Series

They come from New York and Toronto, from Maryland, Ohio and Texas. They are the best of Baseball Federation U16 teams in the country, and they're here in Northville for the biggest tourna-

Northville is no stranger to the NABF World Series tournament. The community has hosted the event for the past 31 years. For 2012, a full compliment of 12 teamsincluding Northville's own Broncos-will be taking to the diamonds around town to determine which squad has the right to claim the title of national champions.

"With a true National Championship at stake, the intensity at every game is tremendous. said Scott Baldwin, director of the NABF Tournament. "Fans of all ages can enjoy watching the best 16-year-old players



Northville Broncos prepped and ready for World Series

When it comes to the nament being hosted in Northville, there is always one giant upside for the local community -their own team gets an automatic bid.

The Broncos, who are coached by Ken Cheslik will be looking to make the most of that opportu nity once again this year the World Series for the 31st year. "We would like to thank

the NABF for offering this tournament and allowing Northville to host it," said Cheslik, who has coached the Broncos in three different World Series tournaments over the years. "It is a lot of fun. It is great for the community and it is great for the kids to have this

Northville Bronco Bobby Nayh makes a throw on the infield during last year's National nateur Baseball Federation playoffs at Hillside.

as a goal to be able to play The World Series annually brings in some of

the best U16 players in the country. They come from New York, Ohio and ers. Cheslik said that his team will welcome their fellow baseball players

to Northville, but that

step aside and let these top-notch programs have a guaranteed victory.

will be looking to make

a run at the title them-"Our goals are to get to the finals, knowing if we can make it that far ve can win it," he said. "In order to reach these goals, we can't give up extra outs and we need to

Northville has been this tournament and made sure their regular-season schedule was chock full of top-quality

"We have played in a series of competitive mer, in addition to playing in a challenging league," said Cheslik. "We feel many of the teams we played this year are

we will see in the World Cheslik said his team

expects to see some very solid baseball play ers who know the key to until the final out. In addi tion, they will likely come across some of the best pitching they've seen all

But Cheslik and the Broncos don't mindtheir roster is full of talented players, too. On cos team are: Dan Baldwin, Jake Cheslik, Brad Couts, Mitch Deacon, Tim Eis, Eric Fox, Jake Han-Slominski, Mitch Sykes, Nolan Waldeck, Evan Wieland and Zach Wilds. The team is coached by Cheslik with assistants Tom Deacon, Todd Eis, Greg Cheslik and Don

Pavlika sisters overcome obstacles and rise to top at new school

The transition worked

in the best interest for

made the varsity squads

ball, soccer and track at

Novi. Sam was the soccer

squad's netminder while

simultaneously winning

title and All-Area Player

of the Year honors with

the track and field team,

while Taylor was a vital

piece to the puzzle with

high soccer and track

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both sisters, as both

for each girls basket-

By Chris Jackett

Three of Novi's sports teams received an unexpected boost this past school year thanks to a pair of talented sisters from Temperance.

Sam Pavlika, 18, and Taylor Pavlika, 16, transferred to Novi from Temperance Bedford last fall just one month into their sophomore years.

aspirations for the next two years.

"I'm just looking forward to the next two years at Novi," Taylor said, "Novi's been really good for me."

The two girls had to sit out the first month of the basketball season last winter per MHSAA rules, but were happy to join the team after win-

Please see SISTERS, B3



From left, Novi seniors Jessica Jarvis (Bowling Green), Samantha Pavlika (IPFW) and Madelyn Haustein (Ferris State) joined their U18G Jaguars soccer teammates at Total Sports Complex in Wixom Feb. 1 to sign their National Letters of Intent to play college soccer.

B2 (NRNN)

Q&A for the 2012 U16 Northville Broncos

By Sam Eggleston

The Northville Broncos are geared up and ready to play some ball this week in the NABF World Series. which is in its 31st year being hosted in Northville

Each player was asked the same four questions to give the fans a chance to get to know their Broncos: 1. Who is your favorite major league player? 2. What is your favorite baseball memory? 3. Who do you most admire and why? 4. What are your future goals?



