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Child care registration

Registration and scheduling for Novi's before- and after-school child care program is under way. The cost to register is \$65 per child (non-refundable). Prior to the start of the school year, you may register online at www.novicommunityed.org.

Hours are from 6:45 a.m. until the start of school and after school until 6 p.m. Daily fees are \$8 for morning and \$11 for afternoon.

If child care is needed the first month of school, students must be registered and scheduled online before Friday, Aug. 15. During the school year, registration and schedules are done online between the first and 15th day of the month prior to attendance.

The C.A.R.E. "Child Information Record" form must be completed and given to the C.A.R.E. Leader prior to your child attending the program. If registering more than one child, you must have a separate form filled out for each child. For more information, check the website or call the office at 248-449-1713.

Town Center Drive next on fix list

Project should be completed this fall

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

With 11 Mile Road newly repaired and striped for drivers, the city of Novi looks to the next needed road project in that area with Town Center Drive.

City officials said this new project will help make the road smoother and safer.

"This road is in much of need

of repair," Novi interim City Manager Victor Cardenas said.

This project includes the reconstruction of Town Center Drive from Grand River to Crescent Boulevard. It provides the opportunity to incorporate some changes to the lane configurations at the intersections of Grand River and 11 Mile to improve the operation of the roadway, according to the Novi Public Services department.

"Improvements to the sidewalks and ramps, as well as other minor improvements, will

be completed within the project limits," DPS director Rob Hayes said in the recommendation to city council, which approved (7-0) a construction contract for the Town Center Drive Reconstruction to Pavex Corp. in the amount of \$955,526.

Novi's Non-Motorized Master Plan 2011 has designated this section of Town Center between Grand River and 11 Mile as an "On-Road Neighborhood Connector" and envisions bike lanes



The portion in red is slated for improvements.

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'FRIENDS FOREVER'

Novi, Farmington Hills women share secret to long-lasting connection

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

National Friendship Day gave two local friends a moment to pause and realize just how lucky they are to have the connection they've had over three decades.

Lisa Haase of Novi and Nikki Boahbedason of Farmington Hills have pretty much been inseparable since kindergarten, when one asked the other to play. The secret to this long-lasting friendship is knowing the other person really well.

"We can be silly and goofy together and give each other space when it's needed," said Haase, 40, who grew up with Boahbedason, 41, in the Westland and Livonia area. "We see eye to eye and understand each other. That's important and we're lucky."

As teens, they worked together at Vladimir's Banquet Center in Farmington Hills and the former Westland Drugs. Today, they are both administrative assistants at AT&T's Sandy Building in Southfield. They don't spend as much time outside of work as they used to, but at work they are a pair and as close as ever.

They have been so close over the years that, at the age of 21, these "best friends

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Mena appointed to vacant school board seat

Term of resigned member
Lebo ends Dec. 31

By **Cal Stone**
Staff Writer

Willy Mena in early June officially signed on as a candidate for trustee on the Novi school board in the November election, but he'll actually be serving in that capacity until at least Dec. 31.

Mena, 50, was appointed by the board Aug. 7 to fill the remainder of a term vacated by Shari Lebo.

Mena has been actively involved in a wide variety of vol-



Mena

Detroit Lions).

"I'm ready and willing to take my commitment to community service to the next level," Mena said. "I want to serve the Novi Schools community in a policy-making role by leveraging all of the knowledge and experience I've gained over the years through my volunteer work."

Mena said the school district is heading in the right direction, but needs to close the academic performance gaps that exist in Novi.

"Our school district is the crown jewel of the community," he said. "We need to meet the goals that we've set, keep our graduation rate high and continue to meet the needs of our diverse community."

Novi, Mena says, has great students, great teachers and low class sizes. The district has accomplished much without cutting programs over the past four years, while other districts continue to suffer financially.

High on his list of priorities

for the district are:

» Ensuring the financial stability of the district - "I was deeply involved as the chair of the last two school-financial elections which featured overwhelming community support of the recreational millage, the operating renewal millage and the facilities/technologies/security bond proposal," he said. "I am thrilled that all three of these ballot issues passed, because it will lead to long-term financial stability of the district - without raising tax rates on our Novi residents."

» Continuing high academic

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for both the northbound and southbound roadways between Grand River and 11 Mile. Reconstruction of this section will incorporate bike lanes and other non-motorized improvements recommended by the master plan.

Bike lanes were contemplated on 11 Mile, but the design was revised to include a 10-foot wide, shared-use pathway on the north side and a 6-foot wide pathway on the south side.

The city does not

currently have right-of-way or easements over all the sidewalks along Town Center Drive. City staff said they are working to acquire temporary permits from all property owners prior to construction in the interest of time. They are also working with the property owners to acquire permanent right-of-way or easements in these locations.

Hayes said construction of the project will begin this summer and be completed sometime this fall.

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achievement – “We need to stay focused on the instructional needs of all students – without raising taxes,” Mena said. “School finances have been a tough issue over the years, but we need to learn to live within our means by providing the best possible education within existing resources.”

So now that he'll be serving as a trustee, what would he like to see from community members?

“I'd like to see continued input, if not more, from all our stakeholders,” he said. “I am one of seven trustees who will help set the direction of the district. But that cannot be done successfully without ongoing and continuous public engagement on

the academic and financial issues that face the district each year.”

The board also includes Dennis O'Connor, president; Bobbie Murphy, vice president; Tracey Cadwell, secretary; Ann Glubzinski, treasurer; and trustees George Kortlandt and Punita Dani Thurman.

Thurman was appointed July 15 to fill Jason Manar's vacated term, which expires Dec. 31. She was one of six individuals to file candidacy in the November election, but was rejected after the deadline due to a shortage of eligible voter signatures.

There will be three seats open and five individuals filed for the six-year positions: Glubzinski, Mena, Paul D. Cook, Chris Harpenau and Robert Peurach.

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forever” further cemented their lifelong bond – both got a tattoo

on the inside of their left ankle, a sun for Boahbedsaon and a flower for Hasse.

Friendship Day

Neither really knew of Friendship Day, which was recognized Aug. 3. But when it was brought to their attention, it gave them a chance to realize just

how cool it is that they've lasted as friends this long. Not many people can say they have had a deep connection with the same friend for more than 30 years.

“It's truly special to have a close friend you can turn to on a daily basis,” Boahbedsaon said.

Do they see themselves as friends another 30 years from now?

“We are lifetime friends,” Haase said.

“For sure, we've always been there for each other,” Boahbedsaon added.

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Champagne Cruise



Cruisin' for charity continues at the 12th annual Champagne Cruise, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at Westborn Market in Berkeley. Westborn Market has been the host site for the Forgotten Harvest fundraiser since the beginning. Have your car valet-parked and then watch the Dream Cruisers from the best vantage point on Woodward while enjoying live music, strolling dinner from the area's best restaurants, craft beer from Atwater Brewery in Detroit and sparkling wine by M. Lawrence. Staff from the No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar, including (from left) Candy Resmer, executive chef Tom Batayah and Bridget Resmer, will serve up its signature braised short rib to the 600-plus guests. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased by going online to www.forgottenharvest.org. JULIE YOLLES

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Primary turnout typical for Novi

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

While many media outlets reported unusually low voter turnout Aug. 5 for the primary election, that really wasn't the case in the city of Novi.

Given that just over 7,000 total votes were cast among the city's more than 41,000 registered voters, 17.24 percent could be considered low. But the average primary turnout in Novi is 17.54 percent, according to Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk.

However, one can expect that percentage to jump significantly in November for the gubernatorial election. Novi recorded percentages of 51.76 (2010), 61.99 (2006) and 54.41 (2002) the last three times a new governor was chosen.

And those percentages are still higher in Novi during presidential elections: 75.47 (2012), 77.48 (2008) and 79.15 (2004).

So why then, with so many elections and issues being determined in a primary, is turnout so much lower?

"Voter education is so important and I did see media reports explaining to voters why the primary is so important," Cornelius said. "We do the same thing every chance we get, including high school and middle school levels, so they will know for the future and share with their parents."

Convincing senior citizens to vote does not seem to be an issue. Novi's highest turnout in the primary, 52 percent, was at Precinct 10, which is Fox Run Retirement Community, where there are 919 registered voters.

Many municipal clerks agreed that the pouring rain for much of the morning kept voters



HOW NOVI VOTED

Here's how the numbers break down in the Aug. 5, 2014, primary election for Novi's 41,129 registered voters. A total of 7,090 (or 17.24 percent) votes were cast.

Party	Votes Cast	Percent	Precinct	Absentee
Republican	4,320	60.93	2,602	1,718
Democratic	2,519	35.53	1,679	841
Nonpartisan Crossover	400	5.64	94	306
	169	2.38	38	131

NOVI VOTING BY PRECINCT

Precinct	Cast	Registered	Percent	REP	DEM
#1	458	1,881	24.35	309	138
#2	459	2,362	19.43	292	150
#3	362	1,948	18.58	194	154
#4	400	1,919	20.84	206	171
#5	212	1,517	13.97	128	79
#6	386	1,903	20.28	211	156
#7	254	1,679	15.13	149	91
#8	308	1,571	19.61	174	123
#9	511	2,502	20.42	276	217
#10	483	916	52.73	318	149
#11	234	1,744	13.42	143	86
#12	187	2,909	6.43	100	81
#13	146	1,380	11.35	70	68
#14	273	1,380	19.78	153	111
#15	347	1,825	19.01	218	115
#16	416	2,459	16.92	270	137
#17	396	2,185	18.12	270	111
#18	543	2,199	24.69	352	171
#19	188	1,220	15.41	130	52
#20	265	1,266	20.93	190	72
#21	262	2,577	10.17	167	87

Combined REP and DEM votes do not equal number of votes cast, which also includes third-party and crossover votes.

PRECINCTS
1 Meadowbrook Congregational Church; 2 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; 3 Village Oaks Elementary School; 4 Novi United Methodist Church; 5 Orchard Hills Elementary School; 6 & 7 Holy Family Catholic Church; 8 Crosspointe Meadows Church; 9 & 11 Brightmoor Church; 10 Fox Run; 12 Maple Manor; 13 Novi Meadows ITC Building; 14 Faith Community Church; 15 St. James Catholic Church; 16 Novi Public Library; 17 & 18 Novi Civic Center; 19 Thornton Creek Elementary School; 20 & 21 Deerfield Elementary School

Sources: City of Novi Clerk; Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds

away. "We normally experience a surge before 9 a.m. then again after 4 p.m.," Cornelius said. "The morning was very slow."

Weather aside, what can be done to get more Novi residents voting?

"Education information shared by anyone accredited through the state of Michigan, such as myself and my deputy, is always a good way to inform residents," Cornelius said. "So just by this story, a lot of voters will be reached."

Tabulating votes

While local voting percentages have remained consistent in recent years, one thing that has changed is the speed at which votes are tabulated and final results are available.

As of November 2012, all results in Oakland County are immediately sent by modem installed in the voting equipment. Nothing can be sent in advance of 8 p.m. as the equipment for receiving information is not in use until that time.

Prior to November 2012, the card inside the tabulator (much like an SD card in a digital camera) was removed and brought to the city clerk's office. Those cards would then be read into a computer program and sent all at once by modem. The cards are

still returned in a secured canvass bag. The city clerk's office uses those results to generate the reports one sees on Novi's website that include the summary results and results by precinct.

In Novi, 4,374 votes were cast at the polls. Another 2,716 were cast via absentee ballots, which are tabulated beginning no earlier than 7 a.m. on election day.

"There is a specific process whereby signatures on the outer envelope are verified, then the ballots are compared on a list, including the ballot number on the front label," Cornelius said. "The envelope is then opened and the numbered stub is compared without exposing votes on the ballot. The stub is removed and kept in numerical order. The ballot is then kept in the secrecy sleeve and transferred to the next election worker."

That election worker removes the ballot from the secrecy sleeve and transfers it to the next election worker, who then takes it to the tabulator and inserts the ballot.

"Because each Republican and Democratic team is sworn to secrecy and follows instructions to process, they are acting on behalf of the absent voter," Cornelius said.

A typical primary or general election in Novi can run anywhere from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

"Voting is a right and a privilege," Cornelius said.

The city clerk's office makes applications to vote available for absentee ballots on the website, by fax or email to elections@cityofnovi.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Wildcats fundraiser

The Novi High School girls swim and dive team will be holding a car wash fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the parking lot of Spillane & Reynolds, on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Taft.

'Rumpelstiltskin' live on stage

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville will present the classic tale *Rumpelstiltskin* live on stage during the months of August and September.

Performances will take place at 2:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 16 and 23 and Sept. 6, 13 and 20, as well as at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Sept. 7, 14 and 21. In addition, there will be weekday performances at 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday Aug. 14-15.

Tickets for all performances are \$9 each. No children under the age of 3. There are group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more.

Special weekday school shows are also available for school groups.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110

or visit www.northvillamarquistheatre.com.

Superhero Olympics

The Superhero Training Academy invites people to the second annual Superhero Olympics at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center, 3577 Sleeth Court, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23.

Join in for a fun and challenging day of creative events to test the strength of children ages 8-12. There is a \$20 suggested donation; register at www.superherotraining.org

There will be 12 different outdoor events stationed throughout the field and forest. Events will be run by a staff of superheroes who are educators, circus performers or game aficionados. Dress for the outdoors, bring a lunch and wear clothes that may get wet.

The Superhero Training Academy is a non-profit organization that works with youth education and leadership in schools, camps and community centers in southeast Michigan. For more information, visit www.superherotraining.org.

To market



Eastern Market Shed 3 is a great go-to spot for hosting events and the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan's fundraiser Aug. 8 was no exception. While there's nothing casual about leukemia, the party was kind of a hang out, let loose, TGIF event, complete with craft cocktails and hand-crafted cuisine stations from many of the area's top restaurants and distilleries. Shown are Patti Davis (left) of SPEC Personnel in Novi and Becky Cox of West Bloomfield. JULIE YOLLES



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Corrigan hosts school supplies drive in both Novi and Farmington Hills

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Corrigan moving trucks will be located at Hunter's Square and West Oaks II at the southwest corner of Orchard Lake and 14 Mile roads and the intersection of Novi Road and I-96, respectively.

Corrigan is encouraging members of the local community to donate school supplies, including backpacks, mechanical pencils, filler paper, spiral notebooks, three-ring vinyl notebooks, rulers, protractors, compasses, small, solar-powered calculators and safety scissors, among other general school supplies. The nonprofit requests that the school supplies not be packaged inside the backpacks when donated, as children and young adults are invited to select the supplies they need during a Big Family of Michigan backpack pick-up event.

"Corrigan is committed to moving lives, and helping to improve the lives of those in the communities we serve," Corrigan said. "As a family-owned company, we know the importance of education in a child's life. Big Family of Michigan recognizes this importance as well, and, as partners, we will provide the tools necessary for local children to succeed in school. We'd like to thank Ramco Gershenson, another Farmington Hills-based business dedicated to the local community, for serving as our location sponsor."

Big Family of Michigan is a nonprofit that serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults. They work with adoption organizations, foster parents, social workers and the children to make sure the children are receiving the love, care, and items they need and require to become successful adults.



Novi Band Camp wrapped up with some pieces of this year's competitive production being played.

'Persephone's Passage'

Novi High School marching band takes on Greek mythology

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Novi High School Band Camp culminated with an introduction performance of this year's competitive program for family and friends on the new turf field.

Camp concluded Saturday with the annual Parent Program in the NHS stadium and everyone in attendance seemed impressed to see the results.

"This is a great experience. It really demonstrates their commitment to the band," said Novi mom Johanna Werth, whose son Michael plays percussion and is a senior this year. "I'm proud of my son. He has shown a deep love for music."

"Persephone's Passage" is the title of this year's production. It is a story of the character from Greek mythology who was abducted and taken to the underworld, but later was allowed to leave during the spring time. The performance will have more visual props, while the music takes a classical approach and uses pieces from Mozart and Vivaldi.

"They've been working hard all week and putting in a lot of hours," said Mark Hourigan, Novi's director of bands. "It's paying off because they are playing it exceptionally well already."



Band director Mark Hourigan leads the Novi High School marching band during a performance for parents last week.

The performance involves colors and spring with the color guard naturally taking the lead. The props will be 26 panels, also representing these two worlds, and will be set throughout the field. As the band plays through four different pieces, members take the audience through the passage.

