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Novi High School will present the musical *Seussical* at 7 p.m. Thursday, through Saturday, April 24-26 in Fuerst Auditorium. Tickets (\$13 for adults; \$10 for seniors 65 and older and for children under 12) are available at www.novihs.seatyourself.biz, in the NHS Atrium from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 23-25 or at the door (box office opens at 6:15 p.m.). Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, *Seussical* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Music is by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens; both wrote the book. Eric Idle conceived it with Flaherty and Ahrens. Follow *Seussical* on Twitter @NoviHSMusical.



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Novi strengthens assets with new budget

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

“Growing what we have,” is one theme interim Novi City Manager Victor Cardenas used in describing the recommended 2014-15 city budget.

The budget has been introduced to the Novi City Council, which was expected to give its input at a special meeting April 16. The final approval will come next month.

“As Novi enters the 2014-15 fiscal year, we find ourselves at a turning point,” Cardenas said. “Five years of declining property values, decreased other receipts and stagnant development activity – some of the most important measures of fiscal health for a local community – have given way to a 180-degree shift in all of those factors.”

He said revenue is up and potential investors are knocking

at the door again.

“We now have an opportunity to start building on the growth and successes the community enjoyed before the global economic decline,” Cardenas said. “We have emerged from that downturn leaner, smarter and better-positioned for continued success than most.”

The 2014-15 recommended budget has total estimated General Fund revenue at \$30.6 million and total expenditures at \$30.9 million. Overall it’s a balanced budget, but added capital improvement project costs have caused a slight difference. The \$250,000 difference will be covered by fund balance.

Novi’s taxable value last year was \$2.9 billion. For 2014, it has increased 5 percent and is now more than \$3 billion. It was at a high of \$3.5 billion in 2008.

The proposed budget has four policy priorities, spelling out

“Novi.”

» Nurture public services that residents want and value.

» Operate a world-class and sustainable local government.

» Value and build a desirable and vibrant community for residents and businesses alike, now and into the future.

» Invest properly in being a safe community at all times for all people.

Taken as a whole, Cardenas said the 2014-15 general fund budget is a 0.01-percent increase from the current 2013-14 estimated budget.

“The new investment is based on the previously-noted modest growth in property tax, building revenues and constitutionally-guaranteed revenue sharing,” he said.

The millage rate is expected to stay the same at 10.2, but residents’ taxes will go up just a bit due to inflation. Taxes will go

up \$24.46, from \$1,530.02 to \$1,554.48, based on a single-family residence with a taxable value of \$150,000.

The millage rates are equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value. To compute the amount of city property taxes, a property owner could take the taxable value and divide it by 1,000, then multiply that by the millage rate.

The city is expecting to put nearly \$2 million into work on neighborhood roads. This funding goes back to the millage passed by voters nearly two years ago. Construction of a city water storage tank will also begin this year.

The final approval of the budget will come May 19. The *Novi News* will have more budget stories in upcoming editions.

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Army National Guard Spec. David Denhardt of Shelby Township, along with his guide dog Tank, were special guests at the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund event held April 12 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. PHOTOS BY LONNIE HUHMAN

NEVER FORGET

Novi event helps military veterans and their families

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Those who serve this country will never be forgotten by the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund.

This Livonia-based nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to assisting U.S. soldiers and their families, in coordination with Families United and Operation Care Package Michigan, hosted its ninth annual dinner and auction April 12 at Novi’s Suburban Collection Showplace.

This was a night of support and remembrance.

“I’m here to honor my grandson and support his family,” said Livonia resident Donald Woodworth, who is a retired chief warrant officer from the U.S. Marines.

Woodworth, who served in three wars, attended the event in uniform. His grandson died in Iraq in 2006 and left behind a wife and three



Retired Chief Warrant Officer Donald Woodworth of Livonia was at the FWSF event to honor his grandson, who died in Iraq in 2006.

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Cross Walk: Local Christians to re-enact Jesus’ journey Good Friday

By **Cal Stone**
Staff Writer

For Christians, Good Friday represents one of the most important days in history – the day that Jesus Christ was crucified and died for mankind’s sins.

During this Holy Week, local Christians will once again honor the sacrifice Jesus made by re-enacting His carrying of the cross from one Novi church to another.

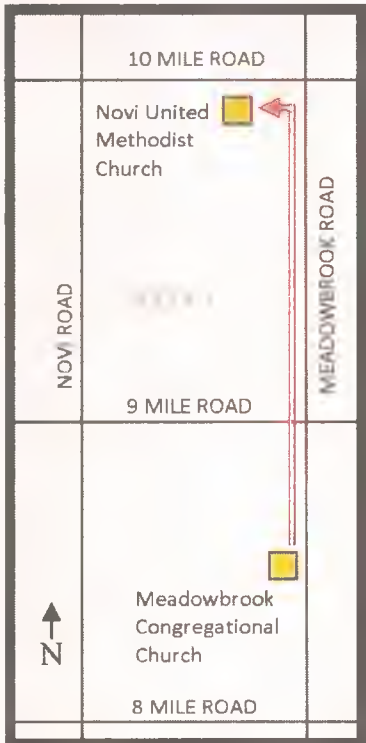
Beginning at 6 p.m. Good Friday, residents of Novi and surrounding communities are invited to join in the Cross Walk from Meadowbrook Congregational Church north to Novi United Methodist Church “to remember all we have received from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,” said the Rev. June Marshall Smith, pastor at Novi United Methodist Church.

“We would love to see many other Christians join us for the 45-minute walk between these two churches,” Smith added. “It is a very powerful time to be together, feeling the presence of each other and the presence of our risen Lord.”

At this annual event, partici-

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Cross Walk route





Appreciation

Members of Northville's VFW and American Legion got together April 7 to show their appreciation to the Applebee's on Grand River Avenue for its support of veterans and active duty personnel. Northville VFW Post Cmdr. Steve Frazer (second from right) and American Legion Post 147 leader Dennis Strikolis (third from left) present Applebee's employee Nicole Barndt with a couple of framed citations for the restaurant's walls. Also shown are (from left) David Wilder, John Roebuck and Greg Werda (far right). JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

VETERANS

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children.

FWSF helps families just like this.

Many have been helped by the fundraising this group has done annually and the event at the Showplace will provide more assistance.

Some 950 tickets were sold to individuals and corporate sponsors. WDIV-TV (Channel 4) weatherman Chuck Gaidica served as the eve-

ning's master of ceremonies for the eighth consecutive year. He introduced honored veterans from all branches of service, including keynote speaker Robert O'Neill, a former member of Navy SEAL Team 6.

Several metro Detroit companies committed to supporting the event and troops, such as Phillips Service Industries of Livonia and Cornelius Systems of Berkley, played a major role in the evening's success.

How FWSF helps

One veteran who has been helped by the fund is retired National Guard Army Spec. David Denhardt. He suffered a life-changing injury in Afghanistan after a rocket struck the ground near where he was on duty. It vaulted him into the air, knocking his head and body against a shipping container and causing a traumatic brain injury.

FWSF helped cover the costs for his family members to stay with him at Ft. Knox as he recovered from surgery.

"The phone call I made to (FWSF) changed my life," he said of reaching out to the organization for help.

"Thank you." In 2013, FWSF helped 187 veterans in Michigan. It distributed more than \$287,000 toward helping with housing, medical,



This table was dedicated to the missing service members from all branches of the military.

transportation, food, funeral, moving and other expenses.

Since its inception in 2006, FWSF has raised more than \$1,000,000 to help wounded or fallen soldiers and their families. Returning troops often face delays in getting assistance from the government.

According to co-founder Chris Cornelius,

FWSF has the ability to quickly help those families in need, from paying medical bills and travel expenses for families to visit their recovering loved ones at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., to living expenses, foreclosure assistance and home modifications to create accessible living quarters.

"The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund was created with the goal of giving back to the troops that have done so much for all of us," Cornelius said. "To consistently see so many Michigan residents and companies support this cause, year after year, has been amazing. Knowing that, together, we are helping make life a little bit easier for the brave men and women who have risked so much for our country is a truly gratifying experience."

FWSF is an all-volunteer organization and its members are a diverse collection of concerned people from Michigan's business and private sectors. For more information, visit www.fwsf.org.

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pants often sing, meditate and pray during the journey.

"It's a very simple but meaningful experience," said the Rev. Art Ritter of Meadowbrook Congregational Church. "It's wonderful to walk and to engage in quiet reflection and conversation –

and to have that symbol is a reminder of the day and God's love and presence."

This is the fifth year of the Cross Walk along the sidewalk on the west side of Meadowbrook Road. The starting point alternates each year between the two churches.

The weather affects participation, which has been anywhere from 15 to 45, according to Ritter.

Two individuals at a time carry the cross at the front of the procession.

Everybody who wants to carry the cross is given an opportunity.

The emotion it stirs will bring tears, too, Ritter said.

"Good Friday, the day Jesus was placed upon the cross, is an important day in the Holy Week commemoration," Smith said.

Indeed. It's as vital to the faith as Christmas, the day Jesus was born, and Easter, the day he rose from the dead.

And still, more than 2,000 years later, Christians in Jerusalem, led by Franciscans, re-enact Jesus' journey to the cross on the 2,000-foot route called the Via Dolorosa.

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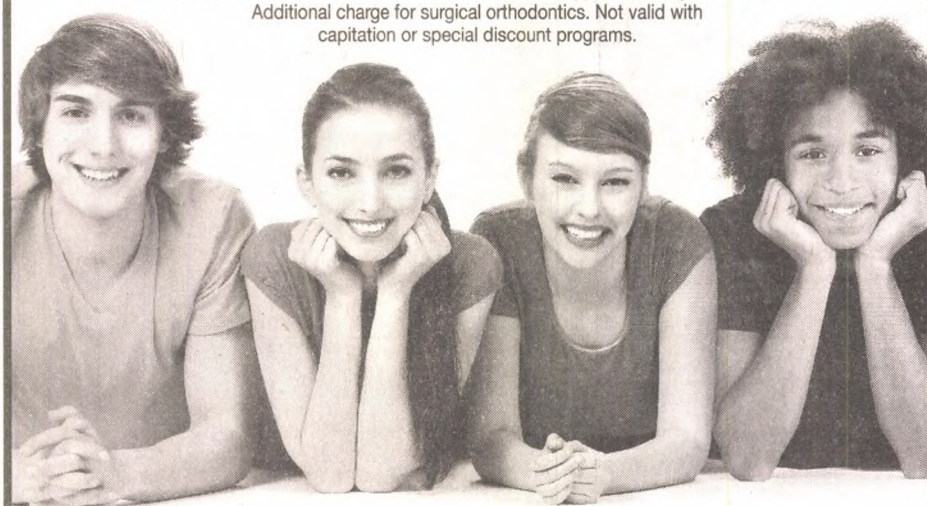
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Adults, teens, children and families are invited to participate.

The winner will be



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selected in part by readers voting at facebook.com/OEHometown and by O&E Media staff. Voting on Facebook begins May 2 and ends May

23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

The winning adult, teen, child or family will be featured on the cover of the O&E Media Christmas in July publication beginning July 24 and receive a \$100 gift card.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Enter the VisTaTech Center and follow the "Christmas in July Cover Contest" signs.

Contestants must be photographed Tuesday, April 29, at the Spring Expo to be eligible for the contest.

Dust off those holiday decorations and we'll see you April 29.

Novi library program goes to the birds

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue was formed in 1997, with Dave Carol of Garden City its current president.

"We just wanted a club where people who don't show, who were bird owners, could get together and have a good time," Carol said.

He and wife Tammy Carol used to show and breed lovebirds, doing that from 1989-96. When they started Rainbow Feathers, they stopped the bird breeding.

"A lot of people don't realize how long the birds live," he said. "They don't realize how much work they are."

The Carols have a lot of rescue birds waiting for good homes at their home. They'll share their knowledge, being joined with several other club members, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at a Friends of the Novi Public Library program, on 10 Mile east

DETAILS

To make reservations for the April 22 program, call the Novi library at 248-349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org.

of Beck.

A number of birds will be featured, with club members talking about their rescue work.

The Rainbow Feathers group has a website, www.rfbirdclub.com, but it's different from a rescue site with cats and dogs, Carol said.

"We want people to really research and know what they're getting into before they take a bird," he said.

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue has about 110 members, including from as far away as Clio, near Frankenmuth. "They come from all over," Carol said.

At the presentations, members are asked about cage sizes for different birds, as well as their



Charlie is one of the birds slated for the Novi library appearance April 22.

feeding and how long they live.

"We do a lot of the senior centers, American House, Independence Village," he said. "We are very popular. We've had all sorts of questions."

Carol grew up with smaller birds such as parakeets and became interested in the larger birds as an adult.

"It is much different," he agreed of bird ownership compared to cats or dogs. "They're as much work as a cat or dog and people don't realize." The birds are very interactive, he added.

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CITY BRIEFS

Police taking back unwanted prescription drugs April 26

The Novi Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will provide citizens another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by riding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Anyone with such medications may bring them from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, for disposal at Novi Police Headquarters, 45125 W. 10 Mile (between Novi and Taft roads). The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (more than 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners, including more than 88 pounds of unwanted or expired pills at the Novi Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

For more information on the Novi Police Department, please visit cityofnovi.org

Memorial Day Parade

The city of Novi invites veterans, businesses, bands, Scout troops and other civic

organizations to be a part of the annual Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday, May 26.

The parade and ceremony honor veterans and those who sacrificed their lives. Groups are encouraged to showcase community spirit by creating a float, decorating a vehicle or marching as a unit. Families may participate by decorating bicycles and riding the parade route.

The parade route begins at 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard (just west of Haggerty) and travels west on 10 Mile, concluding at the Novi Civic Center. Parade entry forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org or at the Older Adult Services Office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

Boost brain strength with an exercise class

City of Novi Older Adult Services and Wayne State University-Institute of Gerontology have partnered to present Brain Neurobics at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. This interactive program works to stimulate the brain to create new neurons through attempting non-routine behaviors and paying close attention to sensory stimuli. Participation in a brain neurobics session teaches the basics of brain function, how to keep it healthy and how to stimulate the production of new brain connections.

Preregistration for Brain Neurobics is required. Contact city of Novi Older Adult Ser-

vices at 248-347-0414 to register. For more information about the Brain Fun & Fitness Program, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

To learn about other city of Novi Older Adult Services programs including social services, special events, fitness and more, visit cityofnovi.org.

On the Road

Enjoy taking day trips, but not the planning and driving part? Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 30, and join tour guides and local experts Kathy Crawford and Margi Karp-Opperer as they lead an informative and enjoyable day trip to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester — including a special docent tour, luncheon and a play at Meadow Brook Theatre.

This cultural and entertaining day will depart from the Novi Civic Center at 9 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m.. The cost of the trip is \$87, which covers deluxe transportation, lunch and admission to *The Andrews Brothers* show. Availability is limited and registration can be done by calling the Novi Library Administration Office at 248-869-7204.

The day will start with a guided tour of the historic estate built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women. Lunch will follow in the elegant dining room and before traveling to Meadow Brook Theatre to see the play *The Andrews Brothers*.

For more information about the On the Road event, visit www.novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

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Novi third-graders research classic children's books

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Don't judge a book by its cover.

That was the name for the recent undertaking by Village Oaks Elementary School students during a project-based learning event, held March 31 at the Novi Public Library.

Third-graders teamed up in groups to explore some classic children's literature in an effort to promote the Novi Public Library. They researched different authors and their use of genre, craft, tone and connections with other writers.

"Full of magic," was how third-grader Katie Youmans described Judy Blume's books during her team's presentation.

The presentations were recorded before-

hand and had students doing voice overs to photos of their authors and illustrations from their books. They also stood before a gathered audience and introduced themselves and their projects. Some parents were watching the event online.

"I'm really proud of the work they've done," Village Oaks teacher Barb Corwin said.

The driving question for their project was "How can we help the Novi Public Library increase the circulation of specific classic children's books?"