DAN BALDWIN 2nd Base/Outfield 1. Miguel Cabrera 2. Playing in Cooper

3. My grandparents because they are always there for me and they come to my sporting events whenever possible

4. Playing softball with my brothers and dad in a few years



JAKE CHESLIK Third Base/Catcher 1. Andrew McCutchen 2. Playing in Cooper-

stown 3. My dad because he always pushes me to do my best and he will always tell me what I am doing wrong so I can fix it and make myself better at whatever I am doing 4. Attend college at Ohio State



Outfield

1. Troy Tulowitzki

Championship in 7th grade for St. Mike's

has taught me plenty

of life lessons and has

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4. To attend college

and become a Physi-

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2. Winning the CYO

3. My dad because he

MITCH DEACON Center Field/Pitcher 1. David Wright 2. Going to Cooperstown

3. Pops, because he was a great guy who loved sports and came to all of my games 4. Graduate from college and get a good job



TIM EIS Pitcher/2nd Base 1. Justin Verlander 2. Going to Cooperstown as a U12 Bronco

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1. David Ortiz My first home run in Sylvania, OH 3. My mom and dad because they taught me never to give up, to work hard and never take anything for granted. 4. To play college

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Some of these players, just like in years past, will go on to careers in professional baseball. You

may even be able to say you saw a future MLB All-Star (if you've come to past tournaments):

Alex Avila played in our World Series in 2004." The tournament begins with a skills competition, which took place at Ford Field yesterday, and advances to pool play and into the elimination tournament. It all culminates with a World Series Championship game on Sunday afternoon.

"We expect this year's Series to be the biggest

This year's line-up of teams include the SAYO

Grays (Brooklyn, NY), the B45/Marucci Titan-Storm (Long Island, NY), the Allen Baseball Club (Houston, Texas), Creekside Fitness

Kuboff (Youngstown, Ohio), the Northville

(McCook, Illinois), the La Plata Junior Legion

Blue (La Plata, Maryland), the Ohio Glaciers

(Youngstown, Ohio), Team Cincinnati (Cincinna

ti, Ohio), the Schenectady Indians (Schenectady,

NY) and the Toronto Mets (Toronto, Ontario).

Baldwin said that while the majority of the

teams are regional winners who worked their way through tournaments to the NABF World

Series, it doesn't mean the local Bronco's automatic bid counts them out of the running.

"Most of the teams coming for the World

ing from a far larger population than Northville.

Consequently, they are apt to have teams loaded

ville, on the other hand, is more inclined toward

a finesse game. When the World Series officially

became a wooden bat tourney two or three years

ago, power hitting became less of a factor and

great baseball finesse became more importanthence, Northville has become more competitive.

We may not have the biggest teams, but we play

smart baseball and take advantage of our oppor-

tunities. Plus, our kids have been getting great

coaching starting at a very young age, and it is

All games for the NABF World Series program are free admission. Funds are raised to support

the tournament through the sale of souvenir pro-

with power hitters," admitted Baldwin. "North-

Series are regional teams, so they are draw-

Broncos (Northville), the Top Tier Nationals

and most exciting so far," said Baldwin.

(Youngstown, Ohio),

paying off.



JAKE SLOMINSKI Catcher/Pitcher /3rd Base 1. Miguel Cabrera

2. Playing baseball in 3. My dad because he has taught me patience, work ethic and how to challenge

4. To be accepted to the University of Michigan



NOLAN WALDECK Outfielder/Pitcher Placido Polanco 2. Hitting an in-the-

park-home run 3. My grandmother because of her perseverance in life and because she makes every effort she can to come to my games.