The first performance for the band this year will be at Aug. 28 the home varsity football game. The first competitive event will be at Fanfare 2014, set for Saturday, Sept. 20, in Novi.

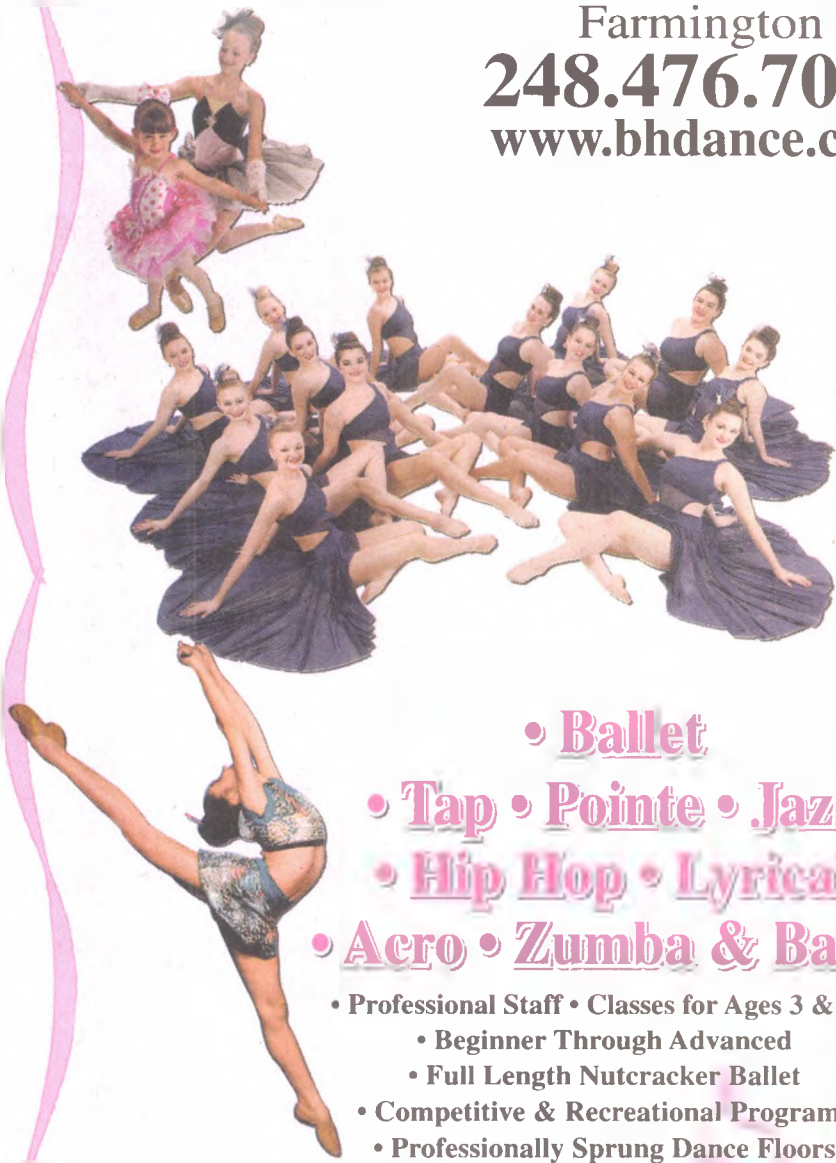
This exciting marching band event is not only for the students, staff and parents, but also happens to be the band's largest fundraiser. This is a competition in which high school marching bands from across the state of Michigan perform in front of a panel of judges. These judges assess the bands on the basis of their precision in marching, performance of music and overall effect of the show.

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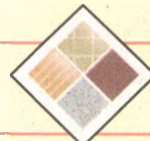
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Public classes offered at SC safety complex

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Officials at Schoolcraft College know their recently opened public safety academy isn't well-known to Livonia residents. That's something they're hoping to change.

"We get the public out here and they have no idea, none," said Michele Fuher, programming coordinator for continuing education. "They've lived in Livonia their entire lives and they have no idea."

Nestled in Livonia's industrial park is a public safety training haven, one that boasts a gun range, a fire tower and a 10-acre parking lot to train police car and fire truck drivers. After several years of operating under the radar, the center, located at 31777 Industrial, has a wide range of public classes open this fall to those not with a police department or enrolled at the academy.

The facility, which opened in 2011 (the police academy opened in 2013 after moving from the Radcliff Center in Garden City), trains several dozen recruits during its academy and opens the facility to local law enforcement agencies to hone their skills. While it's taken a few years to get the center up and moving at full speed,



Robin Boruta of Livonia on the gun range. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

officials say the center is ready to offer more to the public with classes that deal with emergency preparedness and firearms, among other topics.

A class teaching precision driving techniques is offered for the public. This course, designed to help teach driver confidence and maneuvers, is open to area residents, both young and old, looking to improve their driving.

The class, held on weekends, uses the academy's "skid cars" that have braces on them to prevent them from overturning.

"Some people, they get hysterical or they get nervous and what do they

do? All of a sudden, they step on the brake," said Jerry Champagne, associate dean of public safety programs. "We're going to show them maneuvers that, you hit the brake instead of slamming through the floor with the brake, that you make these sudden maneuvers, corrective actions with that obstruction."

More offerings can be found on the college's website at schoolcraft.edu/cep.

Police, fire training facilities

In the complex exists areas specifically designed for first responders, including a room that has more than 100 panels

that move along a grid and can create different room layouts, be it a kitchen, bedroom or office building.

There, police can practice doing raids or entering homes during a standoff, while fire agencies can practice rescue techniques. The building's materials allow the police departments to use their actual weapons, but with marking rounds, ammunition that will leave a paint-like substance on the walls that can be removed easily.

"We can configure any kind of room," Champagne said. "So what we can do is practice our tactics in here. And multiple agencies use this room."

A practice home set up for fire rescue is also in the complex, allowing firefighters to practice entering dark homes with hazards, such as downed wires.

John Smilnak, fire technology programs coordinator, said furniture in the home, which is dark, can be rearranged so trainees never go through the same situation twice. It has downed beams and an area for participants to crawl through an entanglement of wires to simulate a drop ceiling.

"They actually have to go through here and find their way around here and find the victim," he said. "We've got different doors for different locks,

inward swinging doors vs. outward swinging doors. There could be a difference in how the doors operate or the hinges go. So we teach them different variations of that."

He said academy students will use the facility, but other fire departments, such as Livonia and Dearborn Heights, have used it or plan to use it.

At the college's fire tower, a five-story tower that can produce fire at several hundred degree temperatures, firefighters can practice entering a home with extreme heat blasting from a simulated oven or other utility.

The school may have other, more indirect benefits to the community as well: helping to reduce blight and increase occupancy in the city's industrial area.

Champagne said it's been talked about at the college that the recent opening of the facility in the last few years has helped keep the industrial area of the city moving forward.

"Before I worked here, I didn't know this existed," Champagne said. "Now you don't have a bunch of vacant buildings."

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POLICE BRIEFS

Novi

Larceny from automobile on Cheltenham

A Novi man had his car broken into by a suspect who got in through an open window.

According to a Novi Police report, the suspects, three in total, came upon the car while it was parked at Cheltenham, near Donnington. One entered through a window, while another held his legs. A phone charger was the only thing taken.

The victim has a security camera at his residence and caught the incident on tape, the report said. The case remains under investigation.

Drunken driving

A Dearborn man was arrested for impaired driving after Novi Police stopped him for erratic driving.

The police report said the man was spotted June 22 crossing the yellow dividing lines a couple of times before taking a turn without using a signal. Police stopped the man at Novi Road and Crescent. He told police he had just left a local night club.

Police reportedly smelled intoxicants within the vehicle, so the man was asked to perform field sobriety tests. He reportedly lost his balance during the walk and turn. His preliminary breathalyzer test registered 0.114 percent.

Drunken minor

A man was arrested for underage drinking after Novi Police found him lying on the sidewalk outside of a local apartment complex.

The incident occurred June 22 after police were called to Lakeview Court by a resident who said there was a man standing next to her car and appeared to be very intoxicated. When police found him on the ground, he told them he had had been drinking earlier at an apartment. He registered 0.219 percent on his preliminary breathalyzer test.

Driving high

A woman was arrested for driving after smoking marijuana.

Novi Police stopped the woman June 23 at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road for having a headlight out. Police reported smelling marijuana inside the SUV and the driver admitted smoking 20 minutes earlier. She also said there was a pipe and grinder inside the vehicle.

Northville

Disorderly conduct

A 22-year-old Novi man was arrested on Aug. 10 for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after he allegedly got into someone's car parked at Cass Benton Park in Northville Township, and then got into a fight with the owner of the vehicle.

Northville Township Police were called to the scene, and found the man standing near the parking lot. According to reports, the man was sweaty, scratched up, intoxicated and paranoid when they attempted to speak with him. When he tried to walk away, the officers took him to the ground, put him in handcuffs and placed him in the squad car before speaking with witnesses. According to the report, the man resisted the whole time and even kicked the officers after he was handcuffed.

The owner of the vehicle told the officers he confronted the man while he was sitting in the car and told him to get out. He said the man kept saying "this is Jimmy's car" and refused to get out. That's when the scuffle ensued and both

men punched each other multiple times.

The Novi man was taken to jail and kept over night to sober up. He was arraigned the next day in 35th District Court on disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges. He was released on \$300 bond, and is next scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 27.

Patio furniture stolen

A 56-year-old Northville Township man called police to report somebody stole a patio set and grill from a home on the 17100 block of Beck Road sometime between 10 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 8 p.m. on Aug. 8. The man told police he has been working on the house to get it ready to sell. When he left on Aug. 7, the items were there but when he returned the next day they were gone.

He told police he didn't see anything suspicious and doesn't know who may have stolen the items.

Trespassing

Three Ann Arbor teens – a male and two females – were cited for trespassing at the old Northville Psychiatric

Hospital on Seven Mile in Northville Township. The incident occurred around 8 p.m. on Aug. 9 after a township police officer saw the three running from the property across Seven Mile.

When confronted, the teens said they hadn't entered the property but were only taking photos from the road and not beyond the "no trespassing" signs. The 18-year-old male had a machete in a sheath at his waist. The officer asked him about it, and why he would need it if they were only on the shoulder of the road. The teen said they had used it to clear away some brush to get a better view of the old hospital. The officer looked around and found no new cuttings where the teen said he had used it, however.

The story fell apart when the officer asked to see the photos they had taken on the camera, and found several photos taken inside the property. All three were cited and released at the scene. They have an Aug. 27 hearing at 35th District Court.

Drunken driving

A 40-year-old West Bloomfield woman was

arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for taking an illegal right hand turn.

On Aug. 10 the woman was stopped at E. Main and Center streets in the City of Northville, going through a red light. Police also reported seeing her cross the dividing lines. She told police she had not had much to drink and was fine to drive.

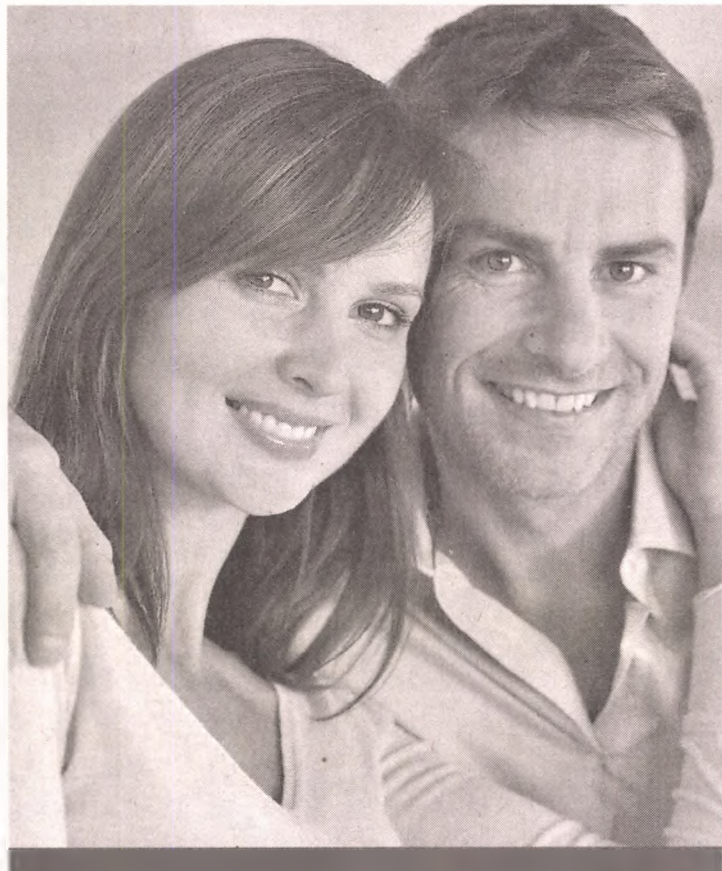
Police reported that she was unsteady on her feet, smelled of intoxicants and refused the breathalyzer test. Later she consented to it and blew a .23 percent. She was also cited for no proof of insurance.

Rock through window

A Northville man told police that his car window was broken by a rock, but he doesn't know who did it.

The man who lives on E. Dunlap Street said he found his window broken by an object that appeared to be a piece of cinder block, which he found in the back seat. He told police that in the days before his car was hit by some eggs, which he washed off.

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State voters overwhelmingly approve Proposal 1

By Paul Egan
Gannett Michigan

A statewide proposal to phase out the personal property tax on manufacturing equipment was approved by voters in the Aug. 5 primary, despite voter confusion and unhappiness about the complex proposal.

Proposal 1 phases out the PPT on industrial and some commercial equipment between 2016 and 2023.

It's an unpopular tax among manufacturers. Gov. Rick Snyder and most members of the Legislature from both parties say eliminating it will help Michigan's competitiveness as a

place companies want to locate.

Most of the revenue from the PPT goes to local governments and the proposal replaces that lost revenue by shifting money from the state's 6-percent use tax — charged on items such as Internet and mail-order purchases, telephone service and hotel accommodations.

"What it really means for us is stability," said Samantha Harkins, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

Impact on Novi

The Novi News contacted Novi's interim City Manager Victor

Cardenas and Finance Director Carl Johnson in order to get a clearer idea on how the city views Proposal 1.

During tax year 2014 (fiscal year 2015), the following was billed on personal property (both industrial and commercial). Please note the authorities listed below are only the city's portion of the levy. The amounts do not include schools, county or state levies. Total taxable value of personal property is \$225,066,560.

» General, \$1,128,869
» Municipal Streets, \$337,431
» Police and Fire, \$321,275
» Parks and Recrea-

tion, \$86,759

» Library, \$173,885
» Street Refunding Debt, \$85,114

» 2010 Refunding Debt, \$77,912

» Library Debt, \$83,380

» Total: \$2,294,625

With Proposal 1 passing, business owners with total personal property valued at \$80,000 or less (taxable value of \$40,000) in a particular tax collecting unit can file a personal property tax liability exemption. The city's projected taxable value under \$40,000 is approximately \$19,443,000.

This equates to a loss of personal property tax revenue, across all of the

city's levies, of approximately \$198,000.

At this point in time, there is no replacement revenue that Cardenas or Johnson are aware of. However, per the estimated 2015 assessments, the city will see an increase in the personal property taxable value.

So at the end of the day, the city will not realize the net gain of the estimated 2015 increase.

Other reactions

Count Roger Runyan among business leaders who believe elimination of the personal property tax is a huge leap forward in promoting a business environment

where growth can happen. Runyan, chief financial officer at Frazza Forklifts in Plymouth Township, said the money his company will save without the tax would be enough to hire two additional employees.

According to Runyan, Frazza employees spent 160 man-hours just managing personal personal property tax obligations, including the paperwork. The company, he said, had to file 110 personal property tax returns and pays \$105,000 annual in PPT.

"We are so excited about this," Runyan said of the passage of Proposal 1. "This is so critical for our business."

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What we learned from amazing primary season

By Kathleen Gray
and Todd Spangler
GANNETT MICHIGAN

A former reindeer rancher-turned-congressman gets beat by a foreclosure attorney. A businessman pours \$5 million of his own money into a race and still loses. One of Congress' most independent members wins easily, but lashes out at the party establishment that targeted him for defeat.