The students read and reviewed books from a selection of highlighted books. There was also a red carpet premiere of the selected books.

Project-based learning has really taken off in



Village Oaks Elementary School students present book reports March 31 at the Novi Public Library. Students gave the reports, complete with projected computer graphics, on books they've recently read. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Community Schools, with many students already gaining from it. Teachers say it

has students taking on more responsibility in their learning.

"It really has the kids

centered in, especially with the driving question. They can guide their own learning," teacher Melis-

sa Kelley said. "They really dig deep with their research, which gives them an even better understanding of what they are reading."

Students from Lori Gilbo's and Vanessa Saven's classes also participated.

For third-grader Lindsay Grant, the project gave her a new excitement for reading, especially the books of writer Jan Brett.

She said Brett's books "can interest you in many ways."

So she and her fellow students are telling the community, if they are looking for something good to read, to check out the great selections at the Novi library.

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District is committed to action to reach the goals it has set

I would like to lose weight. It appears that, over time, I have "matured" into someone that I do not want to be. So if I am to be the person that I want to be, I have to lose weight. Unfortunately, just because I would like to lose weight has not led me to actually lose weight.

Over the past several months, I have come to realize that if I am indeed going to lose weight, I need to get serious about losing weight. I decided that step one would be to set a goal. I downloaded a nifty app to my phone that allowed me to set a goal. Dutifully, I set goals. I set short-term goals. I set long-term goals. I changed goals.

Setting goals has been



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

easy. But I have not accomplished very much. It would be so much easier to lose weight if the only thing I had to do was set a goal. It appears, unfortunately, that setting a goal does not magically lead one to lose weight.

A goal can be useful. It forces me to know where I am starting. It also requires that I identify where I want to end. But the goal, in and of itself, does not guarantee that I will reach the goal.

In order to reach the goal, I evidently have to do more than just set a goal. It appears that I

must also do something.

In Novi, we have two academic goals. Goal No. 1 is that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time. Goal No. 2 is that all students will achieve at a high level.

The difference between the goals that our district has established and the goal that I have to lose weight is that in our school district we have established action plans that help us make progress on our goals.

First, we measure our progress. We use the NWEA in grades K through 10 to monitor student progress. This helps us keep track of where we are and if we are heading in the right direction.

We have also clarified

our curriculum so that everyone knows where we are heading. We have established units and essential questions at every grade level and for every subject. Teachers, regardless of building, have access to the same resources and understand clearly the expectations. While this curriculum is not perfect, it does go a long way toward helping us consistently provide learning experiences for our students. Parents can access our curriculum on our district website under the Academics tab and the Atlas Rubicon link.

We have created leveled libraries in each of our elementary schools. These libraries provide a variety of books at a variety of levels to ensure that every reader has access to good books. Teachers can use these

leveled libraries to provide students with reading materials that challenge and help them continue to develop their reading skill.

We have created Professional Learning Communities that allow teachers to meet, talk and learn from each other. These PLCs are designed to examine four central questions:

1. What do we want students to know?
2. How will we know that students have learned it?
3. What will we do if they do not learn it?
4. What do we do if students already know it before instruction begins?

The PLCs provide a method for our teachers and administrators to think about student growth and identify concrete strategies and

practices that will lead to student growth.

We also look for ways to enrich and to support our students' progress. We offer both opportunities for advancement and for additional support. Our belief is that students need opportunities to move forward and that our obligation is to provide those opportunities.

It is important to have goals. But if the goals are to be accomplished, there must be a corresponding commitment to action. In our district, we have both, goals and action. As a result, we are making progress.

Now if I could only transfer that process to my weight-loss goals!

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Novi teacher, student publish children’s book

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A lot of good sense came from the partnership between Orchard Hills Elementary School teacher Melissa Israel and her former student, Sarena Chirdon.

Through their efforts, there is now a great children’s book called *Rosey Makes Sense*, which Israel wrote and Sarena illustrated.

“I was really excited to do this,” said Sarena, who is now a sixth-grader at Novi Meadows. “I did the best I could and put a lot of time into it.”

For Israel, writing has always been a passion

and she wanted to take it to another level, which she has now done twice.

This latest book is the fruit of several years, an experience both teacher and student were grateful to go through and share.

“It was a fun journey to do, especially with a student,” said Israel, who is now a first-grade teacher. “She was in my third-grade class at the time and was a very good student with talents for writing and illustration. So when I thought of this idea, she was the first one who came to mind.”

Sarena said she did a lot of research to see what other cartoon skunks looked like in

order to give her an idea of how Rosey should look. Her mother, Fumiko, said she would spend hours working on the different illustrations on poster-sized sheets, which would later become smaller versions on the written page.

Israel was impressed. “She took her time and did a wonderful job,” she said. “She really visualized the story and brought it to life.”

The story is about Rosey the skunk and her journey to accept who she really is. She struggles with accepting her talents as gifts and not burdens.

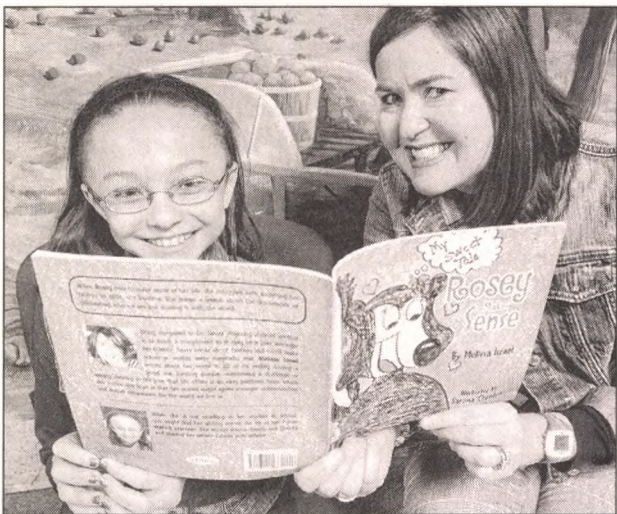
“The lesson is about

the importance of celebrating who we are and sharing it with the world,” Israel said.

The self-published book came out last fall. Israel has presented at some area schools, including in Novi, and hopes to do more of them. In June, they will both be at the Novi Public Library for a book presentation and signing.

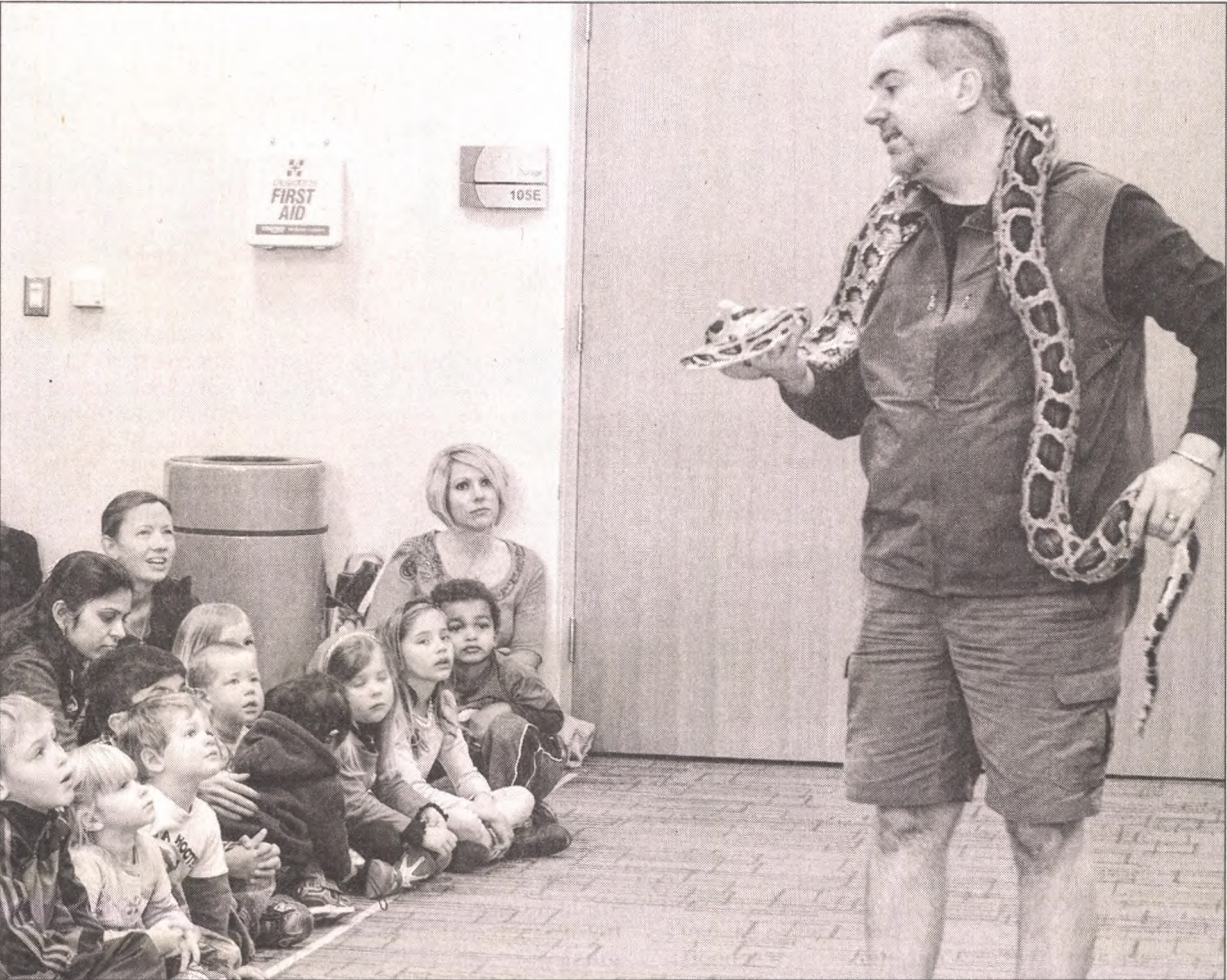
Those who want a copy of the book or set up a book presentation can contact Israel at gems4u2share@gmail.com.

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Orchard Hills teacher Melissa Israel wrote and student Sarena Chirdon illustrated a book called “Rosey Makes Sense.” Israel was Sarena’s teacher when she attended Orchard Hills. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Break snake



Dan “The Animal Man” Briere holds a Burmese python during his April 7 presentation at the Novi Public Library. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

PTO Today Parent Group Expo

PTO Today’s Annual Parent Group Expo will return to Novi’s Suburban Collection Showplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. For \$10, PTO and PTA leaders, as well as volunteers for schools and athletic teams, will have unlimited access to more than 100 of the best school-related companies ready to help them plan school events, fundraisers and projects for the next year.

Popular fundraising and school services companies such as World’s Finest Chocolate, Great American Opportunities, Yankee Candle and Landscape Structures will be exhibiting this year and giving away free samples, great prizes and tons of information all day long.

PTO and PTA leaders can also enjoy fun and informational activities from PTO Today.

Bond information meetings

The Novi Community School District is asking

voters to consider a \$70.9 million bond proposal May 6. The bond proposal results in no increase in the current millage rate. The bond focuses on sustaining the district’s capital assets to provide a quality educational experience for its students.

The community is invited to meetings where information about the proposed bond will be discussed. All meetings listed are open to the community:

April 21, 6:30 p.m., Novi Public Library, Coffee with the Superintendent

April 22, 7 p.m., Village Oaks Elementary School, Media Center

April 23, 10:15 a.m., Novi Public Library, Coffee with the Superintendent

April 23, 7 p.m., Novi Middle School, Media Center

April 29, time and location to be determined.

Details of the proposed bond are available online by visiting novi.k12.mi.us/district/bond/.



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With help from Aidan Lukas (right) and Cruz Craig, Village Oaks teacher Michelle Hurley rolls out one of the many carts of donated books collected by students April 1. The Novi elementary school kids gathered and donated more than 2,000 books to an Oakland County kids shelter, called Mandy's Place, administered by Hurley's father, George Miller. The collections took place during March, which is National Reading Month. JOHN HEIDER | STAF PHOTOGRAPHER



Silver medalists

Novi percussion recently brought home the silver medal in the state finals competition in Saginaw. Nine drum lines competed in their class. The season show, titled "X-CENTRIC," featured percussion music from the TV show "The X Files." Director Brian Woodcox's team includes techs Timon Sherman, John Webber, Billy Brady, Dominique Feliz and Amber McCausland and NHS drum line members Geoff Gamm, Josh Scarlett, Evan Leffert, Ryan Fernandes, Michael Werth, Connor Yergin, Mitch Huang, Derek E'Lon, Ben Rice, Jennifer Hepp, Evan Thomas, Kira Hurley, Mitchell Wu, Tanvi Prabhakar, Connor Blaszkiewicz, Elaine McIntyre, Stevie Jecmen, Nathan Flowers, Jack Reed, Ian Mascarenhas, Cindy Shi, Eboni Brown, Havel Liu and Akshay Kariakar.



CITY OF NOVI 2013 ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

CITY OF NOVI WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The City of Novi proudly presents the 2013 Annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality. As detailed in the report, we have surpassed water quality standards mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The report contains information on water quality issues and potential health effects, lists the source of our water and provides the results of water quality monitoring tests for 2013. Please be assured that if water quality is compromised, we will notify our customers immediately.

About our system
The City of Novi purchased 2,084,558,000 gallons of treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) in 2013, and currently has approximately 14,017 customer accounts on the Novi water distribution system. DWSD withdraws source water from the Detroit River and Lake Huron. There are two intakes in the Detroit River: one at the north end near Lake St. Clair, and one at the south near Lake Erie. A third intake is located at the south end of Lake Huron. Intake water is conveyed to five large water treatment plants for physical and chemical treatment. The City receives most of its water from DWSD's Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant located in St. Clair County near Port Huron. All DWSD treatment facilities operate year-round on a 24 hours a day, seven days a week basis. DWSD uses chlorine to disinfect source water and adds fluoride to improve drinking water customers' dental health.

How do we know our water is safe?
To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. To ensure the same level of protection for bottled water, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has regulations that establish similar limits for contaminants. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants, but the mere presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in untreated "source water" include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which may be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also originate from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which may be naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production or mining activities.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels overland or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials; and can pick-up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. The MDEQ in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine DWSD's source water's susceptibility to potential contamination. The assessment's susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from very low to very high, and is based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake that supplies most of Novi's water is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. In addition, DWSD's Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DETECTED CONTAMINATION TABLES

The tables and information contained below are based on tests conducted by DWSD and the City of Novi. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that detect the presence of a contaminant are shown. The State does allow monitoring for certain contaminants at a frequency of less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. For this reason, although all of the data is representative of water quality, some data sets are more than one year old.

Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant
2013 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	05/13/2013	ppm	4	4	0.55	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	05/13/2013	ppm	10	10	0.32	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products – Stage 2 – 2013 Monitoring in City of Novi's Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (THM)	2013	ppb	n/a	80	36	11-38	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Halooacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	ppb	n/a	60	12	6.5-17	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine residual)	Jan-Dec 2013	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.81	0.65-0.93	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2013 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 Hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.26 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2013 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 Hours in Distribution System

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0 in one month	no	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, one is also fecal or E. coli positive	0 in entire year	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running Annual Average	Monthly Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2013 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.52	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection, sampling result information and table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

In 1992, the City of Novi began testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead and copper to the household's tap water. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below EPA-prescribed action levels. Additional information is available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791**.