4. To achieve a good college education and move forward with my life from there.



Outfield/2nd Base Austin Jackson 2. Hitting my first inside the park home run at Fish Hatchery. My father because he got me into sports and he is very success

4. To become a successful scientist

First Base/Pitcher l. Prince Fielder 2. Hitting two grand slams in one game 3. My dad because he is incredibly hard working and a great

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"It was kind of rough at first. but once basketball started, it was a lot easier," Sam said of transferring midway through

her senior year. "Me and my sister practiced like 100 times before we could even step on the court," Taylor added of the few months leading up to their January debut.

girls, who also play premier club soccer with the Novi Jaguars throughout the year, ran into problems at Bedford while attempting to do dual sports in the same season.

"We played basketball and club soccer at the same time Our basketball coach did not like us being multi-sport athletes," Taylor said. "My sister missed a run-through practice before Districts because she had a soccer thing for her scholarship for college."

Sam secured a soccer scholarship to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) over the winter after helping her Novi Jaguars team achieve success.

Understanding she'd be benched for one basketball game for skipping practice, Sam attended the soccer event. Her basketball team won the district quarterfinal without her on the court, although she was at the game with the team cheering them on from the

Upon returning to practice before the district semifinal, she was met with a cold shoulder from her coach despite being a junior captain, so she

If he would have apologized, it would have been fine," Taylor said of her sister's treat-

Taylor said she was ready to quit, as well; but decided to finish the season. She had a soccer game during the district semifinal and was consequently benched for the district final, which Bedford lost.

With basketball behind them, the Pavlikas paired with Jags teammate Taylor Pirrone during the Bedford soccer season but it was mainly a three-girl show with Taylor leading the offense as a freshman.

"Soccer players at Bedford don't know how to play soccer and the coach didn't know that much," Sam said, crediting Novi soccer coach Brian O'Leary with helping her continue to grow as a player this

past spring.
They also participated in track, and their soccer coach told them to skip a soccer district game because they had

an opportunity to participate in the track state meet, where both placed in field events. When basketball training began last summer, things were different. Sam, who had been a starter as a junior, only played a few minutes. Taylor, who had made varsity as a

freshman midway through the

season, was back on the fresh-

varsity action as a sophomore.

man squad, bound for junior

"The head coach wouldn't even talk to me, I had to talk to the assistant coach," Taylor said. "We went to the school board not trying to get them fired, but just trying to get them to treat multi-sport athletes the same. It turned into a big issue."

The sisters received a letter telling them to pick one spring sport - soccer or track - and not addressing the multi-sport basketball concern. That's when they decided to join many of their Jaguar teammates an hour north of Temperance in Novi. At Novi, both have settled in

"My freshman year at Bedford was a lot different," Taylor said. "At Novi, everything was a lot more competitive." Sam said having her sister with her during the transition was a huge help.

"(It helped) a ton," Sam said. "I had someone who had my back all the time." Both girls also said they

enjoy the classroom education they've gotten more than at their past school. "I think the academics are

going to help me," Sam said. "It's going to make the transition from high school to college easier.' As for multi-sport con-

flicts, soccer and track don't have overlapping meets and the coaches at Novi are more understanding.
"We can basically practice

track whenever. There weren't any conflicts," Sam said, noting that soccer is the primary sport for both Pavlika sisters. They've been playing club

soccer for five years and Taylor hopes to follow in her sister's footsteps by securing a collegiate athletic scholarship when she graduates in 2014. "I think we'll be real good at

basketball, soccer and track," Taylor said of the upcoming school year. "I think we're going to be really good at soc-Sam is hoping to fight for a

few minutes of playing time as a freshman goalkeeper at IPFW this fall.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Inter-City champs



The Northville F-League Twins finished the 2012 season 16-1-1 and defeated both Novi and South Lyon to become Inter-City Champions on July 14. Pictured (back row): Coach Lucido, Noah Vaitkevicius, Brian Lucido, Jake Babcock, coach Smith and coach White; (middle) Hojun Lee, Jacob Smith; and (front) Jacob White, Noah Barba, Stefan Piccone, Utsav Trivedi, Jordan March, Harry Kaloustian,

Area chock full of All-State lacrosse talent

By Sam Eggleston

Between the Northville Mustangs, the Novi Wildcats and the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks boys lacrosse teams, it appears that there is a complete All-State squad within just a few miles of each other.