Whatever the 2014 Michigan primaries were, they weren't boring.

The Aug. 5 election results were pivotal, most likely assuring that a Dingell — Debbie, not John — will continue to serve in Congress and — barring an improbable result in the Nov. 4 general election — that U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Detroit will become the House's longest-serving active member.

But that is only skimming the surface, considering that Birmingham lawyer Dave Trott handi-

ly defeated U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, a former educator, National Guardsman and reindeer rancher who was 2012's surprise candidate; and state Sen. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, beat Paul Mitchell in a congressional primary despite Mitchell betting millions of his own dollars on himself.

Attention now will shift quickly to the November elections and marquee match-ups between Republican Gov. Rick Snyder and Democratic challenger Mark Schauer and Republican Terri Lynn Land and Democrat Gary Peters running for an open U.S. Senate seat. But before it does, the *Free Press* offers some quick takeaways from an amazing primary season:

Money talks sometimes

In contested U.S. House races, Michigan had three of the top 10 self-funders in the nation.

But while Trott's \$2.4

million clearly helped him to victory, the same can't be said for the \$5 million Mitchell, a retired Saginaw County businessman, put in his race, or the \$1 million Grand Rapids businessman Brian Ellis loaned himself.

Democratic state Senate candidate Ryan Fishman of Birmingham spent nearly \$100,000 of his own money, but was beaten by Cyndi Peltone of Clawson, who spent far less.

The more things change ...

One way or another, Michigan's getting at least — and probably at most — five new members of Congress — and a new U.S. senator — next year.

But among the U.S. House seats open, all are expected to go to the parties that hold them now. At present, the state's delegation has nine Republicans and five Democrats. And there looks to be few pickup opportunities

available, especially among the GOP.

Democrats will look more closely at U.S. Reps. Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls, and Tim Walberg, R-Tipton as possible long shots, with former Kalkaska County Sheriff Jerry Cannon and former state Rep. Pam Byrnes their respective challengers.

Turnout low — again

Rumors flew throughout election night that turnout was pathetic, awful and downright unpatriotic.

Some even pegged turnout in Wayne County at 5 percent. But the turnout was actually pretty typical of primaries in Michigan; which is to say, low — very low.

In Wayne County, the turnout was 17.7 percent, Oakland County was 20.6 percent and Macomb County finished the night with 17 percent of the registered voters casting ballots.

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Lawmaker introduces bills regulating fireworks

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, introduced legislation to restore Michigan's pre-2011 fireworks regulations.

Anderson last week introduced Senate Bills 1023 and 1024 to re-establish the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks, which account for the majority of noise complaints and serious injuries. In 2011, Anderson was the only senator to vote against the fireworks law change.

"Something must be done to get this under control," Anderson said. "Since the law was changed, in addition to the disturbance of the peace, Michigan residents have endured property damage and injuries, even deaths, related to these higher-powered explosives now available. On top of that, the revenue that was promised by



Anderson

locations is virtually impossible and is costing the state more than licensing fees bring in."

In the wake of Anderson's initial announcement that legislation would be introduced, hundreds of citizens from across the state contacted his office with stories of sleepless nights during the work week, traumatized pets that have to be sedated for the holidays and fire damage from launches in dense urban communities.

Anderson has also heard from numerous veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder who found the

endless bombardment of fireworks to severely intensify their anxiety.

"For some of these veterans who served our country, the non-stop fireworks explosions in their neighborhoods cause symptoms so debilitating that they can't leave their own homes. It's completely unacceptable," Anderson said.

Current law

Current state law allows for the use of aerial and explosive fireworks the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. Communities are granted the authority to regulate the time frame that fireworks are allowed on those days, but users are totally disregarding the currently permitted days and hours. Most communities have had little success in dealing with the problems the new law

has created. With fireworks available on virtually every corner, fireworks use has skyrocketed, leaving numerous local police departments without the resources to address the problem.

Many local communities have protested the firework deregulation since 2011 and have become more vocal with each passing holiday season and some have taken steps to pass resolutions calling on the Legislature to repeal the changes made in 2011.

Proponents of the 2011 law have argued that surrounding states, such as Indiana, were stealing revenue from Michigan as citizens crossed the border to purchase prohibited fireworks. Some have suggested that changing the law to allow local cities and townships to decide for themselves whether or not to ban the

higher-powered fireworks would be preferred over a statewide ban. Critics of this approach, however, argue that any option that leaves these fireworks readily available to the public will not solve the problem.

'Keep the peace'

"I am all for empowering local communities with more tools to help protect their citizens and keep the peace, but a half-measure like this won't make the difference needed to regulate these fireworks," Anderson said. "If we give a city the power to ban the fireworks and they take that step, then citizens are just going to drive to a neighboring community where the fireworks aren't illegal, stock their arsenal and bring them home. The key to addressing this problem is

limiting accessibility by a statewide ban.

"Giving locals the ability to ban the fireworks won't do anything to provide police and fire the resources they need to deal with the problem and ends up creating a confusing patchwork across the state," he added. "I love to celebrate Independence Day as much as anyone and the freedom to do so responsibly is important, but no one should be given a license to terrorize their neighborhood and deny people the peaceful enjoyment of their own homes."

Anderson represents the state Senate 6th District, which includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the Democratic vice chair of the Appropriations Committee.

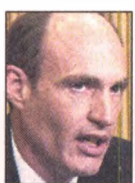
Appeals court rules in favor of former McCotter staffers

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled a decision by a Wayne County circuit judge to throw out felony charges against two former staffers for then-U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was correct.

The court ruled Wednesday the decision to dismiss two charges of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner filed against Livonia resident Paul Seewald and Farmington Hills resident Don Yow-chuang was the correct decision by circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

The case, which stemmed from the petition fraud scandal two years ago that left McCotter off the ballot



McCotter

and led him to resign his position in Congress, had been appealed by the state attorney general to the court of appeals in 2013.

The three-judge panel ruled 2-1 that the charge was improperly levied on the pair, saying the act they were accused of — signing nominating petition forms when they themselves did not circulate the forms — was illegal in nature and did not fit the charge of conspiring to do a legal act in an illegal manner.

"The prosecution attempts to circumvent this rather obvious fact through citation of defen-

dants' admission that their ultimate goal was to place McCotter's name on the primary ballot, which the prosecution says, in and of itself, is a 'legal act.' This expands the scope of the conspiracy beyond all reason," the majority ruling reads. "It also ignores the fact that had McCotter actually been placed on the ballot, it would not have been a 'legal act' at all, because it would have been made possible by defendant's defrauding of the Secretary of State."

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Zax celebrates 20 years with free car washes



Brian Blaskey and his fiancée Katie McCracken, the owners of Zax, will celebrate 20 years in business by giving customers free washes Aug. 16.

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Zax Auto Wash owner Brian Blaskey hopes they will be celebrating another 20 years in business in the future and is offering free car washes Saturday.

"This anniversary celebration is about our customers," he said. "They are why we are here today."

Blaskey bought the Wixom and Canton Zax Auto Wash locations seven years ago and worked to continue customer satisfaction. They have also made it even better through technology.

The company's core principles are built around keeping customers coming "Back to Zax" by offering its best service to everyone that visits. Blaskey said these principles are:

- » Create a pleasant welcoming environment for customers.
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"It's not just an anniversary for us. It's a celebration of our customers... to keep them coming back."

KATIE MCCracken
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"It's not just an anniversary for us," said Katie McCracken of Zax and Blaskey's fiancée. "It's a celebration of our customers, who are the real reason we've been in business for 20 years. We work hard to give them the best service possible to keep them coming back."

Blaskey is a Northville resident and Detroit Catholic Central graduate. He has a degree in mechanical engineering, but always had a desire to own his own business. With Zax, he found his opportunity to do his own thing.

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The company has won numerous awards from vendors and industry associations over the years for its commitment to excellence. This commitment includes maintaining the highest quality standards in its wash tunnel, which deploys the latest technology to clean every vehicle quickly, thoroughly and safely.

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The celebration event will be held at the Wixom location, 49160 Grand River Avenue. The company wants to thank its loyal customers with free express car washes from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and free food and T-shirt giveaways from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16.

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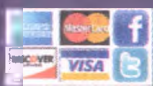
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Christmas comes in July for winners

There's nothing better than receiving Christmas gifts in July, something O&E Media readers were eager to take part in last month.

More than 320 entered our Christmas in July contest, which asked readers to search the special section included in the July 24 edition for the hidden holiday icons scattered throughout the pages. Those with the correct number — and there were 87 who nailed it — were entered into a drawing for special prizes.

The top prize winners were Bernice Del of Livonia, who won a pair of tickets to the Tony Bennett concert scheduled for Aug. 15 at Freedom Hill amphitheater in Sterling Heights; David Maaske of Livonia, who won a Cutco Paring & Trimmer Knife Set from Cutco Kitchen in Novi; and Linda Ross of South Lyon, who won a \$50 Meijer gift card.

A little bit about the contest:

» Of the 321 entries, 239 were mailed in, 75 came in via Facebook and seven were emailed.

» There were 14 icons hidden in the special section, starting with the cover and including the following pages: 4 (with two icons), 7, 8, 12, 14, 17, 18, 22, 26, 28, 34 and 37.

» Besides the 87 who correctly found all 14 hidden icons, seven entries had more than the winning number!

» The hardest icons to find? The cover, as well as pages 4 (in the entry form), 12 and 28.

There were other winners of fabulous prizes.

Those winning a \$25 Schokolad® Chocolate Factory gift card were Cynthia Gregoski of Westland; Vivian Sokloski of Northville; Yvonne Laz of Plymouth; Katheryn Maguire of Novi; Lori Schneider of Farmington Hills; and Nancy Rhatigan of Livonia.

Those winning a MassageLuXe of Novi Spa Certificate Package for a one-hour massage or LuXe Facial plus 15-minute HydroLuXe were Louise Dold of Milford; Kathy Baumgarten of Northville; and Catherine McQuade of

Canton.

Those winning an Emagine Theatre movie pass and a Buddy's Pizza coupon were Pamela Sheffer of Farmington Hills; Maggie Ray of Garden City; Sarah Hirsch of West Bloomfield; Lynn White Bricker of Canton; Roberta Blackmer of Redford; Lori Wackerman of Highland; Mark Tominac of Westland; Carol Crozier of South Lyon; Diane Rodemeyer of Livonia; and Catherine Basel of Westland.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and a special thanks to all who took the time to enter our contest. We hope you enjoyed a bit of Christmas in July ... and don't worry, the real thing will be here soon enough.



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'Seussical' debuts at Farmington Players Barn

Some 30 local actors bring Dr. Seuss characters to life

The city of Farmington Hills Youth Theatre will present *Seussical* at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills.

Directed by Mel Sheatzley, *Seussical* is a lively musical caper featuring more than 30 local actors that's sure to entertain audiences of all ages. The play by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty debuted on Broadway in 2000 with Dr. Seuss's best-loved characters from his popular books, including *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. The musical tells stories about



Katelyn Thompson of Novi plays the baby elephant in "Seussical."

the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community featuring Dr. Seuss's famous characters.

"This production takes all the fantastical characters from the classic Dr. Seuss books and brings them to life," said Armand Banooni, who plays the role of Mr. Mayor. "The songs are catchy and I find myself, as I'm sure you will too, singing them long after the show is over."

Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased in

advance at the Costick Center, online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or charged over the phone at 248-473-1848. Limited tickets may also be available at the door.

The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre is presented by the Special Services Department's Cultural Arts Division and is supported in part by a grant from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families.

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre productions have involved thousands of children in performances over the last 12 years, with two full stage productions annually. The Youth Theatre also offers special classes, including "Little Stars" for children ages 4-6. For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1859 or visit www.fhgov.com/youththeatre.



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Woodward Dream Cruise rumbles into its 20th year Saturday

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison remembers spending nine months planning for the first Woodward Dream Cruise and hoping people would show up.

But all his worry was for naught — 250,000 car lovers gathered on the historic highway to show off their cars and reminisce.

It's now 20 years later and the cruise remains one of the most popular summer events in metro Detroit, with more than 1 million people gathering along the 16-mile stretch of road.

Ellison admits he thought the event would lose its luster after about 10 years but, if anything, it's actually shining brighter than ever.

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"It's a really unique event, and I don't know if it could be pulled off anywhere other than here."

JIM ELLISON
mayor, Royal Oak

event, and I don't know if it could be pulled off anywhere other than here," he said. "I don't think there is the culture other places; we are the Motor City. Everyone up and down here, if their dad didn't work for the auto company or grandfather didn't, then they had an uncle or cousin or someone involved in this industry.

"We are giving car enthusiasts from all over

the country a venue to come and share their passion and love for automobiles."

Greg Rassel, president of the Woodward Dream Cruise, said he likens the event to a block party or family reunion because so many faces return every year and meet in the same places.

He said the cruise has been able to maintain its popularity because of the passion of those involved.

"People have vehicles that are worthy of a museum that are still functional and they want to get out and share that vehicle with other people," he said. "This is not a static display, this is a moving, functioning display where you actually get to touch and feel these days for a day."

Berkley CruiseFest

Berkley Mayor Phil O'Dwyer believes there is no better place to get up close and personal with the hot rods than at the Berkley CruiseFest the night before.

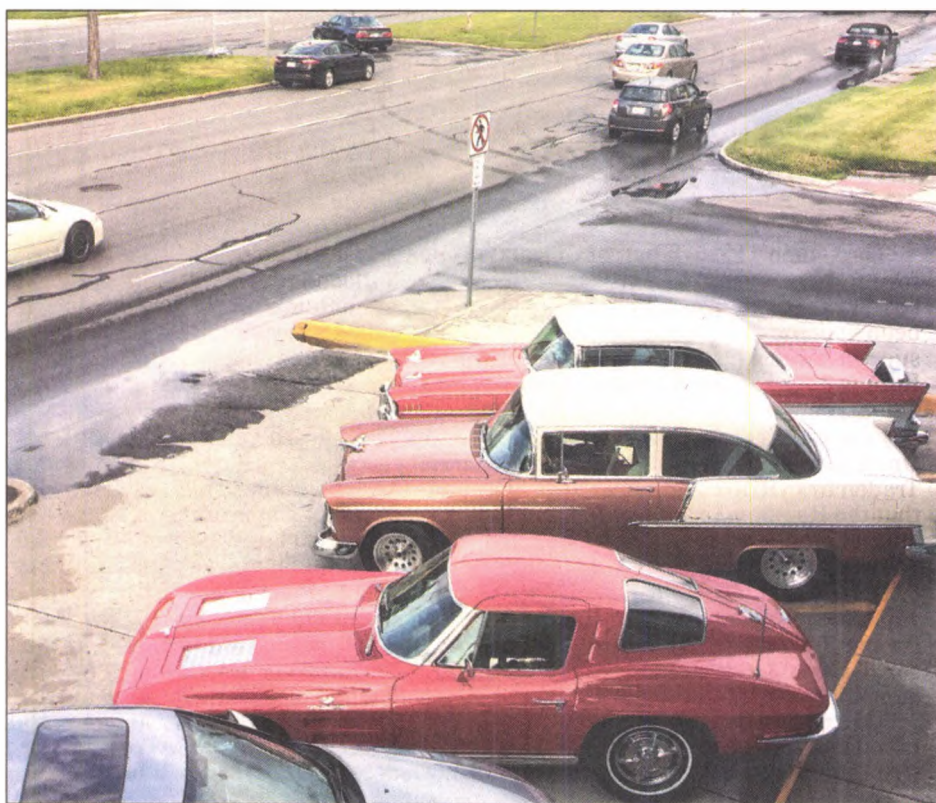
More than 30,000 people pack downtown Berkley on 12 Mile Road from Woodward to Greenfield to watch and listen to nearly 400 cars parade down the street.

"This celebrates the automobile in a way that is elegant and extravagant," he said.

And O'Dwyer is always on the lookout for his favorite car — a late-60's Ford Torino.

"I love that car," he said. "It had muscle, was sleek and had style. I wish I had it today."