Treatment Technique							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL	Treatment Technique	Treatment Technique (TT) Violation Yes/No	Reason for Violation	Action Taken	Major Source In Drinking Water	Health Effects
Lead	TT	No more than (9) days in a six (6) month period below the established minimum.	No	N/A	N/A	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.	Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Novi is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing systems. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

City of Novi Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap (completed every 3 years).								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.032	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Key to Detected Contaminants Tables

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
pCi/l	picocuries per liter	a measure of radioactivity
n/a	not applicable	

As part of the 1998 Amendment to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule became effective September 1998. The CCR Rule requires all community water systems in the United States to prepare an annual water quality report and to deliver it to all of the water system's customers. The CCR Rule was published in the Federal Register August 19, 1998 and can be found at the U.S. EPA's website: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/ccr/regulations.cfm>

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether those contaminants need to be regulated. Beginning in July of 2008 - April 2009, DWSD began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008-2009 (from the following link) were undetected in DWSD's regional water system: <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ucmr/ucmr2/basicinformation.cfm>

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

Special Heath Information Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, as well as the elderly and infants who are ill could be particularly at risk to infection from contaminants. These people should seek advice from their health care providers before consuming tap water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium, for example, and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels in your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing system. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and, as a precautionary measure, you may choose to flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

News from Novi's Water & Sewer Division

The City of Novi strives to provide quality drinking water at an affordable cost. In an effort to reduce our wholesale water rate charged by DWSD, we are asking our customers to adhere to the City of Novi's Lawn Watering Ordinance by watering lawns on an alternate odd/even day basis corresponding to the last digit of your street address. In addition, if you have an automatic programmable irrigation system, please program it to operate between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM. By doing so, you will help us decrease our "peak hour" demand and consequently our wholesale water rate. (The peak hour is the period of maximum water use; hence it is the most expensive period in which to purchase water). Peak hour demand is one factor DWSD uses to calculate our wholesale water rate. For more information about our water rates, please visit cityofnovi.org or contact the Water and Sewer Division at (248) 347-0496.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Novi City Council frequently takes action regarding the City's water distribution system, and City Council meetings are held twice a month on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375. Contact the City Clerk's office at 248-347-0456 or visit the City's website at www.cityofnovi.org for specific Council meeting dates and agendas.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact **Tim Kuhns, Water & Sewer Senior Engineer**, (248) 735-5647 or tkuhsn@cityofnovi.org. **Additional copies of this report are available online and at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Public Library.**

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W.L. honors Reflections winners

More than 400 Walled Lake students, staff and parents participated in the 2014 PTSA Reflections Celebration at Clifford Smart Middle School recently. The 12 state winners include:

Literature – Allison Jones, Dublin Elementary.

Musical Composition – Justin Tran, Hickory Woods Elementary; Elliana Michaels, Keith Elementary; Nadia Halim, Oakley Park Elementary; Patrick Halim, Oakley Park Elementary; and Paige Goetz, Northern High School.

Photography – Brett Lipsitz, Clifford Smart Middle School; Gabrielle Mifsud, Sarah Banks Middle School; and Amanda Erhardt, Northern High School.

Visual Arts – Cara Dolan, Mary Helen Guest Elementary; and Jon Liike, Clifford Smart Middle School.



Pictured with Nancy Scott, Nina Dewicki, Greg Janicki, Ken Gutman and Lisa Williams are the State Reflections winners (back, from left) Elliana Michaels, Gabrielle Mifsud, Jordan Olsen, Paige Goetz and Brett Lipsitz and (front, from left) Cara Dolan, Justin Tran, Allison Jones, Nadia Halim and Patrick Halim. Also winners were Jon Liike and Amanda Erhardt.

Dance Choreography – Jordan Olsen, Clifford Smart Middle School.

At the district event, four students representing the Walled Lake Schools award winning pieces in the Reflections program read or performed their pieces. Mya Jump, Wixom Elementary, and Madeleine Brown, Geisler Middle School, read their literature entries.

Hana Jaquays, Central High, and Paige Goetz, Northern High, performed their musical entries.

Cara Dolan, Mary Helen Guest Elementary, and Patrick Halim, Oakley Park Elementary, were each recognized for their entries being entered into the National PTSA Reflections competition.

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Plan to fund road repairs pushed by GOP

By Kathleen Gray
Gannett Michigan

The state's House Republicans are proposing a \$500 million solution to not only deal with the immediate problems of Michigan's moonscape roads, but a longer-term approach that won't cause pain at the gas pump or in taxpayers' wallets.

The plan will pump between \$456 million and \$494 million a year through 2018 into funding repairs for the state's crumbling roads and bridges. The increased spending would continue — and perhaps even increase in subsequent years — if the economy stays strong.

While the funding is only about half of the \$1.2 billion annually that Gov. Rick Snyder has been asking for, lawmakers, business interests and other officials say it is a good start.

"Spring is breaking, but so are our roads," said Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, R-

THE PLAN'S IMPACT

» Changing the 19-cents-per-gallon gas tax to a 6-percent wholesale tax: Revenue-neutral for the state and cost-neutral for drivers filling up their tanks.

» Changing the 15-cents-per-gallon diesel tax to a 6-percent wholesale tax: \$47 million in additional tax revenue to the state for roads; parity with the cost of unleaded gas for consumers.

» Shifting 1 percent of the state's use tax on out-of-state purchases to roads: \$239 million in revenues for roads.

» Dedicating the state's 6-percent sales on gas purchases to roads: \$130 million in revenues for roads.

» Increasing permit fees on overweight and oversized trucks: \$4.5 million a year.

Marshall. "This is a solid foundation that better roads can be built upon."

The announcement of the plan came on the same day the state released \$61 million to counties, cities and villages to help pay for road problems caused by

the brutal winter. The money is part of a \$100 million special appropriation from the state that was approved last month. The state gets \$39 million for its winter fixes. To see a list of how much money communities got, go to <http://l.usa.gov/1ksHp8q>.

Also approved was \$115 million in pet road projects submitted by individual lawmakers. The final group of projects from that list is expected to get picked by the leaders in the Republican-controlled Legislature when they get back from a three-week spring break later this month.

The longer-term plan proposed Thursday calls for:

» Repealing the 19-cents-per-gallon sales tax on regular gas and 15-cents-per-gallon tax on diesel fuel, replacing it with a 6-percent wholesale tax on gas.

» Permanently dedicating the state's 6-percent sales tax on fuel to road funding. Currently, that sales tax goes into the general fund and is distributed in a variety of ways, including to schools and local governments. Those payments to schools and local government would not change.

» Shifting 1 percent of

the state's use tax to roads, amounting to roughly \$239 million a year.

» Increasing permit fees on overweight and oversized trucks — another big contributor to chewing up the state's roads that the *Free Press* documented last year, leading to calls from state lawmakers to address the pavement-crushing vehicles.

» Requiring road builders to provide a five-year warranty on any project worth \$5 million or more and requiring that contractors maintain the roads that they build.

The plan got qualified support from business and infrastructure organizations.

The proposal only gets about half the amount needed to get the roads back in good shape, said Mike Nystrom, executive vice president of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, which pegs the road improvement needs in the state at \$2 billion a year. But it will be a big help in an area where teeth-rattled drivers have been clamoring for action.

"We need to adequately invest in the state's crumbling infrastructure. For far too long, this has been ignored,"

Nystrom said. "This has broken the logjam on this difficult issue. While we need a true long-term fix, this plan is a great first step in that effort."

Rich Studley, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, noted that the last time Michigan attempted to address long-term road funding was in 1997 with the approval of the 19-cents-per-gallon gas tax.

"We're now in a situation where our state is widely regarded as having the worst roads in the country," he said. "We don't need a petition drive or ballot proposal to solve this problem. We don't need another study or report or public hearings. The time to act is now."

Local communities, while happy about the increased investments in roads, were wary that it could come at the expense of other state funding to them.

"We hope to work with the speaker and others to provide a long-term funding solution that meets the infrastructure needs of this state without potentially putting local funds in jeopardy," John Lamacchia, of the Michigan Municipal League, said in a statement.

Democrats, who have

been meeting with Republicans to try to craft a long-term fix for Michigan's roads, said they're willing to work on the plan outlined Thursday.

"There are some good ideas there, and we're committed to having continued conversations on the proposals," said Katie Carey, spokeswoman for House Minority Leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills. "There are some elements that we feel are a really good start. But we also want to look at the full problem."

Bolger said he hopes a package of bills can be approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Snyder — who has been calling for a much larger investment in the state's roads for several years — by the end of June in order to pump some money into actual road fixes this construction season.

Snyder said he thinks the plan is a great first step toward better, safer roads in the state.

"Michigan must seriously address our road and infrastructure needs — it's essential to our state's continued comeback, motorists' safety and ability to be Pure Michigan," he said in a statement. "This harsh winter and resulting potholes have made that need even clearer."

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Former police officer settles suit against city

Alleged ticket quotas
at center of dispute

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

A former Novi police officer who filed a lawsuit claiming supervisors set traffic ticket quotas was awarded \$160,412 in a settlement issued March 12.

His attorney, Deborah

L. Gordon PLC, received \$119,588. Both fees were paid by the city's insurer.

According to the Release and Settlement Agreement, it "is entered into solely to avoid further expense of litigation."

In his 2013 suit filed in the Oakland County Circuit Court, Michael Corbett said Novi police officers were told to stop four vehicles and write

two tickets per shift or face repercussions. The allegations of illegal quotas were denied by the city.

Corbett retired May 1, 2013, after 25 years of service as a patrol officer. The city has no further obligation to employ as of that date.

He can make no further claims against the city other than for retirement benefits to

which he is already entitled.

The language of the settlement states that it is not to be construed as an admission of any obligation or liability by the defendants — the city of Novi, Police Chief David Molloy and Assistant Police Chief Victoria Lauria.

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Schauer picks Brown to be on Dem ticket

By Kathleen Gray
Gannett Michigan

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer recently announced that Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown will be his running mate for the upcoming election.



"I know I needed just the right leader who shares my and our values. I've been looking for someone who's tough and someone who's not afraid of speaking up," Schauer told a crowd at Oakland Community College last week. "I've found just that person and it's Lisa Brown."

Brown, 47, a West Bloomfield Democrat, served two terms in the state House of Representatives before winning the Oakland County clerk's job in 2012. She is the first Democrat to hold the job in decades.

"Rick Snyder's policies are only working for the wealthy and corporations," she said. "He calls himself one tough nerd and he's been tough, but on all the wrong people."

Brown will bring several attributes to the ticket, political experts say. She's a woman from southeast Michigan, running with a candidate who is more familiar in mid- and western Michigan. She also was one of the lawmakers involved in getting silenced in the state House in 2012 during an abortion debate because she used the term "vagina."

Crossey files for county commission

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Colleen Crossey is a Democratic Party candidate for District 9 of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, representing Novi and the Oakland County part of Northville.

She's a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's School of Social Work, where she earned a bachelor's degree in that field. Crossey has worked at Wayne County's nonprofit domestic violence shelter First Step, as well as Saline Hospital's Alcohol Recovery Program and as a Michigan Human Services counselor for people with severe disabilities, including developmental disabilities and children at risk.

Crossey graduated from the University of Michigan School of Social Work with a certificate in labor and industrial relations, earning her master's in social work from U-M.

"I'm running for county commission to bring prosperity back to our county," said Crossey, 51. "I know I have an uphill battle."

The mother of two



Crossey

had partial scholarships for her studies, but still had student loans. She got a factory job at the Johnson Controls plant in Whitmore Lake, a union shop that gave her a wage to pay off the student loans. She'd found work in her field earlier, but its pay made getting by difficult.

She's also worked with Washtenaw County Jail's Inmate Services as a graduate student intern and has led a Livingston County research project with EMU. Her background includes work with Monroe County's Mental Health Authority, serving people with major mental illness, as well as teaching psychology and child welfare classes at Monroe County Community College.

Crossey recently talked to a cable installer whose wages are low. "His family faces a really uncertain future," she said. "His story is not really unique."

Restaurant and retail workers also often "have to draw food stamps just

to get by," said Crossey, who favors a progressive raise in the federal minimum wage. She said the job-killer concept of that "hasn't played out," and cited a Bloomberg News report of a positive impact of a 1998 wage hike in Washington state.

Crossey is seeking public office for the first time. "I think it's very urgent," she said. "One thing is to protect our lakes, our water sources, from outside sources that don't care if they pollute."

She added: "Americans have got ingenuity," citing U.S. Navy gasoline extraction from seawater, along with other scientists making jet fuel from algae, as well as solar power.

Small business

backer Crossey is a supporter of small, local businesses. "Those are the people that are the pillars of the community, the small businesses," she said. "They don't have enough visibility."

She'd like to see website visitors for local municipalities have the option of a link to a list of local businesses. "People like to shop online,

but they also see the wisdom of shopping locally," Crossey said. "It brings prosperity to our neighbors."

Crossey's website is www.ColleenCrossey.com. She's on Facebook at www.facebook.com/crossey8.

She is an assistant Girl Scout troop leader, an Art Smart volunteer for Orchard Hills and is active in the Novi Meadows PTO and her church. She's on Novi's Beautification Commission and aims to reach out to small businesses with environmentally-friendly ideas.

"I'm very serious about promoting small business and local business," she said. "I think it's a natural fit" for the Beautification Commission.

That includes the annual Rouge River cleanup effort in May.

Crossey used signatures to get herself on the ballot, good for name recognition. "More importantly, I get to talk to voters and find out what their priorities are," she said, adding many voters are worried about roads and road funding.

In November, she'll face Hugh Crawford, a

current Republican state representative whose wife Kathy is the current county commissioner. Hugh Crawford was on the county commission before moving to the state Legislature.

"My opponent has been cutting back on services," Crossey said. "He's got a lot of bad ideas. He's not representing people."

She's talked to school and public safety personnel worried about budget cuts. "Those are our community heroes," Crossey said. "This isn't the treatment they deserve."

She cited a possible "finders' fee" for school districts from real estate agents who promote excellent local public schools.

"These schools are helping their business," she said. "The schools are bringing in people for the real estate company."

Crossey decried the trend "to make a profit from all our public services" and urges accountability from all elected officials, as well as a balanced, responsible budget.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Novi police observed the woman not wearing her belt as she drove by a patrol vehicle March 27 at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. A check of her record revealed she had a warrant for her arrest out of Livonia for dangerous drugs. She was detained; during a pat down, used needles and a pipe were found.

Pills stolen

A Novi man called police March 23 to tell them his prescription pills were stolen from his

apartment and he believed it was his roommate who did it.

The man said his legally prescribed pain pills were taken during the night. Police reported the man sounding very slurred in his speech and asked him to come into the station for a full report. At this point, he has not done that.

Blender stolen

A vendor at the home and garden show inside the Suburban Collection Showplace had a blender

stolen. Employees from Vita-mix told Novi police that sometime on the night of March 29-30, the \$500 blender was taken from its table. They told the police that it had to have happened after 9:30 p.m. According to the report, the only people inside at that time were staff and other vendors.

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- By Lonnie Huhman

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Consulting minister joins area church

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Bugleisi has been an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister for 24 years. She was most recently the minister at Paint Creek Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Rochester. She has served congregations in Manakato, Minn., St. Louis and Chicago.

Bugleisi has interests in the history and use of the labyrinth, the philosophy of Buddhism and journaling as spiritual practice. She enjoys reviewing the research and continuing conversation regarding where churches are headed in post-modern times.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Oakland University and a master of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in Minneapolis.

She was ordained as



Bugleisi

Minn. She received Final Fellowship from the UU Association in 1994.

Bugleisi has completed Premier Education Solutions Institute training related to treatment of post traumatic stress disorder and mindfulness-based stress reduction. Her continuing education has included labyrinth training, meditation and "Heart Sutra" training with the Dalai Lama.

Bugleisi's partner is Michael Murphy. Their marriage ceremony took place at the Cranbrook Institute in the planetarium. They are proud grandparents of three grandchildren, ages 7, 11 and 14, all who live in Michigan. One cat, Sophie, allows them to borrow the house in Sterling Heights so that they have a place to live.

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorccc.org

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m.

Mondays

Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday;

RELIGION CALENDAR

4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

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

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Holy Week Schedule 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17 – Mass; exposition until midnight.

Friday, April 18 – 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer; noon Ecumenical Service, 1:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion; 3 p.m. Divine Mercy.