Combined the three schools accounted for 18 spots on the All-State squad, ranging from first-team selections to honorable men-

What's more is that the schools ended up with some All-American selections, too. Northville senior Jakob Kippola earned field honors in the All-American voting for his performance during play while Novi's Curtis Herzog and Detroit Catholic Central's Brett Mizzi each earned Academic All-American honors for their work on the field and in the class-

In the All-State voting, Northville's Kippola (attack), Nick Mehreci (midfield) and Connor Smith ... (special teams) all earned first-team honors, a distinction shared by Detroit Catholic Central's Jordan Yono (defense).

room.

Earning second-team honors were Catholic Central's

Nick Gingell (midfield) and Danny Meyers (attack) as well as Novi's Travis Sparling (defense), Tommy McMaster (special teams) and Ken Burnett (attack).

Third-team honors were awarded to Novi's Adam Haynes (midfield) and Scott Schramm (defense) as well as Northville's Joe Chase (attack) and Catholic Central's Alec Gilhooly (attack).

Honorable mention honors were given to Northville's Joe Kim (goalie) and Max Williams (defense) as well as Novi's Herzog (attack) and Catholic Centrals Gerald Pereault (defense) and Steve Jarzynski (defense).

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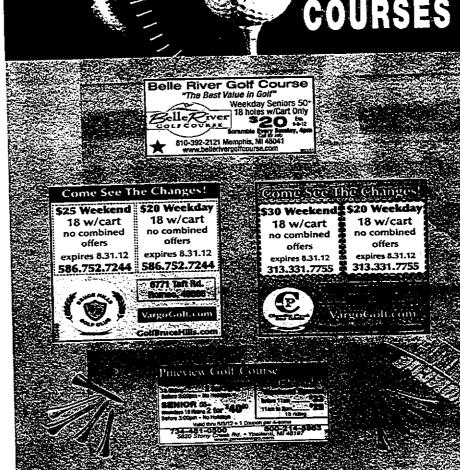


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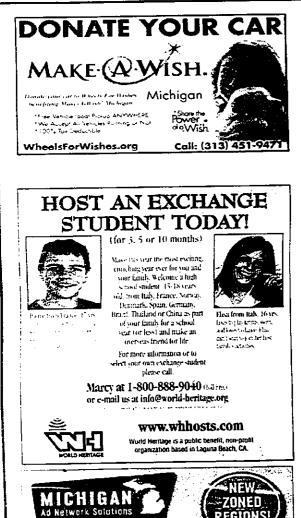
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Cubs error free in tourney



The Northville Cubs 12U baseball team were runner ups in the Faast Summer Classic at Eastern Michigan University. The Cubs went 3-0 in pool play before losing the championship game to the Adrian Lookouts. The Cubs did not commit an error the entire tournament. The tournament wrapped up another incredible season for the Cubs. The third year team finished in second place in the KVBSA's travel league Advanced Trammel Division and went 4-3 at the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament in New York. Bottom Left: Alex Gaft, Robert Ujkaj, Luke VanTiem (bat boy), Owen Marshall, Brandon Rice, Reed VanTiem. Middle Row: Mourad Toussinian, Eamon Horwedel (guest player), Aram Shahrigian, Ryan Perkins (guest player), Matt Whitcomb, Jake Moody. Back Row: Coaches Reed Van Tiem, Jim Marshall, Jacob Gaft. Not Pictured: Coach Mike Conniff, coach Nick Lionas, Michael Conniff, Michael Lionas





Are You Still Paying Too Much For Your Medications



By Sam Eggleston

It's always nice to hear that the hard work and dedication put into a project is still appreciated years later. It's especially nice to find out how much it is still appreciated 39 years lat-

Members of the inaugural Northville Arsenal and Northville High School soccer teams gathered last Friday at Genitti's in Northville to give thanks to the founders of the Northville Soccer Association.