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The view from Duggan's Irish Pub is one of the best on Woodward Avenue. PHOTO BY NATHAN MUELLER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CITY OF BERKLEY "CRUISEFEST" FRIDAY

6-9 p.m. — Kids' Inflatable Zone (12 Mile Road/Tyler).
6:30-7:30 p.m. — Berkley's Classic Car Parade (12 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield).
7:30-9 p.m. — Tri-Community Coalition Street Dance (12 Mile/Griffith).
7:30-11 p.m. — Live music, "The Magic Bus," Main Stage (12 Mile/Robina).
All evening — Phillips Block Party featuring games, prizes, food and movies (12 Mile/Phillips).
All evening — DTE Energy Booth featuring games, prizes and FUN! (12 Mile/Griffith).
All evening — Food court (12 Mile Road/Robina).
All evening — Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise (12 Mile at Robina and 12 Mile at Woodward).

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Chevrolet @ the Woodward Triangle (Old Woodward, north of Lincoln).
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — WOMC live broadcast (Old Wood-

ward near Lincoln).
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Birmingham Cruise Classic Car Show (Old Woodward between Merrill and Lincoln).
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — WXYZ-TV live broadcast (near the 555 Building).

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP SATURDAY
Classic Car Show at Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield Hills (36600 Woodward).
Bill Wells Car Club Classic at Comerica Bank (36440 Woodward).

CITY OF FERNDALE THURSDAY

3-9:30 p.m. — Food Court, Kids' Play Zone, Ford Built Tough, Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise booth (West Nine Mile).
Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage: City Beat at 5 p.m.; Shout!, a Beatles tribute band, at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Noon to 9:30 p.m. — Food Court, Kids' Play Zone, Ford Built Tough, Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise booth (West Nine Mile).
Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage: Beside The Point at 1:30 p.m.; OIM Appear at 3

p.m.; Groove Band at 5 p.m.; and Ages Apart at 7:30 p.m.
1-8 p.m. — 14th Ferndale Emergency Vehicle Show (East Nine Mile).
5 p.m. — Official ribbon-cutting ceremony (East Nine Mile).

5:30 p.m. — Lights & Sirens Cruise (East Nine Mile to 11 Mile and back).

SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. — Food court, Kids' Play Zone, Ford Built Tough, Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise booth (West Nine Mile).
Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage: Motor Honey at noon; Lookin' Back at 2:30 p.m.; Crewsade at 5 p.m.; and Magic Bus at 7:30 p.m.
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. — 16th Mustang Alley and Ford Motor Company Showcase (East Nine Mile).

CITY OF ROYAL OAK SATURDAY

"Cruise In Shoes" 5K Run/Walk, presented by First Merit Bank (Shrine Catholic High School).
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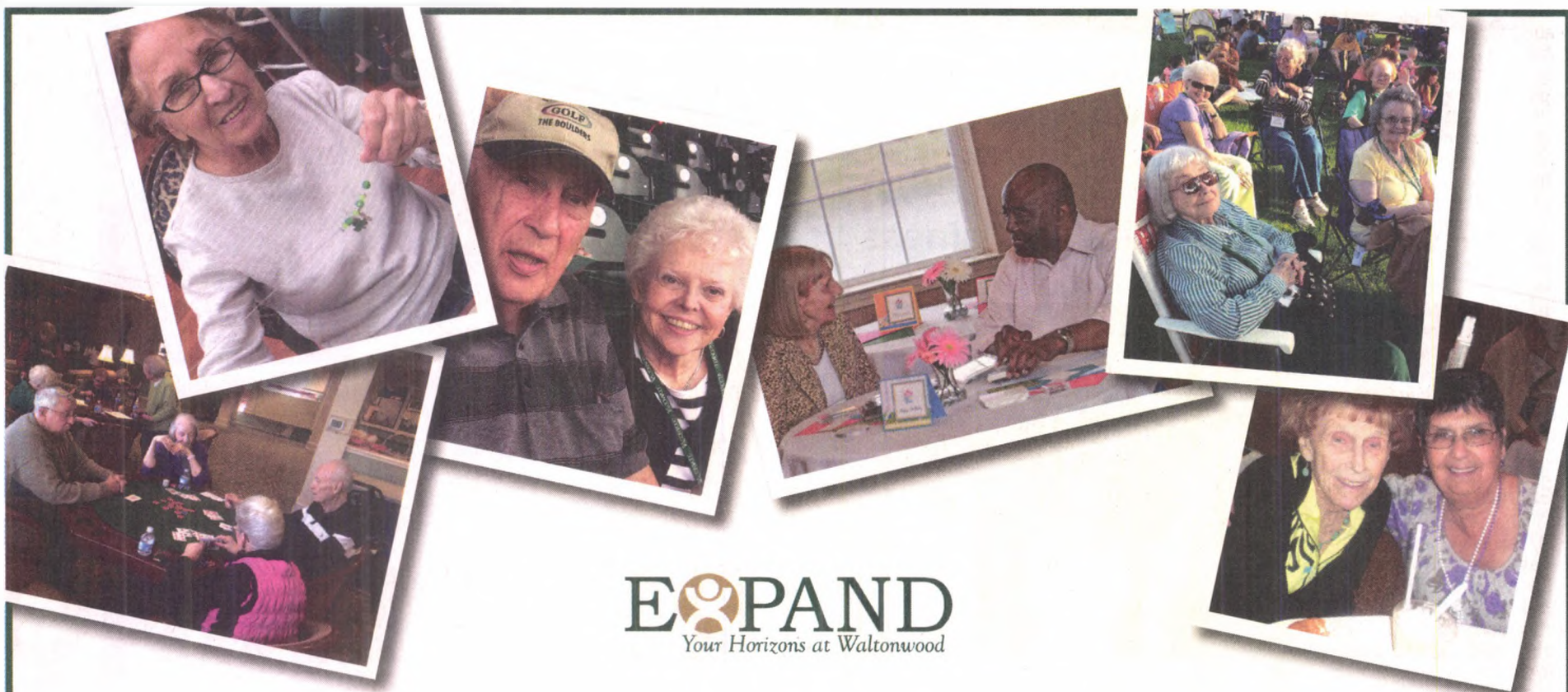
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Rainbow Loom patent set for Novi creator

The Choon's Design patent for its Rainbow Loom rubber band bracelet making kit has been validated after an unsuccessful challenge by La-Rose Industries, maker of the Cra-Z-Loom.

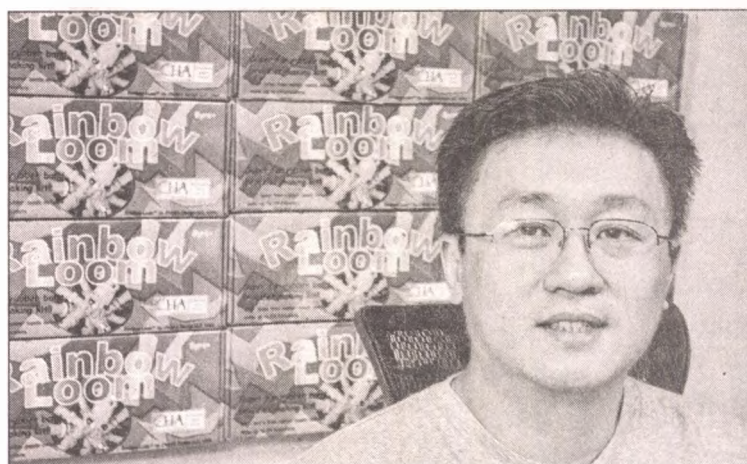
Following a review, the United States Patent and Trademark Office confirmed that the Rainbow Loom's creator, Cheong-Choon Ng of Novi, is deserving of U.S. Patent 8,485,565, granted in July 2013. John Siragusa, patent attorney for the Rainbow Loom at Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, made the announcement on Aug. 6.

The specific patent in question involves Choon's innovative design for the Rainbow Loom's Brunnian link making device, which is used to create brightly colored bands into customizable bracelets. This outcome allows his company, Wixom-based Choon's Design, to better defend their intellec-

tual property against imitation kits that have flooded the market following the Rainbow Loom's incredible success.

"It's very gratifying to know that our hard work has been protected and upheld by the granted patent," said Choon, an independent inventor and entrepreneur. "This result encourages our team at Choon's Design to continue innovating and designing new products, knowing that we can fully protect our inventions."

Choon first began working on the Rainbow Loom in 2010 as a way to become closer with his daughters, then aged 12 and 9. After realizing the potential of his new invention, Choon and his wife, Fen, risked their entire \$10,000 life savings to bring the Rainbow Loom to market. Although the path to success has been wrought with challenges, the Rainbow Loom has become one of the hottest



Cheong-Choon Ng, of Novi, created the popular Rainbow Loom via his Wixom-based company, Choon's Design.

selling toys in America, with total unit sales between six and seven million kits.

Soon after the Rainbow Loom's widespread popularity and commercial success, copycat loom kits began appearing

on the shelves of several major U.S. retailers. To help protect his patent, Choon enlisted the help of patent attorney John Siragusa.

"With the incredible success behind the Rainbow Loom, it

was inevitable that copycats would try to profit off Choon's work," said Siragusa. "Now we can move forward knowing that the U.S. Patent Office has held the patent to be valid and take the appropriate steps to defend his rightful intellectual property against these imitations."

Choon's Design is not resting with one successful product but continues to make improvements to their original Rainbow Loom and invent new designs, including a more portable jewelry making kit called the Monster Tail. The newly-validated patent for the Rainbow Loom will be good through 2031. Choon's Design and Carlson, Gaskey & Olds will continue to pursue additional intellectual property protection for their new designs and inventions, both in the United States and worldwide.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Learn how to market to the government

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Schoolcraft College will host a seminar on marketing to the government customer from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft College's campus.

Alexander Masters, the Procurement Counselor facilitating the course, stated that the marketing topics covered will help enhance and improve a new or existing government contractor's strategies.

"Marketing to the government is different than that of B2B or B2C strategies in many respects. We have to look at the overall messages a firm is conveying, build on traditional marketing methods, and strategize for marketplace positioning," Alexander said. "We also discuss how agencies and contracting officers are conducting their own market research, an element that many firms overlook when determining their marketing tactics."

Pre-registration is required for all interested attendees. The course fee is \$45 per individual. Questions and comments may be directed to the PTAC of Schoolcraft College team by phone at 734-462-4438 or by email at inforeq@schoolcraft.edu

Grand opening

The recently opened LP Nails & Spa, 20540 Haggerty in Northville Township (next to Trader Joe's), is celebrating its grand opening through Saturday, Aug. 16. The nail salon, which opened a couple of weeks ago, is offering 30 percent off for the grand opening.

Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 734-338-2657 or 248-686-8989.

Mouth guard clinic

Rangel Orthodontics, 125 CadyCentre in downtown Northville, will be hosting its annual Mouth Guard Clinic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22. It will provide a free sports mouth guard to anyone who makes an appointment during the clinic. Appointments are necessary.

To make an appointment, which must be scheduled by Aug. 15, call 248-348-8400. The first 100 callers are guaranteed appointments.

BrassCraft hosts plumbers forum

Novi-based BrassCraft Manufacturing last month hosted its annual Plumbers' Forum, which included top plumbing professionals from across the country invited to share ideas, best practices, industry knowledge and feedback to better serve customers and the end consumer.

Forum participants were invited because they consistently excel in their business and are leaders in the plumbing industry. Each participant benefited from discussions with members of the BrassCraft Manufacturing team, including representatives from engineering, product management, marketing and sales. The group also had the opportunity to meet with other plumbers to share experiences and discuss best practices.

"The Plumber's Forum gives us a platform to hear directly from our customers and use their input across-the-board, whether it's in product development or process improvement," said Jeffrey Jollay, vice president, Marketing & Product Development, BrassCraft Manufacturing. "It also helps to continue our leadership role in promoting the design of quality, innovative and high performing plumbing products."

Founded in 1946, BrassCraft Manufacturing innovated and perfected the one-piece water supply valve and the flexible water supply tube. Today these products have become the standard for residential and commercial plumbing projects. For general information, visit www.brasscraft.com.

Oakland nabs top bond rating

Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed Oakland County's AAA bond rating with a stable outlook, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced. This highest credit rating applies to the county's \$3.1 million Building Authority Refunding Bonds, Series 2014.

S&P said Oakland County has a "strong economy, which is a

major part of the diverse economy of southeastern Michigan and the Detroit metropolitan area" and "very strong management with financial policies and practices that we consider strong."

"S&P confirmed once again today that Oakland County continues to be a leader in Michigan and the nation," Patterson said. "Our embrace of the knowledge-based economy along with our multi-year budgeting and fiscal practices has S&P's stamp of approval."

Proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund outstanding Building Authority Bonds Series 2007 for anticipated interest cost savings. The bonds are payable from rental payments made to the authority by Oakland County pursuant to an existing lease agreement. The properties are subleased to the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority which realizes all benefits from the bond refunding savings.

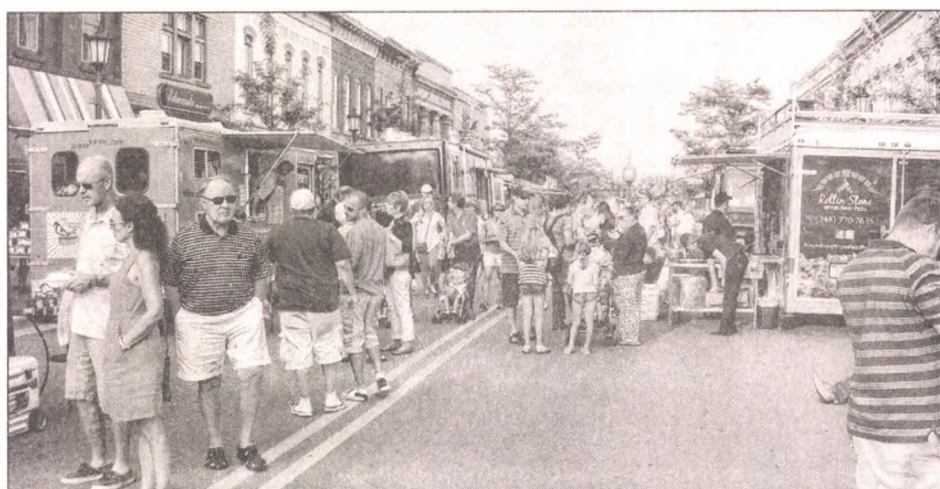
Demonstration Alley registration

Registration is open for life science and health care companies who want to showcase their innovative products and technologies at Demonstration Alley as part of INNO-VENTION 2014 – a Medical Main Street Conference.

Conference organizers have expanded Demonstration Alley for the 2014 health care and life science event. They are looking for exhibits that have a demonstrable "wow" factor. INNO-VENTION 2014 is set for Oct. 21-22 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Information on the conference can be found at MedicalMainStreet.org.

Product evaluation criteria for the demonstration area include: health care-related products that are new-to-market, visual and award-winning. Interactive live demonstrations are preferred. Companies wishing to be considered for space on Demonstration Alley should apply online at MedicalMainStreet.com. Submissions must be received by Sept. 5.

The fee to participate is \$500.



The food trucks are always a big draw when they come to downtown Northville. LONNIE HUHMANN

Food Truck Festival to roll into downtown Northville

The food trucks will be rolling into downtown Northville again next weekend. The Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the second annual Food Truck Festival from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

The event will include a classic car show, live music, an outdoor movie, plenty of food and even a beer garden.

The Food Truck Festival will be held at Northville's Ford Field Park, 150 Griswold, north of Main Street. Convenient parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs parking lot, off Cady Street (south of Main Street).

The food trucks scheduled to attend include: The Pita Post, Jacques' Tacos, Shimmy Shack, The Rolling Stoves, Concrete Cuisine, Rollin Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Kona Ice, Qais Truck, Treat Dreams, Dago Joe's, Ol' Tyme Good Humor Ice Cream, Stewards for Strangers, Time2Chill and Wooden Spork. Each truck will carry a variety of menu options.

Admission to the festival is free, but there is a charge for food and beverages.

Wristbands (\$2) will be required to purchase alcohol and must be purchased at the Beer Garden.

The event schedule is as follows:

- » Classic Car Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- » Beer Garden, noon to 10 p.m.
- » Entertainment, 2-9:30 p.m.
- » Car Show Awards, 2:30 p.m.

» Food Trucks, 2-9 p.m.

» Outdoor movie, 9:30 p.m.

Live music will take place throughout the afternoon. Performers attending the Food Truck Festival are Just Push

Play (2 p.m.), Ricky See (4 p.m.) and Mainstreet Soul (7 p.m.).