Saturday, April 19 – noon Blessing of Easter Foods; 3 p.m. Divine Mercy; 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday, April 20 – Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; 3 p.m. Divine Mercy; 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass (Español)

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Holy Week worship: Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 20, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: 248-348-1020

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

Good Friday: noon service with Communion

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 7 a.m. in the Atrium

Easter Sunday Services: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 1 Peter

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

Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays – A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

Annual Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19. As in the past, pre-registration is required at dfcnazarene.org and closes when organizers reach 600 children (for safety reasons) or on April 16, whichever comes first; 248-354-1915.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

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

Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade

Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-0565

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-427-1175 or hollycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit hollyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service

Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merri-man, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livonia-church.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

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

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

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake

Web: www.orchard-grove.org

Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchard-grove.org.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

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Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-912-0043

Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups

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

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

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

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

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BRIGGS, RUTH G.

Age 87, went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 10, 2014. She was born on January 17, 1927, in Detroit, daughter of the late Martin & Agnes Lutzenkirchen. Ruth will be remembered as a strong woman who loved the Lord, and felt it was her mission to share Him and His words with everyone she met. She spent her time caring for her husband, children, and home. At church she loved working in the nursery, and at home taking in foster children. Later she with her friend Mary, started the "God's Good Apple Club" a club for the neighborhood children. Ruth worked in many missionary church groups and the Child Study group of South Lyon in the sixties and seventies. Later she volunteered in many Women Aglow groups. In the nineties, on Tuesdays she started a prayer group in her own home. Ruth enjoyed collecting things and giving them where needed, Women's shelters, homeless, Samaritan's purse shoeboxes, grandchildren, Project Hope, as far away as Dorr, MI. She was the happiest when she was looking for things to give to someone else. You could call her anytime to pray for you. She will be missed. She is survived by her loving children: Janet (Claude) Cobb, David Briggs, Belinda (Steve) Hillis, Jackie (Lori) Briggs, Peter (Tracie) Briggs, and Paul (Valerie) Briggs; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Ruth is also survived by her brothers: Martin (Pat) Lutzenkirchen and Frederick Kindy and her sister-in-law, Patricia Roberts. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Briggs on December 6, 2011. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. The family received friends on Monday, April 14, from 3:00 p.m.-9:00p.m. at the funeral home. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



CSIZMADIA, BENEDETTA

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Age 75, passed away April 10, 2014. She was born on September 19, 1938 in Detroit, daughter of the late John and Grace Eckardt. Eleanor had a strong and abiding faith and was an active member of Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church in Northville. She will always be remembered as being a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her loving children: James Elko and Ruth (Steven) Miazga, her grandchildren: Stacey and Julia and her brother Jack (Millie) Eckardt. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Sr. in 2005 and her brothers: Paul and Robert. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church, 54899 Eight Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

FRENCH, DONALD R.

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away April 13, 2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MATTHEWS, THOMAS

Age 60, passed away April 13, 2014. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home.

O'CONNOR JOYCE L.

Age 58, passed away April 10, 2014. She was born on September 27, 1955, in Vero Beach, Florida, daughter of Richard & Margaret Weisenberger. Mrs. O'Connor worked at the University of Michigan School of Nursing as the Laboratory Coordinator from 1989 to 2014. During her tenure she earned recognition for her dedicated service to the School. In 1999 she received the Michael J. Koteles Staff Appreciation Award. In 2000, she was recognized by the students and received the Staff of the Year, Students' Choice award. In 2001, she was recognized as a "Super Employee" by the UM Health System. Joyce was also nominated to chair the Staff Council in 2003 and served on the committee for two years. She also provided assistance on numerous School projects including a renovation of their Nursing Skills lab area and the classrooms, and several Audio Visual upgrades in the School. Joyce cherished her time with her family. There was nothing better than watching Billy and Lauren as they participated in sports and extracurricular activities. She loved to travel; the Atlantic Ocean was her favorite vacation destination. She spent much time camping with her family and brothers and sisters. Her hobbies included Pistons/Tigers, games, reading, photography and video editing. She was a #1 Detroit Tigers fan. Beloved wife of Bill. Loving mother to Bill and Lauren. Loving twin to Jan (Mark) Kreucher. Sister of Dori (Geof) Wegehaupt, Maggi (Doug) Pope, Susan Weisenberger, Richard (Charlene) Weisenberger, Joan (Alan) Diekman. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 13 from 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. with a scripture service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.



PALMER, PAUL

87, died Apr 10. Friday 4-8 and Funeral 11 a.m. Saturday Rupp Funeral Home, Monroe
www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com



SONKE, MARIAN JOYCE

Passed away peacefully in Midland, Michigan on April 8, 2014 at age 93. She was born in Flint, Michigan December 27, 1920. Memorial Services for Marian will take place at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014 from the Ware-Smith-Woollever Funeral Home, 1200 W. Wheeler St. Pastor Brad VanderWaal will officiate. Marian's family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until time of service. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Delia Hill, Dow Gardens or The Midland Library.

TATUM, JUDITH

March 5, 1940 - April 7, 2014
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WILKINSON DONALD F. JR.

RELIGION

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www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship:

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Phone: 248-553-3380
Holy Week April 17 - Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

p.m.

April 18 - Good Friday service of darkness at 7:30 p.m.

April 20 - Easter Sunday festive celebration with Holy Communion 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington
Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Sundays

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Lifelong Learning Forum: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist

Church of Farmington.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan

Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

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Kids Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m.
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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248-887-1218
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248-374-2288
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10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee
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OUR VIEWS

Make sure you're prepared for severe weather

After a long and brutal winter, it's nice to see warm temperatures, but with the change in seasons comes a change in the type of severe weather that can occur. Last year, we were reminded that severe weather can strike at any time.

While most Michigan tornadoes occur from May to August during the afternoon and evening hours, a November 2013 severe weather outbreak hit Michigan with three reported tornadoes. There were no deaths and only two injuries in Michigan from severe weather in 2013, according to the National Weather Service. The injuries resulted from severe thunderstorm winds; however, flooding, severe thunderstorms and tornadoes were responsible for about \$277 million in damages in 2013, compared to \$210 million in damages in 2012.

Surprisingly, the most widespread severe weather damage across the Lower Peninsula didn't occur in the spring, but Nov. 17-18 as the result of a combined severe thunderstorm and wind event that included several small tornadoes. The combination of the tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and winds left more than 775,000 homes and businesses without power and about \$70 million in damages.

That's why the state of Michigan is again observing this week as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. With the shift to outdoor activities, it's important to keep an eye on the sky and be prepared to take cover when severe weather strikes.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness recommends that you check the weather forecast before leaving home and check for the nearest shelter when you arrive at your final destination. It also recommends that you:

» Seek shelter when you first hear thunder or see dark threatening clouds developing overhead or lightning.

» Count the seconds between the time you see lightning and hear the thunder. You should already be in a safe location if that time is less than 30 seconds.

» If you can't find a shelter, get into a fully enclosed vehicle. Put your head down below the windows, covering it with your hands or blanket.

» Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder. Lightning can strike more than 10 miles away from any rainfall.

It is also important to be familiar with severe weather alerts. A tornado watch or severe thunderstorm watch simply means that severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted or is indicated on Doppler radar. Go immediately to the basement or a small interior room on the lowest level. Keep away from chimneys and windows. Leave mobile homes and find shelter in a sturdy building.

The average lead time for a tornado warning is 13 minutes, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. That's not much time to get to safety, especially if you don't get the warning right away.

When a thunderstorm warning is issued for your area, get indoors immediately and do not use the telephone or electrical appliances. Keep away from windows. Do not take shelter in sheds or under isolated trees. If you are out boating and swimming, get to land and find a sturdy shelter immediately.

To prepare for severe weather, the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness suggests that you:

» Plan ahead. Be sure everyone in your household knows where to go and what to do in case of a tornado or thunderstorm warning. Know the safest location for shelter in your home, workplace and school. Load-bearing walls near the center of the basement or lowest level generally provide the greatest protection.

» Have emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated radio, a flashlight and a fresh supply of batteries.

» Know the location of designated shelter areas in local public facilities, such as schools, shopping centers and other public buildings.

» Have emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, flashlight and a supply of fresh batteries, first-aid kit, water and cellphone.

» Create an emergency plan for your pets.

Even with the most sophisticated meteorological equipment, predicting the weather isn't easy. But being prepared for the worst can take the guesswork out of what to do. Don't wait until the sirens sound – make your plans. It is better to be safe than sorry.



The average lead time for a tornado warning is only 13 minutes, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What does the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund mean to you?

The FWSF held its ninth annual dinner and auction to benefit Michigan veterans and their families April 12 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.



"In my time, we didn't have this, so it's important for me to support this group. A lot of young people have sacrificed much for this country and it's the least we can do to support them when they come back home."

Dan Gudschinsky
U.S. Army veteran



"This is a great organization and support system for veterans. I'm here to help out in any way I can, because the people here really care about those who defend this country."

Gary Halm
U.S. Army veteran



"I'm here to support the troops. That's what this organization is all about. I served for 42 years and I think this fund is an important cause."

Capt. Larry Vandenberg, ret.
U.S. Coast Guard and Army veteran



"This is an organization that gives back 100 percent what it receives to those who truly need it, so I'm here to support it."

John Simpson
U.S. Air Force veteran

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Schauer-Brown

When Mark Schauer is elected governor of Michigan and Lisa Brown becomes lieutenant governor, they will continue the work they did when they served in the Michigan House of Representatives. There their priorities were Michigan jobs, public education and protecting Social Security and Medicare. They still represent the middle class families and middle class values.

Businessman Gov. Rick Snyder cut funds for education, raised taxes on seniors and the middle class and helped a company owned by a cousin prosper even more. He continues to support special interests including corporations.

Know the candidates by researching the records and accomplishments of Mark Schauer and Lisa Brown. Forget the negative campaign ads which are appearing. Perhaps the Synder supporters are getting worried that Michigan voters are tired of tired, unkept promises.

Vote the Democratic ticket of Schauer-Brown for governor and lieutenant governor Nov. 4.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Caring for the 'little man'

The hope of raising the federal minimum wages is at a standstill. The Obama administration and the Democratic Party want to raise it to \$10.10 per hour and fast food companies, large retail corporations, and the Republican Party want to keep it at \$7.35 per hour.

The Republicans tell us that if it is raised, unemployment will increase because employers will discharge many of their employees. Apparently they assume that because of the low wages, employers are retaining many more employees than they actually need. For instance, instead of an employee at a fast-food company doing the work of two employees, he/she could be doing the work of three employees. At that rate, spread over the establishment, a substantial number could be discharged and unemployment would increase.

While the Republican Party has never offered a plan for reducing unemployment and blocked all efforts of the administration to do so, at least it is trying to keep from making it worse. In fact, consistent with its philosophy, that low wages are good for the country, I am surprised it has not offered the lowering of the federal minimum wage as a cure for unemployment. Then employers might increase their hiring irrespective of whether they needed more employees or not. It would show the Republicans really cared for the little man.

Irene Piccone
Northville

Look at intentionality

I think intentionality should be the main criterion in a charge of terrorism. Did Raulie Casteel actually intend to terrorize local communities, or was terrorism the unintended collateral effect of the violent actions of a mentally ill man?

I really don't think Casteel intended to terrorize local communities. I also don't think he tried to coerce, intimidate, per-

suade or influence anyone. He was not making a statement of any kind. His actions had no rational basis because he was suffering from a severe mental disorder. I agree with the editors of the *Milford Times* that the state's definition of terrorism needs to be more clearly defined.

I also don't think that the entire state of Michigan was terrorized by Casteel's actions, as Attorney General Bill Schuette claimed. Neither do I think that all of "mid Michigan" was "terrorized" by Casteel's actions, as Schuette later claimed in a modified version of his original exaggeration. I don't think Bill Schuette's comments were at all helpful in dealing rationally and fairly with this case.

I also think that the judge who presided over Casteel's case, Judge David Reader, revealed his ignorance of severe mental illness when he said, "Mental illness is a difficult challenge, but it is something you have to seek help for before you engage in criminal activities." Mind you, many people who are severely mentally ill suffer from anosognosia (unawareness of illness). The ill-kempt man you may see standing on the corner shouting at passing cars probably doesn't know that he's mentally ill. Such people, of course, are never going to seek help unless someone intervenes to help them.

I think it's a shame that Raulie Casteel was sentenced to 18-40 years in prison. He didn't physically harm anyone. He frightened people. He is a mentally ill. A sentence of three-seven years with mental health treatment would have been a more humane and wiser one.

R. A. Kroetsch
South Lyon

Un-American religious freedom bill

Imagine going into an American restaurant and being denied service because of your skin color. Not too long ago, that was quite common in much of the United States. Well, for those who feel it should still be so, you'll be pleased to learn that the Arizona legislature recently passed a bill that would similarly give business owners, based on their religious beliefs, the right to discriminate against LGBT people. The ethics of this are seriously flawed.

Bill 1062, which was passed on Feb. 19 by Arizona's Republican-controlled Senate, is a revision of the existing statute that regulates the basis for exercising religious freedom claims in court cases. Currently, only religious organizations are allowed to decline service on the basis of religious belief. But the revised law would have allowed businesses to also do so. Republican Sen. Steve Yarbrough drafted the bill in response to several state court rulings against individual business owners, judging they violated human rights by discriminating against LGBT people. Essentially, his bill masquerades as "religious freedom" legislation.

The governor recently vetoed the bill.

But this religious freedom argument breaks down under scrutiny. If good Christian business owners are allowed to dis-

criminate against LGBT customers, shouldn't they also be allowed to refuse service to Muslims and Jews? Similarly, why shouldn't they be allowed to discriminate against unwed mothers, or against divorced people, or women who have had abortions, or non-Christians, or people who believe in evolution? If serving such people (anybody with different beliefs) violates one's religious convictions, just as serving LGBT customers might, then we have taken the argument to absurdity.

Long a champion of freedom of belief, I have strongly advocated against the lunacy of religious tyranny. True religious freedom can only be defined as the right to exercise one's own religious beliefs in peace, while also granting — and respecting — the same freedom for others. It does not grant license to do whatever one wishes on the grounds of personal belief. Religious freedom dies when any group seeks to dominate over the basic freedom of others.

Arizona's "religious freedom" bill wasn't about freedom. It was about religious tyranny, and anyone who values freedom of equal protection as much as religious freedom should be outraged by this legislative attack on our American principles.

Dan Stuart
South Lyon

Potholes rough on new drivers

I wanted to write to you today on the issues of the road conditions for beginning drivers.

These road conditions make it really hard for beginner drivers to go places because of the plethora of potholes on the road. This winter, I have seen many people lose tires because of these craters you call potholes.

These road conditions are like death traps to us drivers who do not have much experience driving.

Your road crew needs to do a better job of getting rid of these many potholes or you will have many people complaining about how their cars got destroyed.

Eric Martin
Livonia

Minimum wage hike would mean fewer jobs

I read with amusement letter after letter pushing for President Obama's increase in minimum wage. The people working in the federal government who would benefit from this increase are around 1 percent of the total work force as most people get increases in wages after a short time.

This is just a ploy by unions to get increases pushed through that would force increases for all workers and will cause employers to let people with low skills go.

Minimum wage jobs are to learn work skills and become a dependable employee, not to become a career minimum wage earner. I would like to know how many of those letter writers calling for increases own their own business and pay employees. The economy needs more jobs not less.

David Mackey
Livonia

Watch this young entrepreneur succeed

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Shaun Reinhold, a 2006 Novi High School graduate, wears a watch, even though many younger smart phone users don't.

"I wouldn't say it's an issue," the Royal Oak resident said of potential customers of his Canvas Watch Co. relying on their phones instead. "There are other reasons people buy watches."

He's doing a crowd-sourcing Kickstarter campaign for his start-up's two watch designs, which are aimed at men in their 20s and 30s, as well as others interested in watches.

"It's an interesting alternative for them," said Reinhold, who graduated in 2010 with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University with a focus on supply chain, a business field.