Norman Davis, Dr. Dan Swayne and Dr. Marvin Gans were honored last week at the special event, remembering the history of the program and how it came to be. Since then, Northville's soccer program has bloomed, building several state champion ship teams and a multitude of top-quality soccer players, including many Olympic Development Program regional team selections.

But in 1973, soccer in Northville just didn't exist and Davis, who had just moved into the area with his family, aimed to change that. Motivated to introduce the sport of soccer to Northville. Davis enlisted the help of Swayne and, later, Gans, to found a fledgling soccer league. Three teams comprised the initial Northville soccer season, playing matches during the of 1973 on the Ford Field baseball diamond and outfield. The teams were named after the legendary English soccer clubs: United, Hotspurs and Arsenal. The uniforms were donated, but due to a mix-up, adult sizes were ordered instead of children's sizes and the oversized, bulky jerseys-adorned with a large Donald Duck on the front-were

worn anyway. do have pictures," said Mark Swavne, who helped organize the event. He was one of the players on the inaugural

After several seasons playing at Ford Field, the trio of found-

ers contacted some of the burgeoning soccer programs in south-east Michigan, including Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, and Novi, to form the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL), Participating as the Northville Arsenal, Davis, Swayne, and Gans coached and managed the team. As the Northville soc-

cer scene continue to

grow, Swayne, Gans, and Davis lobbied for the adoption of soccer as a varsity sport at Northville High School. In 1979, an exhibition match was scheduled between the Northville Arsenal and the defending high school state champion team from Livonia Stevenson. The game was played on the Northville football field in front of nearly 5,000 people. The Northville players earned a 5-3 victory in the cold, rainy night and drew enough attention to the sport to help ignite the need for a

varsity team.
The Northville Arsenal developed quite the reputation, earning a 43-2-1 record. Six members were on the roster for the Michigan team that competed in the Maguire Cup national soccer tournament and played in the Midwest Division finals. Several players went on to play in the collegiate ranks, heading to Alma, Central Michigan, Clemson, Schoolcraft, and the University of Michigan. In recent years, Arsenal players have gone on to coach youth, club, and Olympic development teams, winning state titles and championships. After the initial sea-

sons were coached by Ron Meteyer, a Northville teacher, Swayne and Gans shared the coaching duties of the Northville high school program for several seasons. Gans went on to lead the development of the soccer and base. ball facilities in Northville that are now nom to those recreation programs. Davis retired to Sewanee, Tenn., where he is a volunteer assistant to the University of the South men's soccer

U13 Mustangs win Commerce Classic



The U13 Northville Mustangs show off the hardware from winning the Commerce Classic on July 1. The Mustangs beat Grand Rapids Elite, 9-8, in the championship. Pictured: (front, from left) Tyler Denski, Austin Shepard, Alex Tyburski, Joey DelCampo and Jack Grace; (middle) Joe Ruggirello, Matt Waldeck, Dan Bos, Tim Elliott, Josh Gutowsky; (back) head coach Joe Delcampo, coaches Dan Gutowsky, Dan Grace and Dave Waldeck. Not

Broncos capture Frankenmuth title

The 10U Girls Broncos placed first in the Frankenmuth Invitational Softball Tournament, going 5-0 for the week end. They were also first in the Western Wayne Softball League 10U Gold North Divi-

online at hometownlife.com

Front Row: Natalie Turner, Lia Krawiec, Maggie Petix, Jessica Moody, Elizabeth Middle Row: Emma Bell, Jane Berry, Brooke

Gibbons, Kaitlyn Hesse, Hannah O'Sullivan, Hannah Grant, Anna **Back Row: Coaches**

Shannon Timm. Dave Timm, Dave Jerome, Kathi Jerome, Lisa Moody

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Baseball tryouts

The Northville Cubs U13 baseball team is holding tryouts July 29 (5-7 pm), July 30 (6-8 pm) and Aug. 1 (6-8 pm) at Maybury State Park off 8 Mile Road for the 2013