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

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Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile,
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.
Web: brightmoorchurch.org.
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays.
Details: Worship, teaching or

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook

Road.
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.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; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish).
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages.
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship 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.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; **God Revealed** by Fred Sievert.
Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

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. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.
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.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with pastor Troy Ogle and Surge Youth Group. There is a Family Story Time during the month of June for birth through kindergarten with their family.

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): 10 a.m.
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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 holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holycrossnovi.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 Merriman, Livonia.
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

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, at 248-348-7757; visit mbccc.org; or email to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship.
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.orchardgrove.org.
Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.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 sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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 Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-374-2268.
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.
Contact: 248-926-6584; 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: 132 Orchard Drive, 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, 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.thepentecostalsofnovi.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.
Christ is Our Rock outdoor concert: 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. Special guest musicians will include the Dennis Coffey Band and Mike Scruggs. Food will be available for purchase. This is a free concert for the entire family that will benefit Family of God, an inner city mission.

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-347-7778.
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.
Mass schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills.
Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com.
Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: 248-349-3140

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
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

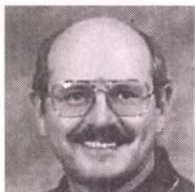
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AMOLSCH, DAVID EDWARD

A resident of Milford and a former resident of Downers Grove, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on August 5, 2014 after a brief illness. Husband of 21 years to Evelyn Maria Salee Roberts; father of John Michael, Jarrod Nathaniel, Daniel Wescott, Madhavendra; father to Thomas Daniel Roberts, Anthony Warren Roberts; grandfather of Jacob John, Madison Margaret, Kaitlyn Jo; grandfather to Jarod Lee Roberts, Janie Lyn Roberts, Lyndsi Anne Bennett; Great-grandfather to Kaden Estil Bennett, Thomas Anthony Roberts, Dafni Annika Bennett. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Florence, sister, Eva Rose and first wife, Margaret Rose Ford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the David Amolsch Memorial Fund, c/o Fifth Third Bank, 115 East Liberty, Milford MI 48381 benefiting the American Sailing Institute scholarships. Funeral Services were held on August 9, 2014. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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83, of Commerce. Memorials to Freda's family, payable to Afton Hanenburg. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BAILEY, RONALD

Passed away Aug. 7, 2014. Memorial service Aug. 16 at 2:00 p.m. at family home.
www.phillipsfuneral.com



COWLES, BEVERLY HANSEN HICKS

81, passed away peacefully at her home on Portage Lake, Friday, August 8, 2014, after spending a weeks surrounded by her family and dear friends. Those who know her best will always remember her for her quick wit and generous sense of humor, love of Bill O'Reilly and Game show Network. Her final days were spent with her throwing out "one-liners" and practical jokes to friends and family, and for that we are forever grateful. Surviving are her children: Douglas (Debby) Hicks of Grand Rapids, Susan (Ric) Alameddine of Northville, and David (Annette) Hicks of Jenison. Her step children Cathy (Brian) Davis of Grand Rapids and Christine Cowles of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Nine grandchildren: Douglas Hicks II (Amanda), Jennifer Allen (Jason), Nicolas Alameddine, Mitchell Alameddine, Alyssa Hicks, Alex Hicks, Amanda Hentschel, Caitlyn Hentschel and Kelsee Hentschel. Sisters, Betty Zupin of Manistee and Darlene Welch (Charles) of Tell City, Indiana. Nieces and nephews: Kathy Schmitgal (Chuck), Jan Reckow (Bud), Sal Reckow (Roger), Linda Haugan and Cheryl Rolland. Preceding her in death were her parents, Alma Weaver and Raymond Hansen, husbands Norman Hicks and McGuire Cowles, son Daniels Hicks and stepson John Cowles. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Onekama. The family will receive friends and relatives at the church, beginning at 10 a.m. Beverly requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to the following organizations: MaxYourBrain.org (checks payable to University of Michigan-Neurosurgery-In memo: MaxYourBrain-3210) University of Michigan Health System Office of Development Attn: Halla Jomaa 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, or The Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517, Topeka Kansas 66675 Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation of Manistee. johnson-funeral-home.com

EICHHOLTZ, MARY JANE

Age 78, of Louisville passed on July 27, 2014 at Baptist Health Palliative Care. She was a retired Secretary having worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the New York Daily News. Mary was a member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church and a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Washingtonville, NY. She was a former resident of the Northville, Michigan area. Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 38 years, Harry R. Eichholtz; seven children, William Manning (Margaret), Bryan Manning (Shari), Kevin G. Manning, Michael Eichholtz (Kim), Paul Eichholtz (Debra), Kevin Eichholtz (Debbie) and John D. Eichholtz; daughter in law, Lisa Eichholtz; 10 grandchildren. Her Funeral Mass in Louisville, KY was conducted at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church. Her Funeral Mass in Washingtonville, NY was conducted at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Marys Cemetery in Washingtonville. In lieu of customary expressions of sympathy, the family has requested contributions to Baptist Health Palliative Care, 4000 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207 or Alzheimer's Association. Please visit us at www.archlheadwestport.com to leave a condolence for the family. Arch L. Heady & Son at Westport Village in Louisville was entrusted with the arrangements.

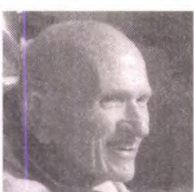
KIDDER, EARL R.

Age 88, of Northville, passed away August 6, 2014. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



KOLINSKY-HOLUNGA, JOYCE ROSALIE

A longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, August 10, 2014 after a brief battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of nearly 41 years, George; daughters, Dawn (Randy) Lang and Debbie Holunga; grandchildren, Chris, Alex and Emily; sister, Phyllis (Elmer) Birkel; brother, Steve (Diane) Kolinsky; nieces and nephews, Jessica Kolinsky, Steve D. Kolinsky and Theresa and extended family and friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday, August 13 from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m.. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Thursday, August 14 at 10 a.m. Burial will take place at St. Francis Cemetery, Petoskey on Saturday, August 16 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Holunga family. For further information, phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



LANGE, ROBERT D.

Age 77 of Highland, passed away on August 6, 2014. He is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley; loving daughters, Kimberly (Simon) Lange and Stacy (John) Sheridan; grandchildren, Michaela, Liam, Allison, and Jordan. Also survived by three nieces, many extended family members, and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, MI on August 16 at 1 p.m. Friends may gather from 11 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. For further information, please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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POZEHL, DENNY W.

Age 43, passed away August 10. Services were held on Wednesday, August 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

ROBINSON, AARON

Age 43, passed away August 7, 2014. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



TAYLOR, MARY LOUISE

Age 95, of Novi, passed away, July 21, 2014 at The Manor of Novi. Mary Louise had lived in Novi for over 77 years. She was born September 15, 1918 to Walter and Henrietta (Shaffer) Hicks. Mary Louise was married to G. Russell Taylor on January 11, 1936 and he preceded her in death on October 24, 1987. Mary Louise was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Moose Lodge 2392 in South Lyon, and was retired from the United States Postal Service. She is survived by her children, Russell (Susan) and Rev. Robert (Mary); her grandchildren, Patricia (Terry) Abbott, Timothy Taylor, and Michael (Gloria) Taylor; and great-grandchildren, Brandon and Andrew Abbott, Kenton, Sarah, Zachary, and Alyssa Taylor. Mary Louise was preceded in death by her siblings, Eugene Hicks and Marjorie F'Geppert. Services were held at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with interment in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions in Mary Louise's honor may be made to Mooseheart Child City and School (www.mooseheart.org) or a charity of the donor's choice.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY



Ronald and Pamela Pawlak (formerly McIntyre) of Northville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple was married Aug. 22, 1964, in Windsor, Canada. They have resided in Northville for 35 years, where they raised their three children: Greg, Colleen and Alicia. They have eight grandchildren. Ronald is retired from General Motors and Pamela is retired from Schoolcraft College. Ronald loves to golf and runs a league at Northville Hills, while Pamela loves her swimming class. They also spend a lot of time in Florida during the winters. For their 50th anniversary, they are planning a trip to Saugatuck, where they met 52 years ago.

BIRTH



Jason and Erica Sowders of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their son, Liam Owen Sowders. Liam was born June 3, 2014, at Novi Providence Park Hospital. Proud grandparents are Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia; Duane and Vicki Sowders of Melvindale; and Karen DeVito and Chris Canfield of Northville.

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OUR VIEWS

It's time for all to play nice

Candidates should focus on issues, not personalities, in general election

The primary election is over and it's time for the winners to turn their attention to the Nov. 4 general election.

A continued focus on the issues that matter to voters must take precedence over gamesmanship and bashing. In the aftermath of the contested Aug. 5 primaries, there's been a lot of expected disappointment among candidates who lost. It is human nature to be disappointed and hurt. The majority of candidates worked very hard in the primary and should be proud of their efforts.

Yet an undercurrent of angst continues as those who lost try to figure out why. Whether it's voters who spoiled their ballots by cross-voting in the partisan races or candidates accusing each other of removing political signs, it is time to move on and focus on November.

Voters have no interest or time to listen to bashing and accusations among candidates. Elections are important. The state and the country is divided. Voters want to know what their candidates offer in experience and credentials and how their background and skills can be best used to achieve progress in local communities, the state and in Congress.

Obfuscation is a mainstay of political campaigns and the primary season saw its share of such tactics. A lot of it occurred in Wayne County and, while it

may not affect Oakland County voters, there's always a lesson to be learned.

For example, closer to home, there was the bashing that went on in the Republican primary for the U.S. House 11th District, in which Dave Trott tried to spend incumbent Kerry Bentivolio into oblivion, focusing more on Bentivolio's shortcomings than on any plans or programs he himself would introduce.

Too often candidates are focused on raising and spending money. Sure, money helps a candidate spread their message or destroy their opponent. Voters are typically more appalled by the money candidates spend rather than impressed by fundraising prowess. More money does not mean a candidate will be better in elective office than one who doesn't raise gobs of cash.

In the race for the state House 38th District seat, Republican Dan Lauffer's camp sent out brochures – the day before the election – falsely accusing his opponent, Kathy Crawford, of missing meetings as an Oakland County commissioner and supporting issues she didn't even vote on. It included a photo of Crawford with a lei around her neck to convey her being on vacation when the photo was actually taken at India Day – in Novi!

Candidates must also remind their volunteers and supporters to leave other candidate lawn signs

where they stand. The primary was wrought with complaints from candidates that their signs were essentially stolen from where they stood. Removing signs is childish and shows poor sportsmanship. And voters know it.

If signs are placed in locations in violation to local ordinances, local staffers will remove them.

Voters want an end to divisive politics and party rhetoric that accomplishes very little. Voters want action that occurs through healthy debate and compromise. Candidates heading into the November general election must focus on issues important to voters, their families, their jobs and their communities.

There is plenty to debate in the general election, a lot of issues in Michigan to discuss. There are roads to be fixed, schools to be funded properly, jobs to be created. Those are far too important to allow the campaign to devolve into a negative round of character-bashing.

We believe voters want to talk about the issues, not the personalities. With the general election looming, we urge primary winners to focus on their own campaigns, on introducing their own solutions to the state's ills and on their own vision for Michigan's future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reading program kudos

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Students have spent an unbelievable amount of time reading over the past few months and we are so proud of them. The Novi Public Library's 2014 Summer Reading Program was the most successful to date, with 2,340 children and 333 adults participating.

As always, the library also offered a number of programs to entertain its patrons. There were crafts, movies, and entertainers galore. Those that completed the reading game were invited to special finale parties. One for the preschoolers was hosted at the library and the culminating event for all students in grades kindergarten to 12th grade was the chance to go to Paradise Park. Students were able to ride go-karts, play laser tag and mini-golf and try out the climbing wall and trampoline, after which they could enjoy pizza and a drink – all generously donated by Jeff and Theresa Wainwright, owners of Paradise Park. This was the library's third year working with such an outstanding Novi business that really cares about our readers.

There are many other members of our community who supported the Summer Reading Program participants in their accomplishments, too. We could not have conducted our program without the help of our teen volunteers, who helped participants in the reading program register and log their time, assisted with craft and other programs, and a myriad of other jobs.

We also owe a large debt of gratitude to those who supported and sponsored our efforts. Among them are: The Friends of the Novi Public Library, Skatin Station, Benihana, Riverside Skating Arena, YoBerry, and Paradise Park.

Many thanks go to the Northville and Walled Lake school districts, which kindly distributed our program brochures to their schools and to the Novi Community Schools, which partnered with us to promote reading over the summer. Students were encouraged to read and keep track of their time spent reading, take Accelerated Reading Tests at the library to document their progress, and turn in their reading lists at the beginning of the new school year.

Finally, we want to thank the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who brought their children to the Novi Public Library and encouraged them to read. Without their support our Summer Reading Program would not exist.

Novi Public Library
Youth & Teen Services Department

Open season on voters

I'll never understand one of our repeated phenomenal occurrences, the politicking for votes that goes on. I'll admit that I've participated in the process to a mild degree, such as putting up a lawn sign. You always know it's fall season when front lawns start displaying Halloween decor and political signs.

I have to wonder if most forms of political solicitation even work. I doubt it, yet a good deal of money is spent on it. Are people really that shallow that they would base their vote on a lawn sign, a piece of junk-mail/brochure or phone call?

Then there are the annual election-related letters to the editor. Fifty percent of the people declare that they like Mr. Smith while the other 50 percent likes Mr. Jones. Really? Big deal, what does that accomplish? Why not have half of the town stand on one side of the street and yell out at the top of their lungs "I am Spartacus!" Makes about as much sense.

I also feel a bit sorry for the dupes who stand outside of polling stations handing out political literature in a vain effort to garner votes. Oh well, at least there's usually a garbage can inside the door.

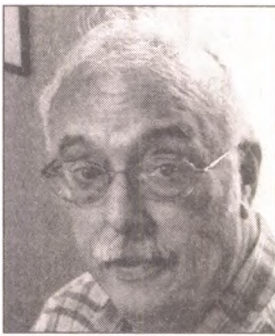
The worst are the political phone-calls, most of them automated, which multiply like cockroaches before an election.

Leo Weber
Livonia

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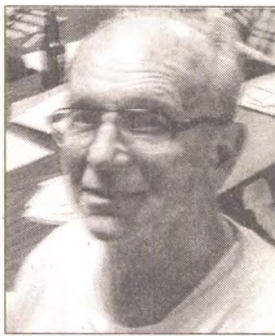
Do you think America should send troops back into Iraq?

This question was asked at the Northville/Novi American Legion Lloyd H. Green, Post 147, and Northville VFW Hall.



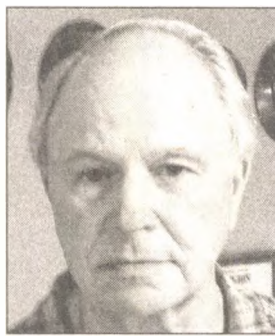
"Yes, because we let the situation get out of hand. We should send different options to take some action. These terrorists are a threat to the United States."

Jim Anastasiow
Farmington Hills
(Northville/Novi American Legion Lloyd H. Green, Post 147)



"The real question is, whether or not it will be worth it? I don't think we should have troops on the ground."

Paul Erickson
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"Anything by air, but no boots on the ground."

Dennis Strikulis
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"No, we need to keep our nose out of other people's problems and deal with our own."

Heather Hoski
Northville (Northville VFW)

GUEST COLUMN

Great Lakes restoration bill gets Senate committee hearing

In July, the Water and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on the Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act, which I introduced along with a bipartisan group of eight Senate co-sponsors, including Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, my co-chair on the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, and Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

This legislation would help restore and protect the Great Lakes, the largest source of surface freshwater on the planet. It would target the most significant problems facing the Great Lakes and ensure that we implement these projects cost-effectively.

The Great Lakes are one of the world's great treasures, providing drinking water to more than 40 million people; supporting 1.5 million U.S. jobs and \$62 billion in wages; transporting critical supplies for manufacturing, electricity generation and food for the world; and supporting the region's \$4.6 trillion economy.