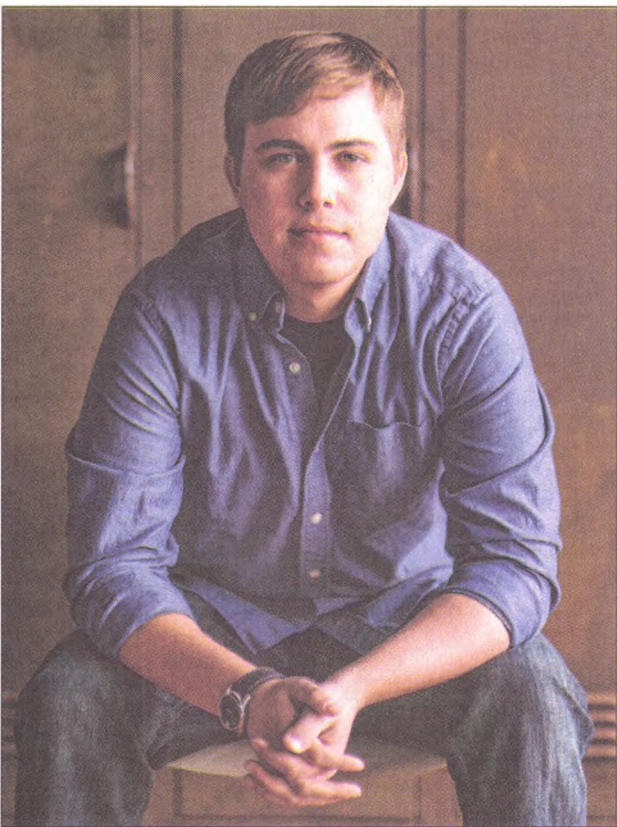
He began the month-long Kickstarter campaign April 4 and is aiming for \$40,000 in votes for his business venture, of which he's the sole founder.

"It's about halfway to the goal," he said April 7, which boosted his confidence the goal will be met by May 4. "Statistically speaking, I should get to my goal based on the success so far."

Supporters have their funds returned in Kickstarter if the goal isn't met.

Here's a link to the campaign: <http://kck.st/1lv1xbi>

"I wanted to move back to Michigan," he



Shaun Reinhold of Royal Oak, who grew up in Novi, is pleased with the success of his Kickstarter campaign thus far. PHOTOS BY JESSE DAVID GREEN

said of marrying his wife Adrienne, also a 2006 Novi High grad. They've known each other since first grade at Novi Woods Elementary. "I wanted to create my own job. I'm allowing design to be part of the experience."

Initially, there will be 500 men's watches made, evenly split between two designs.

"In the future, I'll have other options that are geared more to women," he said.

He started in late 2012, tinkering at the California-based TechShop site in Allen Park, focus-

ing his efforts more in the spring and summer of 2013. Reinhold is working part time out of the College for Creative Studies' Creative Ventures Program incubator, also funded by the state of Michigan.

"I would say I just kind of fell into it," said Reinhold, who wanted to use his MSU studies to create something physical. "Watches just seemed the most enjoyable long term."

He has pre-production samples and wears his own product on his wrist. The watches were de-



Two designs aimed at men are featured in the current Kickstarter campaign of Shaun Reinhold. Women's watches are planned for down the road.

signed by Sean Franks and Simon Von Allmen, with part of the focus on distinctive faces.

"Very good time," he said of accuracy of the internal movement part assembled in Switzerland. "That's something I plan to continue," he said of the Swiss portion. "I don't need to reinvent the wheel."

His first batch of watches, and possibly the second, will be done with an Ohio manufacturer as he doesn't have capital to set up manufacturing in Detroit. Down the road, he's aiming for Detroit manufacturing.

"It adds to kind of what I want to do in helping the city," said Reinhold, who doesn't have a specific Detroit site yet.

He met the president of Shinola, well-known for its Detroit presence and watches, as well as high-end bicycles. "It's more of a positive advantage," Reinhold said of Shinola. "We're on good terms."

The entrepreneur sees

If the Kickstarter campaign succeeds, he'll quickly move to final assembly and then packing and shipping. Soon after, there will be an e-commerce site for his business, rather than brick and mortar sales.

He's pleased to have graduated from Novi schools. "Obviously, Novi has a really great school system," he said, noting his jobs at IBM and Tesla Motors after college graduation.

Reinhold is grateful to his wife for her support of the venture, as well as parents Carlene and Dan Reinhold.

"They've been very supportive in helping me get started," he said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Napier Road work coming

The Road Commission for Oakland County plans to complete nearly \$50 million worth of road improvements during the 2014 road construction season, ranging from widening of roads to paving of gravel roads to resurfacing projects to bridge and culvert replacements and repairs.

"We are doing a lot of road construction this year," RCOC Chairman Greg Jamian said. "We have pressed hard to get every available dollar to improve as many roads as possible. These projects won't resolve every rough road in the county, but they will improve driving condition for many people."

Projects planned for this year includes work on Eight Mile from Napier to Taft, completing a 2013 project in Novi and Northville costing \$4.6 million. The work includes repairing the road base and adding three or four inches of new asphalt to existing lanes.

The majority of projects planned for 2014 will be paid for primarily with federal funds. Six of the projects will be paid for through the Michigan Road and Risk Reserve Fund as approved by the state Legislature.

Work will start on some projects as early as mid-April. Others will start at various points throughout the construction season.

Novi director's film releases first trailer

Michigan-produced feature film *Papou* began premiering April 11 its first-ever full-length trailer online. A recipient of Michigan's Film and Digital Media Incentive, *Papou* has been entirely produced in state by natives Michael Angelo Zervos of Novi, Christos Moisides (*Northern 48*) and Michael Sinanis (*Motor City Motors*).

Papou has been submitted to a host of national and international film festivals.

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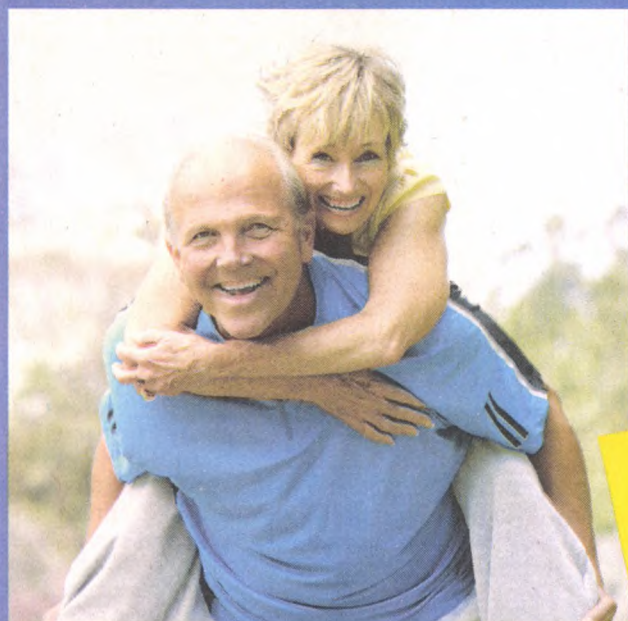
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Novi's Bastien Dupessey is the 2014 All-Area Skier of the Year. CHRIS JACKETT

Novi's Dupessey leads area skiers

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

Novi skier Bastien Dupessey capped off a successful senior season with a runner-up finish in slalom at the Division 1 state finals.

He racked up a KLAA first place in slalom, third place in giant slalom at the Alpine Valley Divisional Championship and first in slalom and second in giant slalom at regionals en route to earning first team all-state honors.

For all that, Dupessey is the 2014 All-Area Skier of the Year.

"Recipient of Hardest Working NCSD Team Award. The most decorated member of the Novi ski team in school history (team started in 2006)," coach Ben Fisher said. "Led team to best season record in school history (6-2) and helped lead team to third place in our division and second place at our MHSAA regional. Part of the first team in the school history to qualify for the SEMSL championship and MHSAA states."

Boys first team

Ryan Erdmann
South Lyon United

The senior led the team to a seventh-place finish in giant slalom and an eighth-place finish in slalom at the Division 1 state finals. Erdmann was 18th overall in giant slalom and 25th in slalom to earn third team all-state honors. He also earned MBISA all-league, KLAA all-conference and all-region honors, as well as being a KLAA scholar-athlete.

"Ryan is a great leader and a true team player," coach Bobby Eccles said. "He was always there to help the team, he worked hard all the time and we could always count on him for a top finish in all our races. We are most definitely going to miss his consistency next season."

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Brush qualified for both events at the Division 1 state

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Whalers star is a late bloomer

Sandlak takes advantage of extra season in OHL

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Not every Ontario Hockey League player gets his name called at the podium during the NHL draft weekend.

Sometimes, players have to pay their dues and wait for a break.

The latter certainly applied to Carter Sandlak, who in 2013-14 was an over-age player who made the most of his fifth season in the Ontario Hockey League — his only year with the Plymouth Whalers.

Sandlak sparked the Whalers' offense with 24 goals and 24 assists in 61 games, helping the team make the OHL playoffs for a league-record 23rd season in a row.

Along the way, the 20-year-old Sandlak caught the attention of Carolina Hurricanes scouts and was signed as a free agent by the NHL team.

"I don't know if I was frustrated, but it just was a 'When's it going to happen?' kind of thing," Sandlak said. "I knew it was going to be a big year."

With Plymouth's recent playoff run a brief one (losing in five games to Western Conference champion Guelph), Sandlak now will gear up for the 2014-15 season.

He'll hope to start his professional career with the Hurricanes or with one of the franchise's minor league teams (Charlotte, Florida).

Now it starts

"It's kind of a relief kind of thing, but the hard work starts now," the smiling, bearded London, Ontario, native said about signing with Carolina. "It's going to be a big difference playing junior and going to play pro. So it's going to be a big summer (of training)

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Carter Sandlak of the Plymouth Whalers during a recent game. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Senior softball league expanding to new heights

Players travel from Flat Rock, Ypsilanti to join in the fun

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It's never too late to get out on the ball diamond.

If anything, the Kensington Valley 55+ Men's Senior Softball League has proven that over the past few years. Starting with three teams in 2012 and growing to six teams in 2013, the league is hoping to continue expanding this summer with three other teams already joining the fray.

"Carrying over from 2013, we have teams from Northville, South Lyon and Novi made up of players from not only these communities, but also Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Westland, Wixom and even as far as Flat Rock, Warren, Pinckney and Ypsilanti," said Charlie Gabeart, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division and plays with Who Let the Dawgs Out?

The league began when Novi team manager Ron Megesi contacted Gabeart in summer 2011.

"They were tired of practicing five



Charlie Gabeart, a member of Who Let the Dawgs Out?, also coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division.

days a week with an occasional pick-up game here and there," Gabeart said. "Northville not having one — though an idea I had been contemplating — I offered to put together a team in order to scrimmage Novi. After three games in which everyone had a ball, it was decid-

ed that a joint effort should be made to form a league for 2012."

For the inaugural 2012 season, Howell threw together a team — which merged with the Novi team for 2014 — and the rest is history. The 2014 season is lining up to include three Northville

teams, three Novi teams and two South Lyon teams, but additions are still welcome.

"The growth of the league is a result of dedication by its founders in hitting every possible venue to promote the league, networking with other senior leagues that exist throughout southeast Michigan, something as simple as passers-by viewing the games and good old-fashioned face-to-face, 'Hi, I'm so and so and was wondering if you would be interested in playing senior softball,'" Gabeart said. "What is interesting (is) the number of people who reply, 'Gee, I haven't played in 15 or 20 or even 30 years,' but yet deep inside is that youthful athlete which compels them to take the field again."

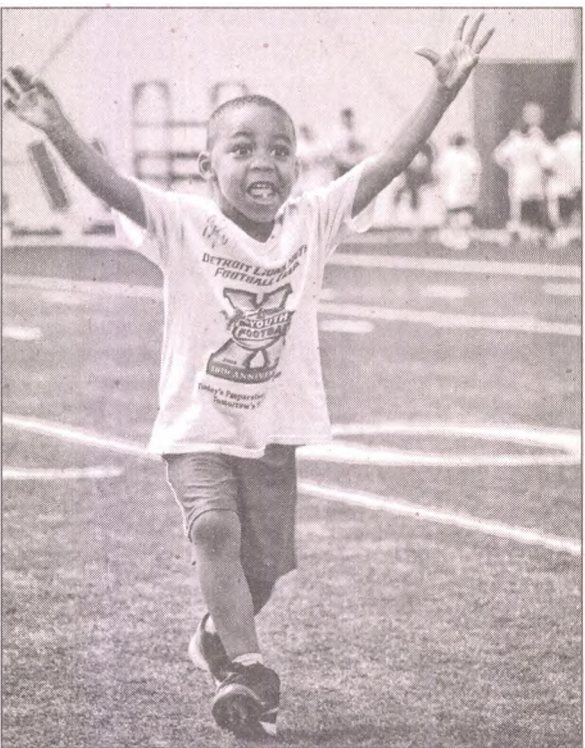
Like riding a bike

Although it may have been a while since the last time some of the players picked up a glove and bat, it hasn't cut into the good times the guys — and a few gals — have had on the ball diamonds the past few summers.

"Many of our players are those who haven't played in 15-30 years, but find it's like riding a bike, though bending

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July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglenook Park, 10-11 a.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

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Deadline to enter is April 30.

Spring break factors into slow start

Novi drops Dexter doubleheader, edged by Plymouth

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

There was a little bit of rust on the belts of Novi's baseball team as they returned from spring break and took to the diamond for their season opener.

The Wildcats (0-3) dropped a pair of games Saturday to Dexter before a close loss Monday to Plymouth, all at home.

"We lost the first

game to Dexter, 5-2. Then we lost the second one, 7-1," Novi coach Rick Green said. "We treated them like they were exhibition games because we were just back from break. They played their No. 1 pitcher through the seventh and I sat ours so we could use him (against Plymouth)."

Novi's pitching strategy almost paid off against Plymouth, but the KLAA's other Wildcats found a way to squeak out a 4-3 victory on a brisk afternoon where Novi had to use three separate pitchers.

"We were up 3-1 and

they scored two unearned runs and then I put in our No. 1 pitcher with bases loaded and two outs and we had a wild pitch and they took a one-run lead," Green said of the sixth inning go-ahead run.

Green said Plymouth made some miscues, too, but Novi was unable to capitalize.

"We led off with a beautiful nice bunt by (Tyler) Whitehead and they threw the ball away, so he got on second base," Green said of one Plymouth fielding error.

Despite the season-opening trio of losses, Green credited the per-

formances by several of his players, including Whitehead and Craig Wilson on the mound, Andrew Turek at shortstop and both Brian Baxter and Keaton Figurski at the plate.

"We did have eight hits in the first game. We out-hit them 8-5 and lost the game," Green said. "(Freshman Alec) Bageris had a nice double off the left center field warning track (during his second career at-bat)."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

Girls lacrosse team falls in three contests

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls lacrosse team was on the wrong end of three losses last week, but the players are well aware there are lessons to be learned from such defeats.

The team went up against Canton, Salem and Farmington Hills Mercy and fell, 13-8, 15-6 and 16-3, respectively.

Against Canton, the Mustangs' defense was rock solid in the first

half, holding the Chiefs to just three points to keep it a 3-2 game. After the break, both squads came out with some pep in their step, but it was Canton which took home the win with seven goals to Northville's six.

Scoring for the Mustangs in the contest were Laura Khoury (three), Audrey Tatge (three), Grace Han (one) and Grace Guibord (one).

The match-up against Salem was a more difficult one to swallow, as the Mustangs could only

muster two goals in the first half while the Rocks scored eight. In the second half, Northville showed a bit more spark, scoring four goals, but the Rocks were still solid, adding eight to their total on the night.

Sarah Chase and Becky Chase had two goals each, while Guibord and Erin Scott added one each.