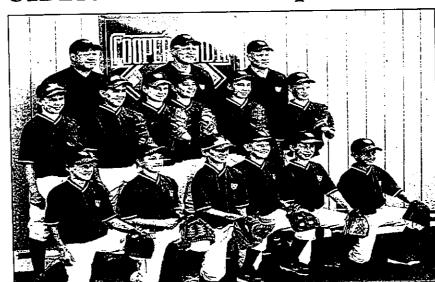
The Cubs are a fourthyear team that competes in the KVBSA travel league's advanced livision. The Cubs finished this season in second place with an 11-6-1 record. The Cubs also went 4-2 in pool play at Cooperstown Dreams

The Cubs play between 50 and 60 games April through July, consisting of about 18 league games, eight weekend tournaments and scrim mages. We also hold indoor winter training sessions beginning in January. More than 90 percent of the Cubs team has been together for three years. We are devoted to creating a fun and focused environment for kids to play baseball and prepare for high school ball if that is their desire.

The Cubs will consider players from Northville or any surrounding communities. Please contact Jim Marshall at jim@ northvillebaseball.com if interested in attending a tryout session or if you have additional questions



U12 Broncos shine in Cooperstown



The U12 Northville Broncos headed east to Cooperstown in New York to take part in a week-long tournament held at Cooperstown Dreams Park. The Broncos were one of 104 teams vying for the coveted Cooperstown Championship trophy. Northville finished pool play 6-0 but fell to the Somers Nationals 5-1 in the elimination round. The Broncos finished the tournament 6-1.

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Tips on buying and financing your first home

cans, the dream of owning their first home is alive and well. But for others, it's still an elusive

Only five years ago, it was relatively easy to finance a home, but the Great Recession and the mortgage market's meltdown have made it difficult for many people to qualify for home loans. The shifting state of home values and prices has complicated matters. In some markets, values have plunged by more than 40 percent. While that has created once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for younger people to enter the real estate market, others have taken a more cautious approach, waiting to see if prices continue to

Whether you're ready now or will be down the road, buying your first home takes preparation. Here are some tips from FindLaw.com, the nation's leading website for free legal information, on how to get started.

 Save aggressively for your down payment. Many firsttime homebuyers seek a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Association, which insures loans made by lenders for qualifying homebuyers. The program allows buyers to put down as little as 3.5 percent of a home's cost. However, if the home you want to buy doesn't qualify for the program, you'll need to obtain a conventional loan, which will require you to put down anywhere from 10 to 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment to qualify for a mortgage.

 Get your finances in order. Lenders are now taking a closer look at debt-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward debt payments) and housing-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward hous-



ing payments). In general, responsible lenders follow the 28/36 percent rule — no more than 28 percent of your monthly income should go to housing costs, and no more than 36 percent of your monthly income should go to debt (including auto loans, credit cards and other loans).

· Clean up your credit report. Your credit score is critical to a mortgage application. The higher your score, the more likely you can qualify for a mortgage and obtain favorable terms (a lower down payment and lower monthly payments). By law, you can request one free credt report per year through one of the three major credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. You should

tant to shop around to get the best home possible for your dollar. And likewise, it's critical to shop around for a mortgage, too. Get at least three to four proposals from different mortgage lenders before deciding on the best offer.

 Don't expect your dream home. Many first-time home buyers purchase what's called a "starter" home or a "fixerupper." While these are often relatively small and need some repairs, they're also an opportunity to enter the real estate market and build sweat equity. To spot a starter home, look for one that needs some love and attention in a neighborhood with houses that are wellmaintained or being remod-· Hire an attorney. If you

the seller without the assistance of a real estate agent, an experienced real estate attorney can help you write up a purchase agreement, according to FindLaw.com. Some sellers may be interested in this option, because it can save them thousands of dollars in commission fees. A real estate attorney also can counsel you on dealing with legal problems that can arise during the process of buying a home, such as

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during the title search. Home inspection. Even if you've come across the deal of a lifetime, never buy a house without a home inspection. An inspection will alert you to potential problems that may not be obvious to a person buying his or her first home. It also may be useful if you need to sue the seller for concealing

problems with the home. To learn more about how to buy your first home, visit www.