The Great Lakes brought industrial and natural resource development to the region, which resulted in tremendous economic development and population growth. This development, however, also resulted in toxic substances polluting the waters and sediments, untreated waste water threatening public health and polluted runoff choking habitats and killing aquatic life. The recent toxic algae bloom on Lake Erie that cut off drinking water to a half a million residents is just one example of how much we depend on our



Carl Levin

GUEST COLUMNIST

lakes.

The Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act, also known as GLEPPA, would tackle problems from past pollution and protect the lakes from current and future threats.

GLEPPA would formally authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, an inter-agency program launched by President Obama in 2009 to implement a regional collaboration strategy developed in 2005 through a process established in an executive order by President George W. Bush.

The history of the restoration strategy clearly shows the work of restoring and protecting the Great Lakes is founded on a plan that reflects a broad range of viewpoints and has strong bipartisan support.

GLEPPA would focus federal resources on the areas of highest priority identified in the collaborative plan, which would be further refined as new science and information become available. While the GLRI is broadly authorized in the Clean Water Act, passing this legislation would help ensure the program has clear congressional direction and goals, is results-driven and transparent and implements the most cost-effective solutions.

The bill would also formally establish the Great Lakes Advisory Board to provide advice and recommendations concerning restoration and protection.

The board would reflect many different viewpoints, including local, state and tribal governments; environmental, agricultural and business organizations; hunters and anglers; and academia.

Finally, the bill would formally establish a 10-member inter-agency task force to coordinate restoration efforts, ensure projects are not duplicated and that they use existing successful programs. GLEPPA also would accelerate progress toward the goals of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, a formal agreement between the U.S. and Canadian governments establishing shared goals for protecting and improving water quality of the Great Lakes.

The GLRI has achieved real progress: cleanup of more than 1.3 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment; control of the destructive sea lamprey and restoration of sturgeon, trout and other important fish species; construction and improvement of barriers to prevent an invasion by destructive Asian carp, and planning for additional measures to keep these fish out of the lakes; protection of tens of thousands of vital habitat acreage; and restoration of thousands of miles of rivers for fish passage.

I'm glad the Water and Wildlife Subcommittee held an important hearing on this vital legislation and I'm hopeful it can receive approval from the full committee and move on to a vote in the Senate.

Carl Levin is a U.S. senator from Michigan and co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force.

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Local author spent four years on fantasy novel

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

"In the beginning, the original creative spirit designs the Seamless Universe, bringing forth the firmament that becomes the garden – our planet, Earth. From the first human child's laughter come the first faeries, and three distinct fey communities settle across the garden to protect humans from natural disasters produced by the forces of creation."

This excerpt is from the new contemporary fantasy novel by Northville author and poet Kathleen Ripley Leo, which is a magical, fantasy adventure and tale of love.

Written primarily for young adult readers, *The Seamless Universe: Battle Lines are Drawn* features a cast of characters representing all ages and a message Leo hopes appeals to everyone.

"It's an adventure story with good versus evil, but it's also a love story that asks the question 'can love keep things to-



Northville writer Kathleen Ripley Leo's new book "The Seamless Universe" is a contemporary fantasy novel where the reader is transported to a world of fateful encounters between magical creatures, raptors and humans.

gether?" she said of her novel.

Leo recently had a book showing at this month's First Friday Experience at Starring

The Gallery and Aug. 19 will have a reception and book signing at the Northville District Library.

Ripley Leo lives in Northville with her husband, Victor, who is a glass artist. She is a longtime contributor to the community arts and creativity scene. She is an award-winning author, a leader of workshops, conferences, and seminars on creative writing. She has written eight volumes of poetry and edited multiple anthologies, including one about Northville called *Town One South* – a book of poems that was commissioned by the Northville Arts Commission to celebrate Michigan's sesquicentennial. She believes it epitomizes the blossoming of poetry at the grass roots level where real people live.

Leo has received two special tributes from the Michigan Legislature for her work as a creative writer in the schools, which was made possible through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Michigan Council for the Arts. She is a member of the American Academy of Poets, Association of Writers and

Writing Programs, and Detroit Working Writers, and is listed in the Poets and Writers directory.

This new novel comes after nearly four years of work in observation, researching and writing. Her initial question in creating it – "What would happen if there were these creatures and events going on around us?"

"I took a lot of inspiration from life and mythology," she said. "I think it's a great story and read for those who love adventure and fantasy."

The book is available on Amazon, but the Northville Library event will be the best chance to meet the author and hear her talk about the book.

The reception is planned for 6:30-9 pm on Aug. 19 at the library, which is located at 212 W. Cady Street.

For more information, visit <http://www.northvillelibrary.org/NAC/krleo.php>.

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Rotary Well gets national honor



Northville Rotarians Alan Somershoe, Patrick Giesa and Vaughn Molnar display the newly installed Motor Cities National Heritage Area sign at the Rotary Well. The historical sign outlines the importance of the local tradition of the original Silver Springs well and the site's evolution from a free flowing well to the current use as a drinking fountain. The Northville Rotary Club has a long standing commitment to maintenance and operation of the well area. Today, the Rotary Club continues to partner with the City Beautification Commission on the upkeep and appearance of this well-known community landmark.

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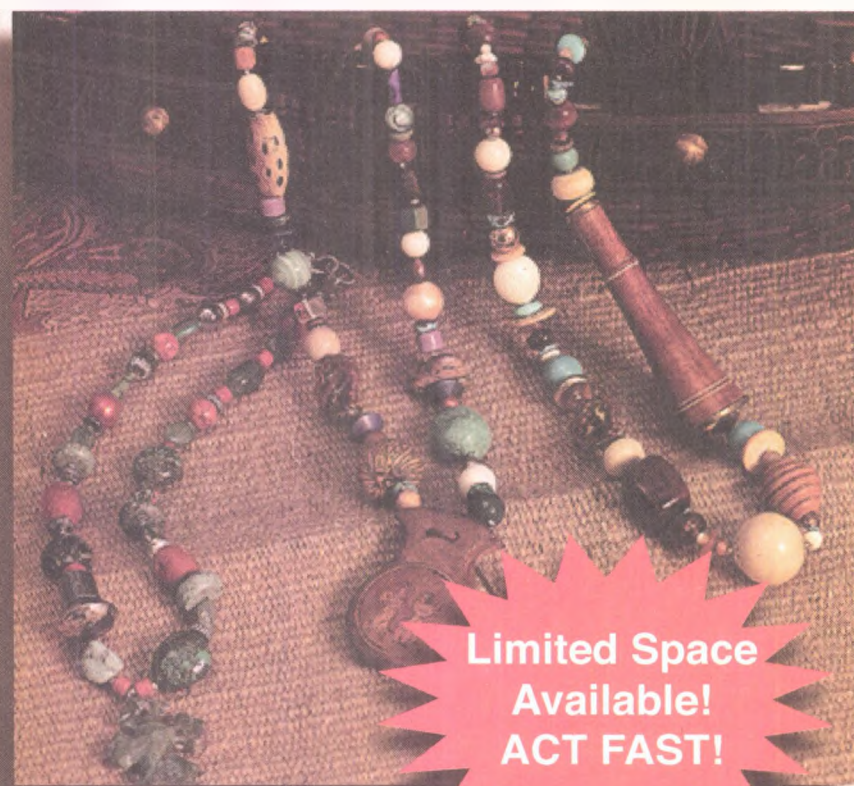
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Music therapist Kelly Garland plays a drum with six-year-old Raef Huisinga, who is participating in this new summer special needs program at Ward Church.

Summer stimulation

Parents create
summer program for
special-needs children

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A new summer program for local special-needs kids reaches out to them through music and art while giving them a chance for some fun and personal growth.

The program is led by local art therapist Kate Vannier and Northville music therapist Kelly Garland. They are working with eight students on various projects for the next month. Northville's Ward Church generously donated them space for the program as well as a scholarship to a needy family and volunteers so that each child who could have one on one help.

For the families involved, the program is really appreciated, especially when there isn't a ton to do over summer.

"It's important for us and the other families to have this program," said Northville parent Laurie Kondek, who has two sons with special needs. "There are limited op-



Third-grader Ashlyn Watkins used colored ice cubes to make art. The ice cubes and colors really engage the senses of the special needs students.

tions during the summer and we would like more, so this is great to have this come together."

The hope is for this to grow.

There are kids, ranging in ages 6-12 and with a variety of needs, coming from Northville, Westland, Novi and Plymouth. The Special Needs Department at Ward provided, screened and trained volunteers to serve as helpers.

"There is a lot of studies and data that supports music therapy and art therapy as valid therapy for kids with special needs, which helps them to grow as individuals and reach their goals," said Garland, who recently on a Friday had "animal day" with the kids.

They sang animal themed-songs that day and later made art with

colored ice cubes. The music paired with the art stimulates the different senses in the kids and gets them involved on a social level, both of which are important in getting the to grow.

It's a lot of hands-on activities, with the kids getting to experience different musical instruments and forms of art. Vision, hearing and interaction play a big part in a day.

"This gets them to really engage with their peers and their senses. Plus it's a lot of fun," Garland said.

For those interested in learning more about this program contact Laurie Kondek at lakondek1942@gmail.com.

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A group of Winchester Elementary School kids collected a bunch of needed food for Civic Concern this summer. They collected enough to fill three vehicles.

Local kids join forces for Civic Concern food drive

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The "2014 Kid Food Drive" was a big success, producing many bags of food for Northville Civic Concern, who will distribute it to local families in need.

A group of Northville kids, mostly from Winchester Elementary School, spent part of the summer collecting the food so it can be given to families. It's a project that means a lot to the group.

"I got the idea for a food drive from the Cub Scouts. We want to try and help out year around," said soon to be fifth-grader Nick Detmer. "We want to help people that don't have

enough food."

This is the second year the group has collected three cars full of food. They collected from Northville Colony Estates neighborhood.

The other students conducting this year's drive were: Will Clauson, Andrew Creighton, Henry Darnell, Nick and Zach Detmer, Matt Encelewski, Nathan Kulp, Connor Neff, Luke Parrinello, Jack and Joel Piasentin, and James Redwine.

They collected canned food, tuna and chicken as well as cereal, soup and fruit.

"They take this very seriously and work hard to get as much as they can," said Nick's mom Lisa. "We want to thank

everyone who participated and helped out."

Northville Civic Concern is an all-volunteer organization with a mission to help those in need by providing food. It services around 100 families in the city of Northville and Northville Township, as well as Focus Hope recipients.

The organization is funded primarily by the contributions of local residents. In addition to monetary contributions, Civic Concern accepts donations of canned goods, cereal, paper products, soap and cleaning items, and baby products.

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The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 2, 2014 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the township's 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long range planning for the township. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township's website beginning September 5, 2013, at www.twp.northville.mi.us. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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 Favorite Movie: The Lego Movie
 Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate Moose Tracks with Chocolate Syrup



Nolan Findlan
 Plymouth Age: 4
 Favorite Movie: The Lego Movie
 Favorite Ice Cream: Superman



Nasir Dais
 Westland Age: 8
 Favorite Movie: The Lego Movie
 Favorite Ice Cream: Superman



Ivy Turnquist
 Canton Age: 7
 Favorite Movie: The Lego Movie
 Favorite Ice Cream: Blizzard



Julia Wilke
 Farmington Hills Age: 6
 Favorite Movie: Frozen
 Favorite Ice Cream: Rainbow/Superman

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Umbrella all one color 2. Missing shadow under chair 3. Ear different 4. Bigger smile on face.

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In picture: Coach Matt Lucas, Collin Haremza, Max Cooper, Coach Jeremy Cross

"Max had an absolute blast at the Little Lions camp. Thanks so much!"
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Novi athletic teams moving into their 'new digs'

Synthetic turf replaces grass at Wildcat Stadium

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's out with the old (grass) and in with the new (synthetic turf) for Novi High School.

Novi fall sports teams will be the first to reap the benefits of the state-of-the-art surface, an \$800,000-plus, three-month project which puts the Wildcats on the same playing field as their 23 sister schools in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

S&H Trucking & Excavating of Fort Gratiot was contracted by the district to do the earth moving and dig out the existing grass field for the project, which began May 1.

Installation of the new turf was done



Novi High's fall sports teams were able to practice on the school's new synthetic turf field beginning Aug. 4. NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

by Shaw Sports Turf of Calhoun, Ga. An added component features a special shock pad called PowerBase, developed by Brock International of Boulder, Colo.

The finishing touches were done the week of July 28 and the field was ready

for use Aug. 4.

The Novi Wildcat Stadium Field dedication is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, prior to the varsity football season opener against Brighton.

Absorbing shock

"To me, it's like a glorified Styrofoam jigsaw puzzle," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "It's going to help us with our G-max rating, which is how the body reacts to the turf when it hits the ground. And anybody who has a turf field has to have their G-max measured each and every year."

The district paid an estimated additional \$80,000 to \$100,000 for the PowerBase, according to Gordon.

"It's a great product," he said. "Novi and Grosse Pointe South are the only two (high) schools in the state of Michigan that have it. It cost us some extra money, but certainly we were fortunate enough to have the means to put something like that down. And it was certainly something well worth it."

Growing concern and media atten-

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Following back surgery, Novi High grad Mitch Maier hopes to make it back to the majors. KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Novi's Maier gets Royals' treatment

Outfielder rehabs in Double-A after back surgery

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Call it a bit of déjà vu, because Mitch Maier has certainly been here before.

The 2000 Novi High grad and former No. 1 draft pick of the Kansas City Royals finds himself back in Double-A baseball after coming off back surgery in March. The outfielder is lodged in Springdale, Ark., trying to retool his talents with the Northwest Arkansas Naturals of the Texas League.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound, left-hand-

ed hitting Maier could be considered the Naturals' Roy Hobbs, the team's elder statesman, but he is no ordinary 32-year-old minor leaguer.

That's because from 2006-12, Maier logged 360 games and hit .248 in the major leagues, all with the Royals, before the organization designated him for assignment to Triple-A Omaha of the Pacific League in 2012.

He has come full circle to some extent, returning to the Royals' or-

ganization after an injury-riddled, abbreviated stint with Triple-A Pawtucket (Red Sox) in 2013 (hitting .310), followed by a cameo appearance with the Cubs during spring training of 2014 before being released.

Royal memories

"When I was in Double-A, I was with the Wichita Wranglers in 2006," Maier said. "It's pretty far removed from there, but it's good. I know a lot of people in this (Royals) organization top to bottom. They've been with me a

See MAIER, Page B3

Ex-Illinois guard finds his mission with church

Blackwell serves as Franklin Road's A.D.

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's a mere coincidence that Novi Franklin Road Christian athletic director Glynn Blackwell's office is just a bounce pass away from the school's gymnasium.

In his eighth year as Franklin Road's A.D., the former 6-foot-4 University of Illinois guard oversees the school's K-12 competitive athletics program, while managing 11 different MHSAA sports programs at the high school, which is located off 13 Mile Road, just west of the M-5 connector.

The Highland Park native, who was fifth in Michigan's Mr. Basketball voting in 1983-84 as a senior, is also a licensed and ordained minister.

Franklin Road Christian, a Class D school and part of Brightmoor Christian Church with nearly 100 students, is far from the bright lights of the Big Ten, where Blackwell played from 1984-88. He started 96 games and scored 937 career points, 912 of those his final three years at Illinois.

The 48-year-old Blackwell, who spent time in the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics training camp before being released, went on to play professional basketball in six different countries, including Turkey, Greece, Mexico, the Philippines, Cyprus (twice) and Estonia.

Ministry first

"How do I balance it all? I balance it through the Lord," Blackwell said.

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Glynn Blackwell, former Highland Park High and University of Illinois standout guard, enters his eighth year as Novi Franklin Road Christian athletic director. BRAD EMONS

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Johnston reaches doubles quarters

Northville High junior Connor Johnston teamed up with Daniel Boussom (Goshen, Ind.) to reach the doubles quarterfinals before falling last week to third-seeded Robert Loeb (Hilton Head, S.C.) and Alex Phillips (Peachtree City, Ga.), 6-3, 6-2, in the USTA Boys 16 National Tennis Championships held in Kalamazoo.

Johnston, the MHSAA No. 1 singles runner-up last year as a sophomore, finished 4-1 in doubles and 1-2 in singles.

Johnston and Boussom, unseeded, upended seventh seeds Jordan Benjamin (Fairport, N.Y.) and Sebastian Mermersky (Washington, D.C.) in the fourth round, 6-4, 5-7 (10-8 super-breaker).