Northville's final loss of the week came to one of the top teams in metro Detroit and it was clear Mercy didn't plan on

letting the game slip away as it poured in 10 goals in the first half while holding Northville to one, then added six more in the second while Northville scored just two.

Putting goals on the board for the Mustangs were Guibord, Scott and Mina Plachta.

Northville fell to 0-6 overall with the losses.

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

WOLFPACK 8-1 IN AREA TOURNEYS

The Northville Wolfpack sixth- and seventh-grade girls basketball team competed in the Milan Spring Blast Tournament, Spring Blast @ HYPE (Dearborn Heights) and Crossover Shootout in Flint. Overall, the girls brought home one first-place trophy and posted an 8-1 record while competing against teams from Clinton, Calhoun, Monroe, Livingston and Wayne counties. Team members include (back, from left) Morgan Thompson and coach Steve Grant, (middle, from left) Alyssa Knoth, Chloe Zulcosky, Nicole Martin, Hannah Grant, Jenna Lauderback, Ellie Thallman and Julia Straky and (front, from left) assistant coach Steve Thallmand and Tara Beason. Also on the team is Jane Berry.



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CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Lacrosse remains undefeated

The Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse team has managed to stay undefeated and made it a 5-0 mark with a 20-8 victory Friday over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The Shamrocks, coached by Dave Wilson, blew past U-D behind six goals from Justin Baker.

Senior Jack Van Ackerman added four goals and senior Sean Scanners added four goals and four assists.

Baseball falls to Stevenson

The Detroit Catholic Central baseball team was on the wrong end of a 5-4 loss Friday to Livonia Stevenson.

The Shamrocks were led by Tom Hargis, who went 1-for-2 and knocked in two runs.

For Stevenson, C.J. Weiss went 3-for-3 and scored a run. The Spartans were helped by the pitching of Gabe

McBay, who allowed just one run on four hits in 6½ innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

Catholic Central fell to 2-5 with the loss, while Stevenson improved to 4-2.

Football to face Muskegon

It was announced two weeks ago that the Detroit Catholic Central football team will be opening up its season against fellow state powerhouse Muskegon for each of the next two seasons.

Both teams were runners-up last year, with Detroit Catholic Central falling to Clarkson in the Division 1 finals and Muskegon losing to Brother Rice in Division 2. The Shamrocks finished 11-3, while the Big Reds went 12-2.

Catholic Central has 10 state championships and Muskegon has five.

- By Sam Eggleston

CC senior Marc Longe gets ready to fire a shot on goal Friday against University of Detroit-Jesuit. DENNIS BARNES

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4/19 8 a.m., @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament

4/22 3:30 p.m., @ Ann Arbor Huron

4/23 3:30 p.m., Bloomfield Hills

4/24 3:30 p.m., Saline

Baseball

All games 4 p.m. unless noted

4/18 Milford (DH)

4/19 11 a.m., @ Troy Athens (DH)

4/21 Northville (DH)

4/22 Walled Lake Central (DH)

Softball

All games 4 p.m. unless noted

4/17 4:30 p.m., @ Birmingham Seaholm (DH)

4/21 Northville (DH)

Boys golf

All meets 3 p.m. unless noted

4/21 Noon, @ Birmingham Seaholm Tournament (Birmingham CC)

Co-ed track

4/18 3:30 p.m., @ Whitmore Lake

4/19 10 a.m., @ Milford Invitational

4/24 3:45 p.m., @ South Lyon East

Boys lacrosse

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

4/19 1 p.m., @ Farmington Unified

Girls lacrosse

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

4/19 4 p.m., Troy

4/21 Farmington Unified

4/23 Farmington Hills Harrison

Catholic Central

Baseball

4/22 @ Plymouth, 11 a.m.

4/24 @ Canton, 11 a.m.

Track and field

4/19 @ Ypsilanti April Showers Relays, 9 a.m.

Lacrosse

4/22 Brother Rice, 7 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Oakland FlexTech Academy, a Tuition-Free Public School Academy located at 24245 Karim Blvd, Novi, MI 48375, announces its Open Enrollment period for the 2014-15 school year for grades 9-12. Applications are available at and may be submitted to Oakland FlexTech Academy or by calling (248) 426-8530, during the Open Enrollment period April 28 - May 12, 2014: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; May 3, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; May 8, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. If enrollment applications exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection drawing will be held at Oakland FlexTech Academy on May 19, 2014 at 2 p.m.

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SKIING

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finals, finishing 30th in giant slalom and 31st in slalom.

Mavericks coach Marty Neighbors called Brush one of the standouts for the team throughout the season.

Mitch Goodman
Novi

The freshman came on with a bang, earning all-state honorable mention honors with a 22nd-place finish in slalom at states. At regionals, Goodman was third in giant slalom and fourth in slalom.

“All-star freshman. Second best placement in slalom at states for a freshman,” Fisher said. “First in school history to receive all-state and all-conference honors as a freshman in skiing. Very excited to see what Mitch can do over the course of the next few years.”

Ian Fitzgerald

South Lyon United

The senior was part of the regional championship team before finishing at state in 34th in slalom. Fitzgerald was MBISA all-league and a KLAA scholar-athlete.

Boys second team

Eric Caruso

South Lyon United

The senior finished his career with a regional title and a trip to states. He placed 39th in giant slalom and 44th in slalom. South Lyon finished seventh as a team overall.

Dylan Lemp

Lakeland

The senior was a consistent placer in the top 15 for the Alpine Valley Division and was a captain for the Eagles.

Noah Pierce

Milford

Pierce earned a trip to states in slalom and finished in 28th place.

Koss Allen

Milford

He also qualified for states in slalom and placed 38th.

Girls first team

Natalie Kerwin

Milford

Kerwin capped off her season by earning second team all-state honors with an 11th-place finish in slalom and 19th in giant slalom at the Division 1 state finals. She was a co-captain for the Mavs and earned the World Cup Winner for team top honors.

“Natalie and Corey (Brush) were the two big standouts for Milford High ski team this year,” Neighbors said. “Both went to the state championship at Schuss Mountain and Natalie came away with all-state honors.”

Anna Geyer

South Lyon United

The sophomore finished off a great season by earning second team all-state honors. Geyer finished seventh in giant slalom and 20th in slalom as South Lyon finished sixth overall as a team. She also earned MBISA all-league, KLAA all-conference and all-region honors, as well as being a KLAA scholar-athlete.

“All season long, Anna was a contender for the top spot in our league races,” Eccles said. “She is a great teammate and we look forward to having her around for the next couple of years.”

Alyssa Sawyer

South Lyon United

The junior earned all-state honorable mention honors by finishing 23rd in slalom and 29th in giant slalom at states. Sawyer was also MBISA all-league, KLAA all-conference and all-region, as well as being a KLAA scholar-athlete.

“She was always prepared to go out and produce a top finish for our team,” Eccles said. “She has one more season with us and we are excited for more of the same from her.”

Jayne Stiglich

South Lyon United

The junior finished the year in 50th for giant slalom and 27th in slalom to earn all-state honorable mention honors. Stiglich was all-region and a KLAA scholar-athlete.

Catholic Central did not submit information for All-Area.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lakeland: Brennen Mueller (soph.), Rachel Goldman (sr.), Taylor Simmons (jr.)

Milford: Travis Knapp, Maria Meyer, Julia Schaeffer

South Lyon: John Hughes (sr.), Paul Geyer (sr.), Jake Wyngard (sr.)

Runners have passion for community, Balzer family

By Curtis Drogmiller

Correspondent

The morning of March 29 was chilly and cold, the sky was overcast and gray as far as the eye could see, but there was plenty of love, warmth and feeling of sunshine everywhere on the waterfront of Walled Lake as the community came out once again for the seventh annual Passion for Life 5K run/walk and five-mile run.

The event started with registration early in the morning at Bayside Sports Bar & Grill and quickly moved outside to Walled Lake Drive. There were first-time walkers and runners, with many returning runners from all over the area present, including Walled Lake Central High School's track and field team.

The Passion for Life picks an inspirational family to support yearly and the family chosen for 2014 was the Sydney Balzer family. Sydney Balzer is a 9-year-old from Commerce Township who has battled acute lymphocytic leukemia, which was first diagnosed in September 2010. Sydney recently had a relapse and in January received the needed bone marrow transplant, thanks to a donor from Europe who supplied the stem cells.

Surrounded by friends, with air horn in hand, Sydney



Winners of the March 29 five-mile run at Passion for Life on the waterfront of Walled Lake were spouses Ian and Sarah Boyle of Brighton. CURTIS DROGMILLER

in her pink Michigan State hat was given the spotlight and honor of starting both the five-mile run and 5K run/walk before joining in.

Runners Seth Geelhood and Zachary Currin, both 12 and of Commerce, came out to support and run.

“My mom signed me up for the run,” Zachary said. “I’m not prepared, but think I will try to beat my mom in running.”

Sarah and Ian Boyle of Brighton took first-place honors for the women’s and men’s

five-mile run. The event would end with everyone crossing the finish line smiling and cheering accomplishments – not only the physical demands of running, but for all the good they did for Sydney and family.

Sydney will have many fine memories as she reflects back years from now on the love she received from family, friends and some who were complete strangers who simply care. Passion for Life – a run/walk/race where everyone is truly a winner.

BRINGING HOME GOLD



The Team Detroit 12-1 volleyball teams celebrate after winning the gold medal at an AAU tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Although the team was competing against older teams, it swept through pool play and followed with big victories against U14 teams both in the semifinal and the championship rounds. The tournament included teams from Michigan and Ohio. Two weekends earlier, 12-1 brought home the silver medal when it won the Ohio Valley Region National Challenge in Maumee, defeating many top teams from Ohio. This season, 12-1 has won two gold and one silver medal in its three trips to Ohio, a feat never accomplished by any Michigan U12 team. The squad is ranked 12th in the country and is the top-ranked team in Michigan (as well as Ohio). In addition to upcoming tournaments both locally and in Grand Rapids, 12-1 has won the U12 bid to represent the state of Michigan and will be competing for a national championship in June. Team Detroit is based in Novi; the 12-1 team has girls from Novi, Livonia, Plymouth, Hartland and Sterling Heights.

SANDLAK

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and I’m looking forward to the opportunity.”

Sandlak said Carolina’s fall camp will be preceded by a rookie camp for prospects recently signed or drafted. “I’m really looking forward to meeting the guys and just getting down there and having some fun,” he said.

If signing with the Hurricanes was the biggest break of Sandlak’s career to date, the second biggest would have to be the trade in June 2013 from the Belleville Bulls to Plymouth.

Whalers coach Mike Vellucci knew he needed to bring in a quality, character player to help the team with a transition to a younger squad.

A veteran player such as Sandlak would help ease the sting of losing a number of key players, such as Rickard Rakell, Tom Wilson, Vincent Trocheck, Mitchell Heard, Connor Carrick and Stefan Noesen.

All of those players left Plymouth after 2012-13 and currently are playing in the NHL or American Hockey League.

“Carter was somebody that I was trying to acquire his rights for a long time,” Vellucci said. When I traded for him, I said, ‘You’re a typical Plymouth Whaler.’ He’s a big, strong, physical guy that had some offensive ability.

“We were excited to acquire him in a trade and I think it worked out great for

him. I know it worked out great for us. He did everything we asked him and I’m really proud of him.”

Trust factor

Sandlak said he was put at ease about coming to the Whalers as soon as Vellucci called him about the trade.

“Coming in here as a OA (over-age player), Vellucci called me in the summer when he traded for me and said, ‘You’re going to be a big part of this team and you’re going to be a leader.’

“And so coming in to the year, I knew it was going to be a big year and I just tried to do my best every day, get better every day on and off the ice. Vellucci has put a lot of faith in me as a player, puts me out in key situations. He trusts me and I trust him. I have a good relationship and that helps.”

OHL teams are permitted to carry three over-age players (age 20) each season. Sandlak joined team captain and defenseman Nick Malysa and forward Zach Lorentz as the team’s allotment for 2013-14.

Vellucci stressed that younger players can only glean positives from seeing how veterans such as Sandlak, Malysa (recently honored as the Whalers’ all-time leader in games played with 294) and Lorentz go about their business on and off the ice.

They also can figure out pretty quickly that playing in the OHL — often called the “pipeline to the NHL” — sometimes isn’t as straightforward as a shootout attempt.

“It makes you understand that there’s different things that can happen,” Vellucci said. “If you stay with it and you compete hard and you try to get better every day, it’s not what happens to you, it’s how you deal with what happens to you.

“(Sandlak) could have gotten really upset that he wasn’t drafted in the NHL when he was supposed to. But he stayed with it, he competed hard every day, he tried to get better every day.”

He’ll bring it

Concurring was Sandlak, a 6-2, 200-pounder who gave opposing OHL defensemen fits around the blue paint.

“I feel like everything happens for a reason,” Sandlak said. “I came here and things worked out. Coming in to the league as a 16-year-old and then playing as an OA, it’s not easy.

“But some guys develop a little later and I think it helped me coming back to junior for (an extra) year.”

And now that the OHL is in the rear-view mirror for Sandlak, what kind of pro does he envision being?

“You know, I’m not going to be a goal scorer, obviously,” he said. “Just going to be a big power forward, an energy guy.”

That energy certainly will be felt back at Compuware Arena, where Vellucci and everybody with the Whalers will be following Sandlak’s professional career with pride.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pitch, Hit & Run

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting a free Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run competition for Novi-area youth from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10 at Ella Mae Power Park.

Pitch, Hit & Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to participate in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball or softball skills.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition, including team championships at major league ballparks and the national finals at the 2014 MLB All-Star Game. The individual pitching, hitting and running champions, along with the all-around champion in each age and gender group at the local competition, will advance to the sectional level of competition.

No pre-registration is necessary. All participants must have a copy of their birth certificate and parent or guardian available to complete a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact Greg Morris at gmorris@cityofnovi.org or 248-347-0400.

Registration for youth T-ball, coach pitch baseball, softball and fast-pitch softball summer leagues is going on now through May 23. Visit cityofnovi.org to learn more.

SOFTBALL

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over for ground balls is a little more challenging,” Gabbeart said. “Those with challenges such as knee and hip replacements, along with stents, are able to join in the fun since we offer unlimited courtesy runners. (About) 98 percent of the guys are in their 60s, with a few younger and a few older.”

Gabbeart said players register individually and are placed on existing teams. If numbers allow, new teams are formed from those who sign up.

Because the players may not be as spry as they were a few decades back, several house rules emphasize safety on top of the standard ASA rules. In addition to courtesy runners and an 11th defensive player, the league uses a 2- by 3-foot strike/ball mat within the pitch height regulation of 6-12 feet. There are also chalked lines to induce health preservation.

“A scoring line is utilized at the plate to eliminate ‘contact’ plays and potential for injury; the catcher must receive the ball while standing on the mat before the runner crosses the scoring line that is established three feet to the left side of the plate,” Gabbeart said. “In addition, a ‘commitment line’ is chalked halfway between third base and home plate. If the runner crosses the commitment line en route to going home, he cannot return to third in an effort to not be put out; but if not having crossed the line, they are allowed to go back to third.

“At first base, like the majority of leagues now use, is a double first base, which one is white for the defensive player and the attached is orange for the runner. A play at first requires the defense to touch the white, while the runner must go to the orange, otherwise an out is recorded. There is an exception to that rule in the case of the defense having to pursue a bad throw.”

Game times

Games typically take place at 10 a.m. each Tuesday, starting May 13, although players from past seasons will get a little spring training in beforehand at local sports complexes’ domed fields.

“The great thing about the KVSSL and many of the recreation senior softball leagues is the recapturing of the players’ youthful enthusiasm for being back on the playing field,” Gabbeart said. “As my wife put it, who had not attended one of my softball games since 1974, after viewing as a fan in 2013, ‘I really enjoyed the games. It was all about having fun and none of the drama like in the younger days. You guys were having a ball.’”

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.