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Father could be in trouble with lender

By Robert Meisner **Guest Columnist**

Q: My father financed the purchase of land with a lender who has had him sign a promissory note, secured by a standard deed of trust and also by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, which granted the lender title to the property on default in order to avoid foreclosure 9 the deed of trust. My father has defaulted and now the lender has recorded the deed foreclosure. Do you think he has an argument? A: It appears that this

is, obviously, in a state other than Michigan, but in a similar case out o Maryland, it was held that the "centu-

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against clogging the equity of redemption meant that a deed in lieu of foreclosure given at the time of loan origination that had the effect of denying the mortgagor (your dad) the right to redeem the property was not a valid transfer of property. This prinf most states, including Michigan, as well as the Restatement of Property: Mortgages. The rule is designed to prevent the loss of property by for-

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Robert Meisner

mortgage," it cannot be waived or abandoned by any stipulation of the par ties made at the time of the loan transaction, even if it is embodied in the O: I hear Singapore is

a good place to live in a nium and/or invest What do you know? and rigid. Do not bring tobacco and liquor into

the country or you will be fined greater than the cost of the item. Real estate is expensive. Office space near the main shopping area, Orchard Road, goes for \$6,000 (or more) a square foot for purchase. Residential real estate continues to appreciate at pre-2008 U.S. gold coast lev-

The cost of a condominium in the city for a one bedroom might cost between \$400,000 and \$1 million. Cars are discouraged, but there is very little crime and no observable police on the street, but plain-clothes police and cameras are everywhere. Singapore is a beautiful and cosmopolitan melting pot of a country with a shopping mall practically on every cor-

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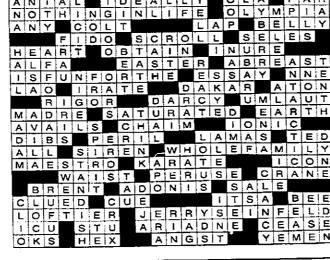
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Companies are increasingly focusing on this segment of the American workforce and are offering older workers more flexible work options and helping them better balance work and family issues, says Deborah Russell director of economic security for the AARP, a nonprofit organization for people over

And in the face of impending labor shortages, many companies are turning to their own retirees to fill open spots. Bringing a former employee back on board provides a wide range of benefits to the company, as retired workers need less training and are already familiar with company policies and standards as well as business protocol.

Every year, the AARP releases its list of the "Best Employers for Workers Over 50." They look at companies in a variety of industries and evaluate businesses in the areas of September 1

recruitment practices. continuing opportunities for advancement, flexible work schedules and benefits. The AARP found that while many companies still have a long way to go when it comes to attracting and retaining older workers, there are a number of businesses that have put innovative programs in place that benefit workers over 50.

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If you are an older professional and want to find an employer who is open to workers of all ages, Russell offers the following tips for evaluating a company.

1. Examine the company's recruitment practices. Russell notes you can learn a lot about a company by how and where it recruits employees, as well as what its recruitment materials look like. Is the company recruiting at a variety of job fairs? Is it open to applications from all workers? Does it have a formal program to offer positions to retired workers? Can you see a variety of ages represented in company brochures and other branded

2. Ask about advancement opportunities and training.

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The AARP found that many of the best companies for older workers have special programs in place to provide employees with advanced and ongoing training, help employees move positions within the company and offer career counseling. These programs help older workers keep important skills up-to-

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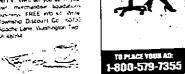
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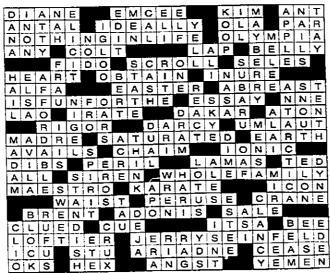
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