Northville girls swim alums meet

Northville High will stage an alumni girls swim meet beginning at noon Saturday, Aug. 23, at the school's pool.

Warm-up begins at 11 a.m., with all swim events included (with adjustments if needed). All alumni are encouraged to attend even if they do not want to participate in the meet.

For more information, email Brian McNeff at mcneff00@yahoo.com.

Novi dedication

The Novi Athletic Boosters will hold their annual Tastefest & Silent Auction on Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Wild-

cats' football stadium with food and fun for the entire family.

The gates open at 5 p.m. highlighted by a tastefest and silent auction. (To RSVP, email Steve Barr at sbarr@novischools.net.)

There will also be a celebratory reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Novi High School Commons. The new field dedication scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with varsity football opener featuring the host Wildcats against Brighton at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com.

Novi youth soccer

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is offering travel and house soccer programs for players in preschool through high school.

House league and travel home games will be held at ITC Community Sports Park, 51000 Eight Mile, Novi. Practices start Aug. 25 with house teams going once per week, while travel teams practice twice per week. Days and times vary by team.

Volunteer coaches are also needed and will be provided with tips, example drills and practice equipment. All coaches receive a \$25 program registration credit for a future program.

To register or for more information, visit cityofnovi.org or stop by the Novi Parks Office, 45175 10 Mile.

You can also email Chase Root at

croot@cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

Widzinski outing

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours will stage its second annual David Widzinski Community Golf Classic on Sunday, Aug. 31, at Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 W. 10 Mile, South Lyon.

Registration starts at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$100 (includes golf, dinner and dancing until midnight) or \$33 (dinner and dancing only). Also included will be golf contests, raffles, auctions, cash bar and live band.

A community gathering that day to remember and celebrate Widzinski's life, faith and spirit also includes a Mass at 10 a.m. at Detroit Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi.

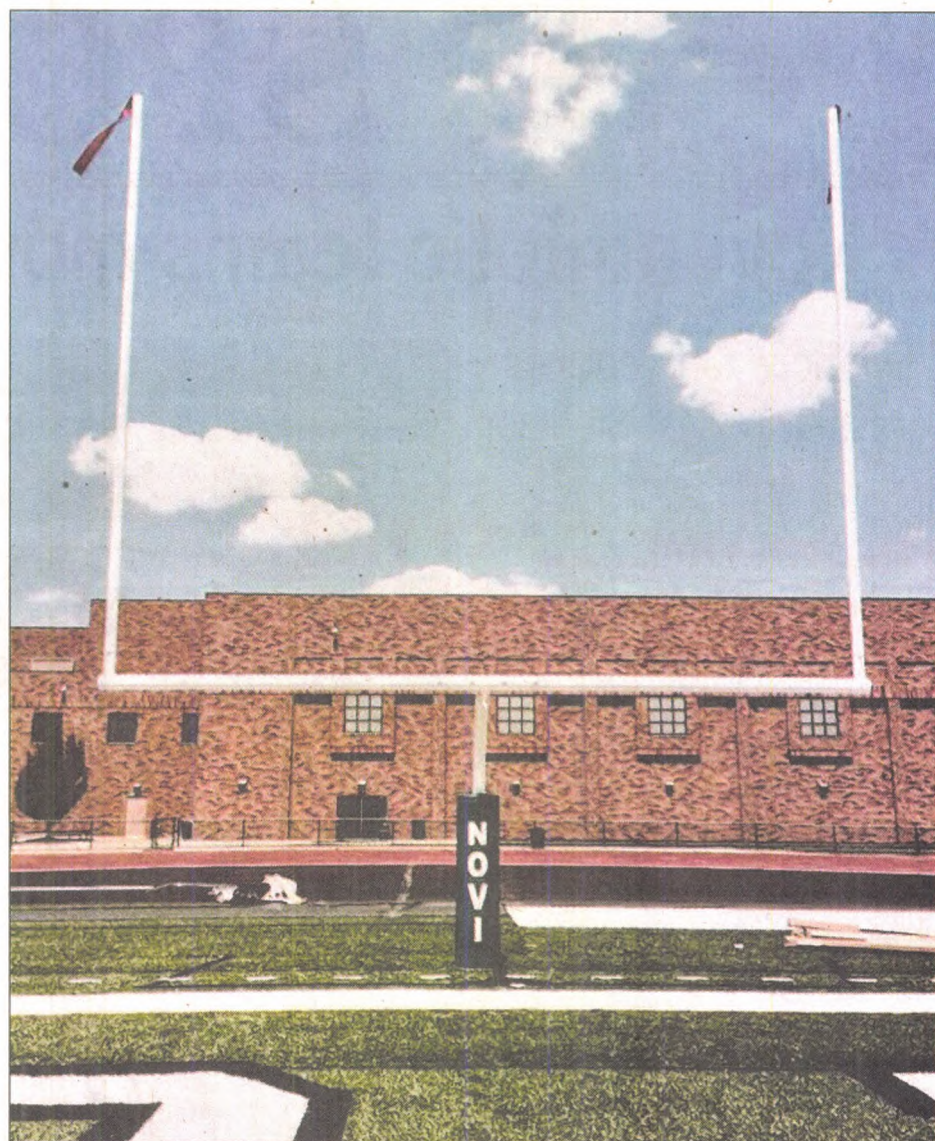
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Legacy soccer

The Legacy Center of is offering Legends Rec (ages 4-5 through second grade) Travel Rec (ages under-9 through under-19) soccer programs for \$160 and \$220, respectively.

The Legends Rec season runs from Aug. 18 through Oct. 25 with one 60-minute practice per week and eight-game schedule. The Travel Rec program will be from Aug. 11 through Oct. 29 and features two 90-minute practices per week and eight games.

For more information, visit www.Legacy-CenterMichigan.com.



The goalposts were recently installed to help complete the new synthetic turf at Novi Wildcat Stadium Field. NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TURF

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tion on concussions, more durable fibers, less expensive field replacement costs, better footing and longer life of the field are just a few reasons why Novi went with the PowerBase component.

"As the surfaces get older, often times that G-max is going to rise," Gordon said. "But with that Brock product, it's going to preserve our field several years longer. So when we go back to do a retread, when we get down to set down another tread of turf in say 12 to 15 years, that Brock product is going to stay. That stays down and we put the new one over the top, then it's going to preserve the life."

Catching on

PowerBase is currently being used on practice fields by the NFL's Houston Texans and New England Patriots, as well as NCAA Division I schools such as the University of Maryland.

Placing a pad under a shorter pile turf has become a growing trend in the industry for the best quality synthetic turf fields.

"My big thing is that the field itself is no different than a football helmet or shoulder pads in lacrosse ... it's a piece of equipment," Gordon said. "When the body hits that, no matter what sport they're playing, how that body reacts to that surface is very, very important. And there's definitely a different feel to it."

PowerBase also pro-

vides ground stabilization, thermal insulation and drainage properties that stone bases or other drainage and shock pads cannot offer without added material and labor costs.

The PowerBase product also meant less site excavation, drastically reduced stone usage and transportation, fewer materials to purchase and faster construction time. It also proved to be more environmental friendly, with reduced CO2 emissions, less site damage due to fewer trucks and heavy equipment being utilized, along with less noise pollution.

Ready-made

"We were at a pretty good place where our drainage system was in good shape," Gordon said. "We were fortunate that we had a reservoir where the water can be drained out, too, which was already on-site and saved us a ton of money. Once they ripped out the three sprinkler systems, the grass and some of the topsoil ... they went down a foot, to the bedrock, then the sand. That process is lasered for flatness and making sure there's about a six-inch crown. Then we put down the Brock product and away we went. It takes a lot longer to do the earthwork then it does to actually put down the turf."

Former Novi athletic director Curt Ellis, now the assistant superintendent of human resources for the Saline Area Schools, helped plant the seed to put the synthetic turf wheels into motion.

"The schools in Oakland County and the KLAAs have gone to turf," Gordon said. "We've been one of the last ones and I think why we were one of the last ones is because we have separate facilities. We've got a (grass) soccer facility (Novi Meadows Stadium), but in most schools' case, they've got to share a facility. We don't have to do that. But we also have outstanding outdoor custodians who take care of our fields, so we've been able to put it off, but now we're to a point where it's a necessary thing with all the different programs that we offer."

And with the new synthetic surface, Novi Wildcat Stadium should be more available for public use.

"It also allows for the community to use our facility, too, which is one of the most important things," Gordon said. "This is a community field and Novi is a one-horse town. On a Friday night, we love the fact everybody empties out to come out and watch a Friday night football game or a Friday night lacrosse game or whatever sport we have out there."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 22

Franklin Road at Bethany, 5 p.m.

Northville at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Det. CC at Balmori Inv. (CEP), 10 a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Aug. 23

Novi at A.A. Pioneer Inv., TBA.

Franklin Road Christian at Oakland Christian Tourney, TBA.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Aug. 23

Det. CC at Lansing CC Inv., 10:30 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 21

Northville Quad, 8 a.m.

Groves at Novi CC, 4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 22

Roch. Adams at Novi (M.S.), 2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23

CC, N'ville at Grand Blanc Inv., 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Aug. 21

N'ville at Seaholm Inv., 7:30 a.m.

Novi at Traverse City Cent. Inv. at Spruce-Wolverine G.C., TBA.

Friday, Aug. 22

Novi at Traverse City Central Inv. at Spruce-Wolverine, TBA.

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Mustangs' new home



Northville Hills Golf Club will be the new home course for the 2014-15 season for the Northville High girls and boys golf teams. Pictured are (from left) Diane Wilson, general manager of Northville Hills; resident pro Kevin Kress; Northville boys and girls coach Jeff Balagna; and Northville athletic director Bryan Masi. "We are very excited about the Northville High School girls and boys teams making Northville Hills Golf Club our new home," Masi said. "After years of playing at Tanglewood we are excited about moving to such an outstanding course and having our home course in Northville. The staff has been outstanding to work with and we look forward to a long lasting relationship with Northville Hills Golf Club."

Summer Bash champs



The 11-and-under Northville Mustangs travel baseball team, coached by Jeff Harp, captured the End of Summer Bash tournament July 26-27 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Team members include: Jack Anderson, Christian Clark, Paul Finkbeiner, Adam Harp, Ryan Humphrey, Noah Girard, Chris Goebel, Kellen Gonda, Wes Guyot, Nick Mansfield, Nick Roehrig and Matthew Wehrum. Assistant coaches include Chris Girard, Paul Wehrum and Mark Anderson.

MAIER

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long time while I was here. I got a lot of good relationships. It's been great. Obviously, Double-A is not my goal to get back and play here. My goal is get back obviously to the major leagues. Hopefully, having the surgery and getting healthy is obviously the stepping stone to help me get back."

Following the 2012 season, Maier elected to become a free agent and signed a minor league contract with Boston.

But after suffering a wrist injury and hurting his back while playing in only 31 games for Pawtucket, Maier was on the move again as he signed a contract to go to spring training 2014 with the Cubs.

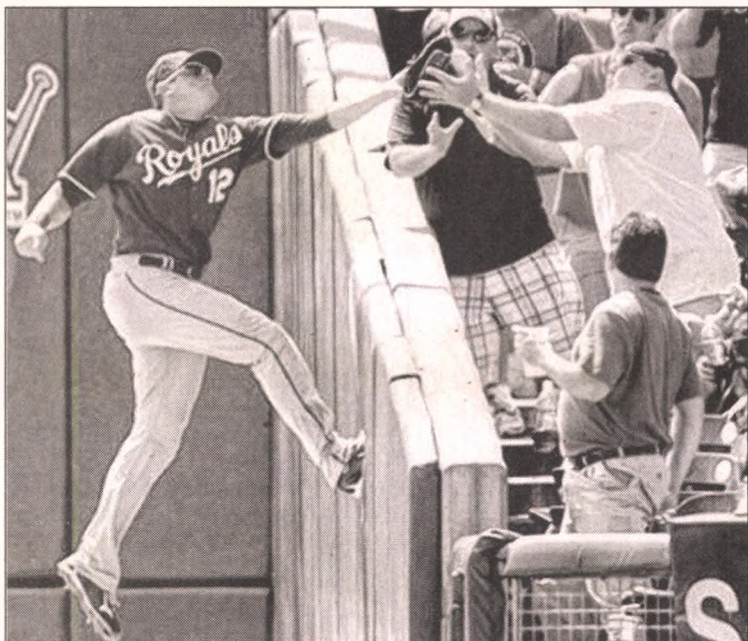
"I did it late in the season (2013), around the first of August," Maier said of his back injury. "I think it was kind of correlated with having an oblique injury and some other injuries on the left side there. I think it all kind of correlated to where my back gave out. I went through epidurals, went through rehab the entire fall and winter to where I was trying to get it right, then I was ultimately able to play."

"But I exhausted my other avenues. If I wanted to play, I needed to get it done."

Under the knife

On March 14 in Phoenix, Maier underwent a micro-discectomy, a minimally invasive spine surgery to relieve pressure and pain caused by a herniated disc.

"After I had surgery, the Cubs released me because they knew I'd be out pretty much



Novi High grad Mitch Maier spent six seasons in Kansas City. He's currently with the Double-A Northwest Arkansas Naturals. USA TODAY

the entire summer," he said. "So I was a free agent, I went home and was pretty much restricted the first six to eight weeks – couldn't bend over, couldn't pick anything up. I stayed in Michigan during that time period and that's when I got signed by Kansas City."

Maier says he can certainly relate to back woes of Tiger Woods.

"It was the exact same surgery and right about the same exact time," Maier said. "And Andy Dirks with Detroit had the exact same thing in spring training right about the same time as I did. It's tricky. It's kind of one of those things you've got to battle through. (Woods) came back more quickly than I did. He's had some issues since he's been back, but fortunately I haven't had those issues of having any

setbacks.

"They just said it takes a little bit of time to heal, but it's still a back surgery. You've got to let all the tissues repair, because they had to cut through and make sure they got it right."

And so far, so good for Maier.

Nice recovery

"I'm fully recovered, it's just now a matter of going through the rehab progression, where I'll play a couple of days and take a day or two off," said Maier, who has appeared in 12 games for the Naturals, hitting .282 while clubbing his first homer in a 9-8 win Aug. 6 over Corpus Christi. "When I first started, it was limited innings. I played five innings, then seven ... each day not only get my body back into baseball

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"I've had opportunities to expand or go to bigger situations and the Lord has really kept me in place. When I was on the plane ride back (from) playing in the Philippines, that's where I had my experience with God. And he said develop the ultimate athlete for Christ. And so that's part of my ministry. That's what keeps me where I am today. I don't look at this as a job. This is a ministry. I love working for the Kingdom of God. Until He says, 'OK, well done, now it's time to expand and go elsewhere,' (then) I'll try some other things."

Blackwell earned his B.A. degree from Illinois in program management, specializing in athletics and recreation. From 1992-95, he served as a mayoral appointee as deputy director of parks and recreation in the city of Highland Park before returning to play professionally again for three years.

From 2002-07, Blackwell was the assistant A.D. at Faith Christian Academy in Southfield before going to Franklin Road Christian, where he has found a home.

"I really enjoy what I'm doing," Blackwell said. "This is family. I couldn't ask for better people here. With Pastor Jamie (Kjos) of Brightmoor, the church has grown since he's been here. He was here two years before me and he has done tremendous things for the church and the school. That's one great thing. His heartbeat is not only the church, but also the school. That's what is going to help us grow."

Family ties

Blackwell and his wife Jillian have three sons – Mackenzy, Johnathan and Robert Gabriel – who are also part of the church and school's landscape.

"The people here have been a blessing to my wife and family," Blackwell said. "We have new leadership. Pastor Tim Gambino, who started the school, has just retired. And now we have a new superintendent, Dan Robinson, who is a former athlete and coach, so he understands the importance of athletics. He understands the importance of Christian education, but he understands sports, so I'm excited."

Franklin Road is one of 16 members in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, which includes small faith-based and private schools.

Nicknamed the Warriors, Franklin Road enjoyed some athletic success during the 2013-14 MHSAA season as both the girls basketball and baseball teams earned a district title.