The Novi store is located at 41800 W. 10 Mile, just west of Meadowbrook Road. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ACO begins second wave of hardware store transitions

ACO Hardware has begun its second phase of store transitions to Great Lakes Ace Hardware, a hardware cooperative.

ACO, a Michigan-based independent home and hardware store chain located throughout the Detroit market and beyond, began its initial transition in January, converting 26 of its 52 stores, all of which are located in Michigan.

The second phase of the transition to Ace will begin immediately with a Total Inventory Blowout Sale in the

remaining 26 stores in several cities in metropolitan Detroit, including the Novi store at 41800 W. 10 Mile.

Once the transition is complete, all will reopen as Ace Hardware branded stores and provide consumers with Ace's nationally-recognized brands such as Craftsman®, Valspar® as well as exclusive lines such as Clark+Kensington and more than 10,000 Ace-branded products.

"Our customers are enjoying seeing the expansion of our product offerings to include

more world-class brand names," ACO Inc. President Mark VandenBerg said. "As we near the completion of Phase I and begin Phase II of our transition to Great Lakes Ace Hardware, our customers have provided a lot of positive feedback. We welcome everyone to not only take advantage of the sales going on now, but also come back when the stores reopen to renew their relationships with many of the same staff they have gotten to know over the years."

To become fully aligned

with the Ace Hardware brand and merchandise selection, the ACO stores will offer incredible savings on current inventory, including seasonal lawn and garden products, as they sell down to clear the stores. SB Capital Group, LLC, has been retained to operate transitional sale events in the ACO store locations.

ACO, headquartered in Farmington Hills and originally founded in 1946 as Traskos Brothers Hardware Depot in Dearborn, currently employs approximately 850 associates.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Eberspaecher investing \$122 million in state

Novi-based Eberspaecher, a global Tier 1 developer and manufacturer of exhaust sys-

tem technology, announced a significant expansion in Michigan beginning in late 2014 extending through 2019. This expansion includes investment of \$122 million and 545 new jobs.

The company is purchasing land in Michigan to expand its facilities in order to accommodate multiple actions: incremental business, increased vertical integration and optimization of

its manufacturing footprint.

The first phase of expansion will begin in Brighton, where the company will nearly triple the size of its current 110,000-square-foot plant. A minimum of 100 jobs will be added to support the manufacture of exhaust systems and catalytic converters for commercial vehicles.

The search for additional manufacturing capabilities in Michigan is under way and further expansion is anticipated.

The city of Brighton has offered tax incentives in addition to a \$4.5 million Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Learn about government contracting

Did you know the federal government purchases more than \$518 billion of goods and services a year and the state of Michigan utilizes 1,100 multi-year contracts?

Find out what it takes to sell your goods and services to the federal government and the state of Michigan at Government Contracting 101 at Schoolcraft

College from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 17. In addition, learn about the services and continuous support the Procurement Technical Assistance Center has available to help your company with the contracting process.

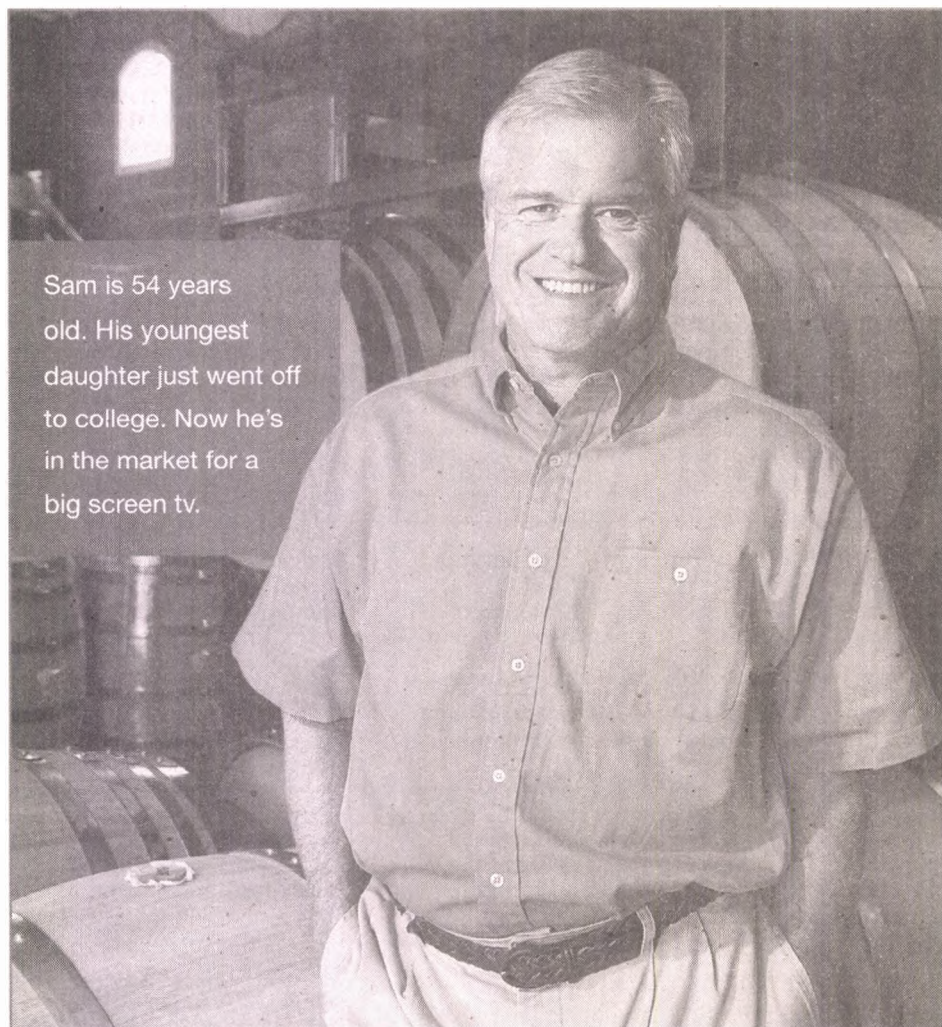
Admission is \$45 per person. Preregistration required; contact Carrie Vroman at 734-462-4438 or cvroman@schoolcraft.edu.

Mesiner selected as top leader

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner was selected as one of 10 rising leaders from across the country to join the NewDEAL, a national network that is committed to highlighting innovative ideas from state and local elected leaders.

Gov. Martin O'Malley of Maryland and U.S. Sen. Mark Begich of Alaska, honorary chairs of the NewDEAL, recognized Meisner's work to revitalize Oakland County towns by encouraging local banks and credit unions to invest in their city centers.

Meisner joins Flint Mayor Dayne Walling, Ferndale Mayor Dave Coulter, state Rep. Sam Singh and state Rep. Jim Townsend as the fifth NewDEAL Leader from Michigan.



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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

Get a Grip on Your Business | EOS Workshop May 1, 9-11 a.m. If you are the owner, leader or manager of an entrepreneurial organization who wants to see your business consistently run better and grow faster, Mike Kotsis, a professional EOS implementer, can help you and your team simplify, clarify and achieve your vision. You will walk away with a focused action plan using the EOS workbook containing the tools that will help you to gain more traction in your business. Don't let the company run you — Get a Grip on Your Business. Fee: \$40 per person, preregistration is required.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion May 7, 9 a.m. to noon Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. This is presented by the Oakland County Business Center, Oakland County Market Research Department and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian. Fee: This workshop is free, but preregistration is required.

Know Your Numbers: Five Keys to Using Financial Statements May 13, 9 a.m. to noon Who Should Attend: Business owners and key staff who want to have a better understanding of how to use their financial statements. The ideal participant will have two-to-three years of financial history and be pursuing financing or having challenges with cash flow. Topics include how to use your balance sheet and income statement in managing your business, use break even analysis to improve your decision-making, find the source of your cash flow problems, increase your company's cash flow, and get the banker on your side. Fee: \$25, preregistration is required.

Welcome



Brooks Real Estate Group held a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 29 at its new office at 43443 Grand River Avenue, Suite 230, in Novi. Shown (from left) are Sandy Asuguo, Fred Pickens, David H. Brooks III, Erica Polk, Bryant Mitchell and Mark Bates.



The Chrysler House exterior in Detroit is eye-catching.



The Chrysler House, its interior shown here, was among the lauded buildings.

Metro area buildings garner top commercial kudos

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit announced three regional winners in the 2013-14 The Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY). These outstanding properties received top honors in regional competition among 22 distinguished buildings in BOMA's North Central Region including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The program honors outstanding leaders and properties in commercial real estate.

The 2013-14 Regional TOBY Award recipients are:

Under 100,000 Square Feet Category

m@dison. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Bedrock Real Estate Services, LLC

Property Manager: Darlene Strickland

Property Owner: M@dison Theater Building Company
Architect: C. Howard Crane

Renovated Building Category

Chrysler House. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Bedrock Real Estate Services, LLC

Property Manager: Casimer Daniewski

Property Owner: 719 Griswold Associates, LLC

Architect: Daniel Burnham

Historical Building Category

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority/Hines

Property Manager: Gregory McDuffee/Michael Kennedy

Property Owner: Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority

Architect: Harley, Ellington & Day

The TOBY Awards, now in its 29th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the com-

mercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building.

"TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA/Metro Detroit.

Regional winners now advance to international competition at the 2014 BOMA International Every Building Con-

ference & Expo in Orlando, Fla., on June 24, 2014.

For additional information on the 2013-2014 TOBY and Leadership Awards, contact Emily Keranen or visit www.bomadetroit.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine South-eastern Michigan communities it serves.

Group supports growth in Detroit

Q: I have heard something about the Detroit Future City. Can you tell me what, in general terms, that is?

A: Detroit Future City was created in response to the enormous challenges facing the City of Detroit. For the last four years, DFC has been assembling and analyzing data to inform and support a plan for vitality, growth, and health. It has taken on the task of uplifting the people, businesses and places of Detroit by improving quality of life and business in the city. As it relates to the real property in the city, this task requires an alignment of numerous disparate agencies and interest groups. The city must achieve a collaborative approach to land management among diverse groups, each with its own defined mission and charge. For more information, it is suggested that you contact www.detroitworksproject.com/the-framework.

Q: Our landlord has placed a no smoking ban in our apartment and even on our patio. This was not in our lease when we signed, and we smoke on our patio. What can we do about it?

A: You need to look at the lease, as the landlord generally has the right to pass reasonable rules and regulations. However, a ban on smoking may give you justification to get out of your lease depending upon what the judge thinks is a reasonable rule and whether that rule stretches to smoking on your patio which I think is an unreasonable rule *per se*. I would argue with the landlord that such limitations should only be effective upon the renewal of your lease and seek the advice of counsel.

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

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

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

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 25-29, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
22010 Village Pines Dr	\$405,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1539 Emmons Ave	\$210,000
533 Graten St	\$320,000
680 Humphrey Ave	\$885,000
1035 Mohegan St	\$825,000
2223 W Lincoln St	\$350,000
111 Willis St # 210	\$730,000
111 Willis St Unit 49	\$729,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1160 Forest Ln	\$540,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5171 Provincial Dr	\$417,000

1910 Raymond Pl	\$450,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5121 Carinas Way Ct	\$309,000
5145 Carinas Way Ct	\$297,000
2099 Sleeth Rd	\$45,000
FARMINGTON	
23890 Gill Rd	\$180,000
32718 Grand River Ave	\$35,000
Unit B	
31640 Lamar Dr	\$134,000
21016 Meadowlark St	\$138,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22294 Abington Dr	\$270,000
30793 Oak Valley Dr	\$244,000
29539 Omenwood Ave	\$228,000
21727 Purdue Ave	\$92,000
28775 Raleigh Rd	\$243,000
20730 Saint Francis St	\$65,000
20840 Sunnysdale St	\$136,000
37890 Thames Dr	\$226,000
25263 Witherspoon St	\$237,000

25381 Witherspoon St	\$350,000
MILFORD	
800 Bird Song Dr	\$65,000
1280 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$277,000
NORTHVILLE	
21860 Parkwood Ln	\$273,000
NOVI	
25514 Arcadia Dr	\$512,000
51219 Brompton	\$327,000
27537 Cromwell Rd	\$305,000
42721 Faulkner Dr	\$300,000
21946 Picadilly Cir	\$505,000
22727 Renford St	\$90,000
25825 Sierra Dr	\$86,000
47281 Stratford Ln	\$620,000
SOUTH LYON	
59245 Bavarnhaus Ct	\$87,000
23141 Cheyenne Ct	\$383,000
784 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000
52071 Red Cedar	\$356,000
61305 Saddlecreek Dr	\$320,000

330 Scott St	\$118,000
56195 10 Mile Rd	\$450,000
54110 West Ct	\$353,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18520 Autumn Ln	\$112,000
28709 Brentwood St	\$73,000
30083 Fairfax St	\$78,000
29726 Farmbrook Villa Ln	\$79,000
30560 Old Stream	\$170,000
15801 Providence Dr #	\$74,000
07d	
25530 Southfield Rd #	\$23,000
A101	
29300 Southgate Dr	\$99,000
24800 Templar Ave	\$123,000
WHITE LAKE	
11 Blackberry Dr	\$257,000
951 Mallock St	\$182,000

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CANTON	
4538 Artley St	\$274,000
8330 Chatham Dr	\$100,000
48339 Chesterfield Dr S	\$338,000
8719 Columbia Cir	\$75,000
306 Constitution St	\$135,000
881 Constitution St	\$218,000
45423 Cypress Ct	\$335,000
7333 Emerson Dr	\$193,000
45520 Fieldstone Dr	\$176,000
4243 Forest Bridge Dr	\$245,000
44067 Gordon St	\$120,000
50211 Grant St	\$281,000
41474 Hanford Rd	\$195,000
43934 Harsdale Dr	\$161,000
1376 Heritage Dr	\$144,000
47071 Hidden River Cir N	\$365,000
51164 High Meadow Crossing S	\$365,000
2624 Hogan Way	\$250,000
1490 Kensington Dr	\$298,000
276 Meadowlake Rd	\$179,000
7869 Oxford Dr	\$110,000
43226 Pepperwood St	\$198,000
42350 Saratoga Cir	\$147,000
46953 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$217,000
8025 Trillium Ln	\$110,000

1301 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$178,000
GARDEN CITY	
32722 Alvin St	\$54,000
446 Arcola St	\$52,000
6208 Deering St	\$57,000
5947 Helen St	\$50,000
29039 James St	\$30,000
33521 Rosslyn Ave	\$75,000
29538 Rush St	\$45,000
410 W Rose Ave	\$90,000
LIVONIA	
36737 Angeline Cir	\$132,000
27600 Barkley St	\$118,000
19001 Doris St	\$142,000
9353 Eastwind Dr	\$160,000
11764 Farmington Rd	\$123,000
28491 Gita St	\$138,000
19614 Hardy St	\$162,000
8900 Henry Ruff Rd	\$123,000
29648 Hillbrook St	\$140,000
27600 Joy Rd	\$94,000
9164 Knolson St	\$102,000
38484 Lancaster St	\$240,000
36560 Marler St	\$192,000
36284 Meadowbrook St	\$176,000
31535 Merriwood Park Dr	\$128,000
29779 Minton St	\$114,000
28581 N Clements Cir	\$125,000
16441 Penn Dr	\$230,000
14586 Ronnie Ln	\$179,000
9913 Roseland St	\$135,000
35340 Schoolcraft Rd	\$142,000
14255 Sunset St	\$120,000

14179 Susanna St	\$201,000
30841 Wentworth St	\$85,000
NORTHVILLE	
48392 Binghamton Dr	\$645,000
18202 Blue Heron Dr W	\$450,000
18214 Blue Heron Dr W	\$394,000
44993 Broadmoor Cir S	\$420,000
16901 Carriage Way	\$150,000
42256 Crestview Cir	\$370,000
16772 Dover Dr	\$150,000
47052 Merion Cir	\$625,000
15957 Morningside	\$153,000
18025 Peninsula Way	\$413,000
41518 Waterfall Rd	\$370,000
18254 Woodbury Ct	\$1,025,000
PLYMOUTH	
10912 Chestnut Dr	\$165,000
10057 Creekwood Cir	\$285,000
15150 Farmbrook Dr	\$212,000
13821 Fawn Woods Ct	\$495,000
1669 Gloucester St	\$270,000
41324 Greenbriar Ln	\$174,000
47327 Hunters Park Dr	\$358,000
11303 Maple Ridge Dr	\$460,000
9054 McClumpha Rd	\$315,000
9054 McClumpha Rd	\$280,000
356 N Evergreen St	\$212,000
390 Pacific St	\$240,000
45206 Riveredge Dr	\$290,000
950 Sutherland St	\$188,000
14140 Terrace Ct	\$193,000
46354 Wesford Ct	\$322,000
13677 Westbrook Rd	\$450,000
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9573 Berwyn	\$60,000
14214 Brady	\$46,000
9362 Garfield	\$75,000
9339 Hemingway	\$80,000
19334 Inkster Rd	\$21,000
17698 Lennane	\$79,000
11401 Leverne	\$63,000
10042 Royal Grand	\$48,000
26235 Southwestern Hwy	\$10,000
WAYNE	
4327 Third St	\$60,000
35303 Ash St	\$86,000
3310 Dearborn St	\$95,000
4120 Garfield St	\$57,000
35324 Glover St	\$38,000
36870 Greenbush Ct	\$97,000
35128 W Michigan Ave	\$83,000
WESTLAND	
2065 Alanson St	\$15,000
32223 Anita Dr	\$80,000
6791 Bison St	\$91,000
1507 Elias St	\$100,000
35164 Hazelwood St	\$40,000
34011 Marquette St	\$115,000
38173 N Rickham Ct	\$127,000
36490 Newberry Estates Dr	\$245,000
8329 Rae Dr	\$110,000
7455 Randy Dr	\$109,000
5315 S Middlebelt Rd	\$58,000
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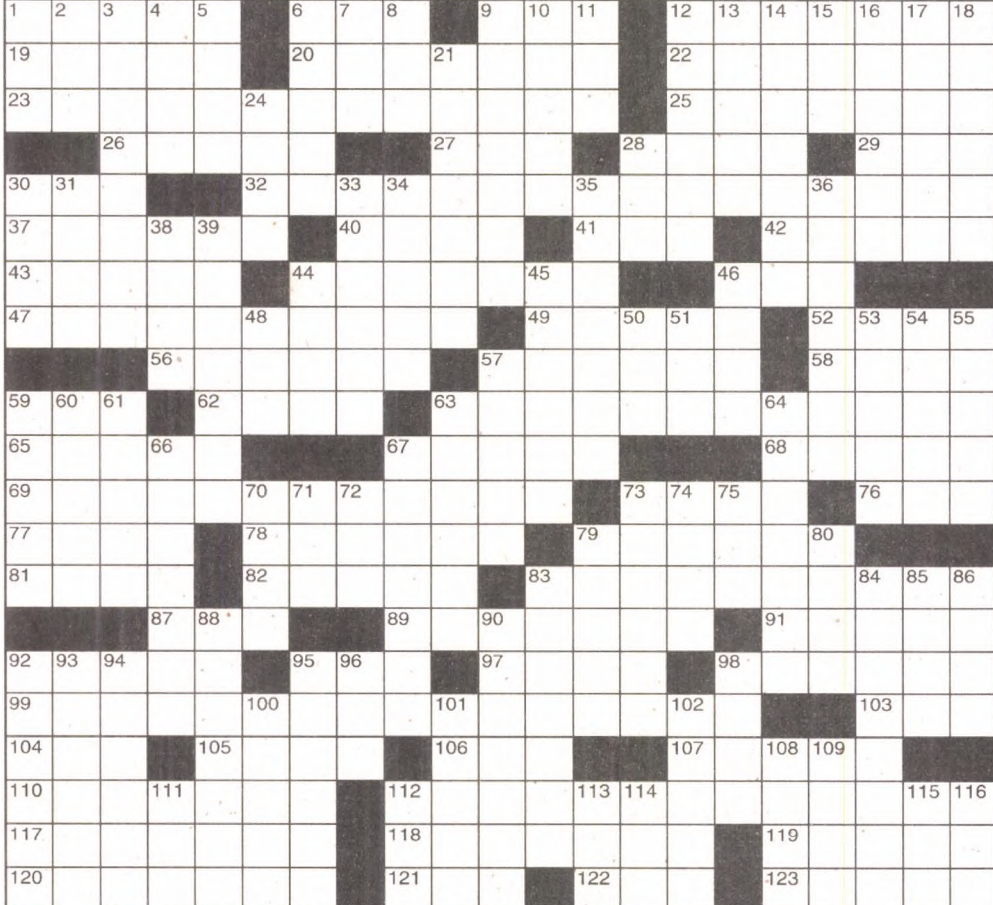
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 - 20 — Trench (very deep Pacific point)
 - 22 Where Polynesia is
 - 23 Forming ties by showing team spirit?
 - 25 Molting animal, e.g.
 - 26 Cave dwarf of folklore
 - 27 Water, in Wassy
 - 28 "How true!"
 - 29 Overhead urban trains
 - 30 "That's all — wrote"
 - 32 Like things you can categorize in your head?
 - 37 Torment
 - 40 Crimson Tide school, for short
 - 41 Raises
 - 42 Singer John
 - 43 Last Oldsmobile model
 - 44 Tibetan Buddhists' practice
 - 46 Relative of .edu or gov
 - 47 Ruling eel?
 - 49 "Burnt" pigment
 - 52 "Oh, woe —"
 - 56 A sysadmin might maintain one
 - 57 Simple piano chords
 - 58 Athenian H's
 - 59 Retired JFK jet
 - 62 Big birds of the outback
 - 63 Stream, after a long downpour?
 - 65 Honda's luxury line
 - 67 Light beer
 - 68 Employment
 - 69 Unflavorful sundae topper?
 - 73 Flows back
 - 76 One of three stooges
 - 77 Grand-scale
 - 78 Head-hiding sweatshirt
 - 79 Slender and graceful
 - 81 Nevada city near Sparks
 - 82 Folding poker player's comment
 - 83 Raids made during hog wars?
 - 87 Lilted song syllable
 - 89 Minerals that look like gold
 - 91 Film director Lubitsch
 - 92 Quite mad
 - 95 Thicken, as Jell-O
 - 97 Open up — of worms
 - 98 City in Texas or Ukraine
 - 99 Emergence of a swamp?
 - 103 Negative particle, e.g.
 - 104 "Annabel Lee" poet
 - 105 Bakery stock
 - 106 British rocker Brian
 - 107 Actress Day
 - 110 Reduce to a fine spray
 - 112 What a ranger's niece calls him?
 - 117 Akin
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 - 119 Indiana's state flower
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 - 122 Audit gp.
 - 123 Intuit
 - DOWN
 - 1 Highlander's cap
 - 2 Hullabaloo
 - 3 One trading
 - 4 Epps of the screen
 - 5 Norway port
 - 6 Go at a slow, easy pace
 - 7 "The — of Steve" (2000 film)
 - 8 Suffix with south
 - 9 Game similar to handball
 - 10 Render void
 - 11 Jest type
 - 12 Carl Sagan's fascination
 - 13 Autumn color
 - 14 Go back in "Old man"
 - 15 "Old man"
 - 16 Owing money
 - 17 "Ruby" star Danny
 - 18 Pitcher Don
 - 21 Guy in a think tank
 - 24 Tall shade trees
 - 28 Cleo's killer
 - 30 Pretense
 - 31 Angelic circle
 - 33 Cavs, Mavs and Knicks
 - 34 Made gentle
 - 35 More scrumptious
 - 36 North African capital
 - 38 Abu Dhabi native, e.g.
 - 39 Tofu source
 - 44 Hawaiian feast
 - 45 Opinion poll
 - 46 Estimator's words
 - 48 Iranian city of almost 1,000,000
 - 50 Gin joint
 - 51 N.Y. summer hrs.
 - 53 Iron emission
 - 54 Tropical fruit
 - 55 Lauder of cosmetics
 - 57 Jungle cat, in Spanish
 - 59 Fencing sword
 - 60 Mouthwash brand
 - 61 City in Italy
 - 63 One-in-a-million thing
 - 64 Autumn color
 - 66 Ravioli filling
 - 67 Paved the way for
 - 70 Karmann — (old VW)
 - 71 Relative of .edu or .gov
 - 72 "Yoo- —"
 - 73 Figure skater Plushenko
 - 74 Porgy's love
 - 75 Slo- — (kind of fuse)
 - 79 Join, as a table
 - 80 To be, to Fifi or Gigi
 - 83 High-pitched flute
 - 84 Be obstinate about
 - 85 Gas brand north of the U.S.
 - 86 Comic Laurel
 - 88 Brief relief
 - 90 Earthy and vulgar
 - 92 Give, as knowledge
 - 93 Cheering fan
 - 94 Pupil ringer
 - 95 Rapid
 - 96 Triage sites, for short
 - 98 — about (circa)
 - 100 Evaluated, with "up"
 - 101 "Wetherby" actress Judi
 - 102 Stenches
 - 108 Weightlifters count them
 - 109 "It's all clear"
 - 111 GQ, for one
 - 112 Abbr. on a navy vessel
 - 113 Connecticut Ivy Leaguer
 - 114 "So —, so good"
 - 115 Low-ranking off.
 - 116 Whiskey type



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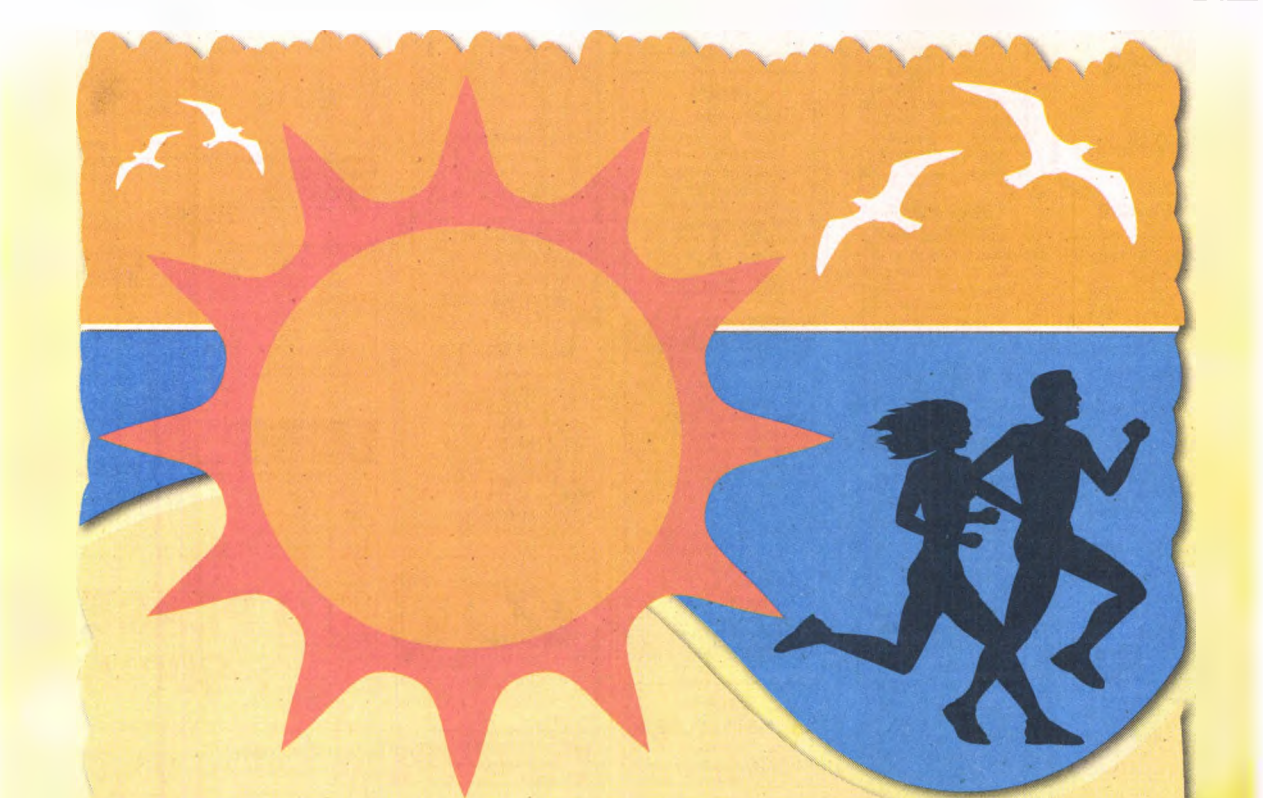
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Know your strengths and weaknesses

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

It's the dreaded interview question. "So, what would you say are your weaknesses?" You don't want to ignore the question all together, but you also don't want to reply back with, "Well, I tend to miss deadlines a lot." Instead, you try to come up with an answer that sounds like a weakness but is really a strength, such as, "Sometimes I just work too hard, I'm always coming in early and staying late."

While you may wish you wouldn't get asked such a question during an interview, it actually would benefit you to think about your weaknesses and strengths, before talking to a hiring manager. In fact, if you really want to get a leg up, you should be assessing your skills and limitations even earlier than that before you begin your job search.

"Knowing your strengths and weaknesses before the job search helps you hone in on the types of jobs that best match your qualities and abilities," says Neil Kokemuller, college marketing professor and former retail manager. "If you apply for jobs that don't match your abilities, you set yourself up for failure and waste time. As you get into the interview process, knowing your strengths and weaknesses is a huge factor in effectively selling yourself to a hiring manager."

How to identify your strengths and weaknesses

The idea of sitting down and coming up with the things you're good with and not so good at can seem daunting, but there are a few methods to try that can make the process a little easier.

Lea McLeod, who provides corporate coaching and career consulting services, suggests that you take assessments to help narrow in on your skills and strengths. "I personally like StrengthsFinder 2.0 as a very basic assessment of strengths," McLeod says. "There are numerous other assessments that can measure everything from how you manage conflict, to your learning style, to your team orientation."

Another way to evaluate your strengths and weaknesses is to ask others who you think will give you an honest, objective opinion. "Ask people you know personally to share what they see as your strong sides and your weak side," McLeod says. "Often others see perspectives we don't see in ourselves. Get feedback from your peers and or managers about what your strengths and weaknesses are in the workplace."

It's also helpful to think about what type of feedback you've received from managers during formal reviews. "Think back on past performance reviews," says Patricia Vargas, manager of Marketing Production at Halogen Software, a provider of talent management solutions. "What kind of feedback have you gotten from your managers and peers? Look for trends for example, repeat feedback that you're a great team player or very proactive. Take note of feedback you've received around both job-specific skills and soft skills."

Consider both hard and soft skills

When assessing your skills, don't just think about those technical skills you've acquired; also consider your soft skills abilities related to communication, leadership, collaboration,



creative problem-solving, etc. which can be just as important to employers.

"In general, you should have a sense for what your strengths are around dealing with tasks, processes, relationships and communication," McLeod says. "Those are the core components of getting work done in any workplace. On the technical side, if you are looking for a job with specific technical or hard skills, you should absolutely know where you stand on those. Many hard skills will be tested by employers in environments like engineering, software and public relations."

Why this will help your job search

"Once you've identified your strengths, it will help you evaluate what kind of jobs you're best suited for," Vargas says. "It will also help you sell yourself in a job interview. You want to be able to clearly articulate how you will bring value in a particular role."

Vargas notes that finding the right job fit is important, because you want to feel both comfortable and confident in the role. You don't want to start a new job, only to find that your skills aren't really up to par or

that you don't consider the company to be the right cultural fit.

But if you know going into the new job that your strengths align with your new position and you'll have the opportunity to grow in the areas where you need improvement, it'll be a win-win situation for both you and the employer. "You'll be engaged in your work and a valued contributor to the organization's success," Vargas says.

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