"Our goal is to always get better," Blackwell said. "Always to improve, always to reassess what we did last year and how we're going to get to the next level this year. Our biggest challenge is that we don't have the big numbers of the Country Days or the other

big schools, so we have to what I call 'have a method to our madness.' How to do inspire, how to we motivate, how do we retain, how do we do those things to keep our kids motivated and striving to the next level?"

"One of our other goals is how do we develop our feeder program? How do we develop our elementary and middle school programs to feed into our high school?"

Sports offered

Among the boys programs Franklin Road offers are soccer and cross country (fall); basketball (winter); and golf, baseball and track and field (spring). Girls sports include volleyball and cross country (fall); basketball and cheerleading (winter); and softball and track (spring).

"We're pretty set right now," Blackwell said. "Since I've been here, we've added track and a co-op football program (with Southfield Christian). And we've tried to do a girls soccer program, but we don't have the numbers. So you don't want to tear one program up to try to show that we have all these different sports."

Although Blackwell is always looking toward the future, he fondly remembers his high school and college basketball playing days. His former Highland Park teammate Renardo Brown, who went on to play at West Virginia, is Franklin Road's varsity boys basketball coach.

When he was a highly touted recruit coming out of Highland Park, Blackwell also considered West Virginia and Michigan before going to Illinois to play for coach Lou Henson.

College career

During Blackwell's four seasons, Illinois went to four straight NCAA tournaments. He played alongside some of the Fighting Illini's 1980s greats, including Nick Anderson, Kendall Gill, Stephen Bardo, Kenny Battle, Bruce Douglas, Lowell Hamilton and Marcus Liberty.

And when Blackwell came home each summer, he claimed some bragging rights after going a combined 10-6 against Michigan and Michigan State. During his final two years, when he averaged 12.1 points and 9.9 points per game, respectively, as a starter, Illinois went 7-1 against the Wolverines and Spartans.

"My junior year, we started off the Big Ten season playing Michigan and Michigan State," Blackwell said. "Against Michigan, I had 28 points; against State, I think I had 25. I was leading the Big Ten in scoring. Believe that. Steve Alford (Indiana), Ken Norman, Doug Altenberger (Illinois), Doug Lee (Purdue) ... all these great names and I was leading the Big Ten in scoring at that time. That was really a highlight of my career."

And for Blackwell, basketball is never far away from the office.

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playing shape, but almost like a spring training."

After Maier graduated from Novi in 2000, he attended the University of Toledo and finished his three-year career with school career records for average (.414), hits (238), doubles (42), RBIs (147) and total bases (370). In 2003, his junior season with the Rockets, Maier hit .448, second in the nation.

After being the 30th pick overall (first round) of the 2003 Amateur Draft, Maier started out as a catcher, but adapted quickly to the outfield and made a rapid ascent through the Royals' minor league system.

On Sept. 23, 2006, Maier made his major league debut with Kansas City after just two years in the minors. In 2009, Maier appeared in a career-high 127 games, hitting .243. In 2010, he batted .263 in 117 games.

Reinventing himself

For now, Maier's only goal is to get back into baseball shape with the Travelers, nothing else.

"I basically started physical therapy here and started rehabbing my back," he said.

"While I was doing that, I was kind of serving as a player-coach. They gave me the rehab facilities to do that and basically, in turn, helping young guys here and kind of teaching them things that I experienced along the way – help them out wherever I possibly could while I was rehabbing."

Maier might consider coaching once his playing career ends.

"This gave me a perspective on what it's like," he said. "I had a decent idea, but I'll cross that bridge when I get to it. It's

something I'll entertain. I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet. Fortunately, I'm not there yet and not prepared to stop. The coaching stuff is something I'll look at the professional level or collegiately. But somehow, for sure, I'd like to stay in the game."

The clock, however, is clicking as Maier tries to make up for lost time.

The off-season

"I might eventually try and play winter ball, either Venezuela or Mexico, just to try and catch up on some on my at-bats because I was injured a lot in 2013 and this year," he said. "I've fallen behind, so maybe go down there in October and get a 100 or so at-bats."

Maier resides in South Lyon in between baseball seasons with his wife Karrie, along with their two young children.

"My daughter was in preschool, but they've been out here with me from the first of July," Maier said. "When we go on the road, they stay here. It's definitely tough to travel for the kids, to travel with my wife. It's been a long year with not being able to see them, not being able to play."

"It will be good when the off-season comes, kind of relax and see them full time. It's tough on the kids. My daughter is 4 and she understands, but my 2-year-old (son) doesn't fully understand when I leave. They don't see me for weeks, so it's tough. But that's kind of part of the business. There's a lot of guys in the game that go through this, but we're not going to play forever. We'll get plenty of family time when we're done."

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Ultimate Dodgeball gains popularity

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

How that good ol' school-yard staple called dodgeball has evolved — something worth rejoicing for new, prime-time players like Livonia's Simeon Kraft.

It used to be a game of dead-eye accuracy, where bigger kids slammed younger ones who couldn't react when a round, rubber sphere started zeroing in toward their heads.

In the 21st century, however, there is a version called Ultimate Dodgeball, where Kraft and other young athletes weaned on the X Games play inside a bowl-shaped trampoline — jumping, throwing and strategizing to their hearts' content while trying to remain the last one standing.

These days, they can't wait to go to battle.

Consider Kraft's team of twentysomethings called Free Headshots, who are glad to be part of the recreational sport's latest incarnation.

The team, featuring a number of members from *Observer*-area communities, won the Ultimate Dodgeball Challenge on June 29 at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Canton. Due to financial reasons, however, the team will not compete Aug. 8-10 in Las Vegas, Nev., against Sky Zone qualifiers from around the country.

Frenetic fun

"I think the sport in general appeals to us, because everyone on our team is athletic," said Kraft, 22. "We all play soccer, football, volleyball. But dodgeball as a sport appeals to us because it's very strategic and requires group synchronization."

"At the same time, it's very fast-paced. So it's a very rare combination that you got a game that's played at this speed, but with this much active strategy put into it. It's different than the dodgeball you play when you're in middle school, where you just throw balls and try not to get hit."

Based on the fact Free Headshots came away with hardware following the June 29 state tourney final (a victory over a team called Our Ball, Your Face), Kraft and his teammates were successful enough in that regard.

One of his teammates, 24-year-old Will Miller of Riverview, said it was quite a thrill to win last month's tournament. Free Headshots prevailed in a round-robin format, besting the 12-team field.

"I think it was pretty fantastic to win it," said Miller, who possesses a strong arm and the penchant for picking off opponents. "We won it two years ago and we got to go to (Los Angeles). But this year we're not able to go because of team funding."

Team captain Mat Jones, a 22-year-old from Farmington, said Free Headshots was guaranteed prize money for the 2012 regionals in California, regardless where the team finished in the competition. When no such guarantee was available this time around, the decision was made to skip the Las Vegas event.

"Last year they changed it and now you only are guaranteed money if you make the top eight out of 40 or 50," said Jones, a Farmington High



Celebrating after winning the Ultimate Dodgeball Challenge June 29 in Canton are Free Headshots players (standing, from left) Jordan Hemingway, Jesse Jones, Mat Jones, Will Miller, Drew Jones, Matt Clunis, Billy Werthman and Simeon Kraft. Kneeling is Jon Long.

School alum. "And since all of us but one or two are in high school or college, we can't really afford to make the trip out to Las Vegas on such short notice without being guaranteed prize money back."

Money matters aside, Miller said Ultimate Dodgeball is "a combination of two great things. It's dodgeball and you got trampoline, so everybody loves both of those. It just makes sense."

Sticking together

Just how team members came up with Free Headshots for a nickname was something that — pardon the expression — kind of smacked them in the face.

"We went to a tournament where you weren't allowed to hit people in the head," Miller said. "Like, they wouldn't be out, *you'd* be out. So we took the name Headshots Only."

"And then the next tournament we were Free Headshots, not sure exactly why. We're a pretty silly team, though."

Jones said many team members started playing the original version of dodgeball during youth group at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville when they were in middle school.

One tournament led to another and eventually took them to Sky Zone. They quickly adapted from gym floor to trampoline.

"Moving on into high school, we started hearing about a couple tournaments. We threw a team together for the Detroit Cup Tournament that comes around every March," Jones said. "And we kind of stuck as a team since then."

"As the years go by, we've been playing more and more tournaments. We've been to Canada several times, Chicago several times."

Other members of the state champions include Farmington's Jesse Jones, Drew Jones and Matt Clunis and Livonia's Jon Long, Phil Maessen, Ben Kraft, Ben Sweetman and Billy Werthman. Ferndale's Jordan Hemingway is assistant captain.

New-school buzz

Canton Sky Zone manager Darian Luttrell said the facility, located in an industrial park at 42550 Executive Drive (near Michigan and Lilley

roads), opened in 2012 and is becoming extremely popular with the younger set.

"I like that it's fun, it's a workout," said Luttrell, a 2011 graduate of Southfield-Lathrup who now attends Eastern Michigan University. "That's why a lot of people come here. It's just different elements, it's not the natural, traditional dodgeball — it provides that new-school element to it."

Other Sky Zones in Michigan are located in Grand Rapids and Shelby Township. At all three facilities, Luttrell stressed, people of all ages and both genders participate.

By and large, the essence of dodgeball remains unchanged from yesteryear.

There are five balls in circulation to start the action (two per team and one placed in the center of the court) and, once the whistle blows, anything goes.

Players keep firing balls (sometimes at a velocity of upwards of 70 mph) trying to nail opponents and force them to the sidelines. If a throw is caught by a player on the other side, the one who launched it takes a seat.

Adding insult to injury, the player who made that catch can wave a teammate back into the fray from the bench to gain an edge in the numbers game.

As always, the team with the last player standing wins.

"Each team starts out with five people and it's just like regular dodgeball," Luttrell said. "As soon as you get hit with the ball, you're out."

Wild and crazy

Thanks to how players can soar high into the air and come at each other from crazy angles, players need to simultaneously be proficient in physical and mental gymnastics.

For Kraft and Miller, that challenging combo is what really makes Ultimate Dodgeball such a rush.

"I'm jumping higher than I could normally jump," Kraft said. "But also the structure of the arenas (there are 26 Sky Zone parks in North America) have the trampolines along the walls that angle; (it) definitely adds another dimension to the game. I just enjoy it."

According to Kraft, being able to react under pressure is integral to success, not to mention reading how a game is

progressing.

"It's very fast-paced and so ... it's just doing the math," Kraft said. "I know I've got a ball and my teammate has one and I think there's one behind me, so that I'm only looking for two on the other side."

"And that influences my decision on who to throw at or if I should be throwing at all."

Another strategy is feeding balls to teammates in better position to attack.

"I would get a ball and, let's say I kind of hyperextended my elbow and I'm not sure I'm going to get a good throw off," Kraft said. "It's better to feed it to one of my teammates who still has a strong arm. That's a legitimate strategy."

"And some of the more basic strategies that really pay off are just ball control, making sure you don't give them all away and controlling the pace of the game."

In position

Defensive positioning can't be ignored, either.

"It's one thing to just stand there and let them throw at you," Kraft said. "But it's another to have someone, if your team's only got like one ball and they've got three, to have people positioned so that as soon as the other team is throwing at you, you're in a position to counter-attack."

"And so, it's little things like that, really tend to pay off."

Miller added that players on Free Headshots have great team chemistry and communication skills that often mean the difference between winning and losing.

"We don't necessarily have plays, but if we have more of the balls than them then we try to throw two at once," Miller said. "Or if we only have one more than them then we only throw one, just simple stuff."

"And covering people, trying to tip balls up so that you can try to catch them instead of getting hit."

So to that end, the basics of dodgeball haven't changed from generation to generation.

Still, Sky Zone's trampolines are helping to launch the current version of the sport higher than it's ever gone.

You might say it's becoming the ultimate.

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Numbers continue to plunge at MHSAA

Drop in enrollment affects participation

Participation in high school sports in which post-season tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association decreased slightly for the third straight school year in 2013-14, following a continuing trend of declining member school enrollments.

However, nine MHSAA sports saw increases in participation from 2012-13, and four sports set records for the second straight school year.

A total of 288,230 participants took part in the 28 tournament sports offered by the MHSAA during the past year — a 1.9-percent decrease from the 2012-13 figure of 293,810.

Enrollments at member schools also decreased 0.7 percent from 2012-13 and have fallen 10 percent since the 2006-07 school year.

But MHSAA participation has fallen only 7.9 percent during that time. This year's dip was slightly larger than the 1.2-percent decrease from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

Boys participation fell 1.7 percent from 2012-13 to 2013-14, and girls participation fell 2.2 percent. The overall MHSAA totals count students once for each sport in which they participate, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

For the second straight year, boys and girls lacrosse (5,089 and 2,540, respectively) and boys and girls cross country (8,882 and 8,703) set participation records.

Both lacrosse totals have increased annually during their 10 years as MHSAA tournament sports. The girls saw an increase of 1.6 percent from 2012-13.

Participation in boys and girls cross country increased for the fifth straight seasons — the girls by 3.9 percent.

Three girls sports rebounded from recent declines. Girls swimming and diving (6,604) broke a two-year downturn with its highest total since 2010-11.

Girls golf (3,427) increased by 2.8 percent and girls soccer (13,619) increased one percent after also falling from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

Girls track and field (17,259) posted its second straight increase and highest participation total since 2009-10.

However, troubling trends continued in two of the most popular girls sports. Girls basketball participation fell for the eighth straight season to 16,329 participants, the sport's fewest since records first were kept in 1991-92.

The girls basketball total has decreased 14.7 percent since a U.S. District Court decision led to the switching of girls basketball season from fall to winter beginning in 2007-08.

Comparatively, girls enrollment at MHSAA schools during that time has fallen 10.4 percent.

The sport that swapped seasons with girls basketball and moved to fall, volleyball, saw a 6.5-percent drop in participation to 18,607 athletes, its fewest since 1993-94 and a decrease of 13.6 percent since its final season as a winter sport.

A total of nine sports saw increases in participation in 2013-14 (three boys, six girls), while 19 had decreases (11 boys, eight girls).

The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling of its national participation survey.

Results of Michigan surveys from the 2000-01 school year to present may be viewed on the MHSAA website (mhsaa.com) by clicking on Schools, Administrators, Sports Participation Listing.

Whalers alumni giving to 'Miracle on Ice'

The Plymouth Whalers have plans to make their 25th season in the Ontario Hockey League a special year worth remembering.

The Whalers start the new season with an event that will prompt more smiles than goals by hosting its fourth Alumni Game, 4 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Billed "Whalers Alumni Give a Miracle on Ice," proceeds of the game (in the form of a \$10 donation) will go to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at www.plymouthwhalers.com or at the Compuware Arena box office. Please call the box office at 734-453-8400.

Adding to the event is radio station WDVD-FM (96.3) and morning host Blaine Fowler, who are long-time supporters of the Plymouth Whalers and events at Compuware Arena.

Community Choice Credit Union is also lending support to the event.

Players from all eras of the Whalers' 25-year history are expected to play, including



Plymouth Whalers alums (from left) Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin enjoy a fun moment during the 2012 Alumni Game. This year's game is 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

former Detroit Red Wings player David Legwand, Alex Alesardi, Robbie Czarnik, Jamie Devane, John Vigilante, Damian Surma, Chris Terry, Mitchell Heard and Matt Hackett, among many others.

The list of alumni coming back to Plymouth for the Alumni Game grows each week.

For the \$10 donation, Whalers Alumni will participate in

meet-and-greet autograph session with fans 2-3:30 p.m. before the puck drops. Fans can have two items signed.

Another win-win

"Not only is the Alumni Game a fun event for our fans and everyone else, but we've also helped out great causes over the years," Whalers marketing director Denise Rounayne said. "Two years ago, the

alumni donated their time and effort toward Gleaners Community Food Bank in a Hunger Free Summer Campaign. In 2010, we helped raise awareness toward autism."

"Supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital this year is a win-win for everyone. Blaine and Allyson and our friends at 96.3 WDVD add to the excitement and help make this event memorable."

Beaumont Children's Hospital pediatrician-in-chief Dr. Brian Berman said the hospital is "so grateful to the Plymouth Whalers and 96.3 WDVD for their generous support. ... The funds they raise are instrumental in helping to provide comfort and compassionate care to the many children and families that we serve."

Fowler of the radio team stressed that the event is a way to unite "two of our favorite teams: the Children's Miracle Network Team and the Plymouth Whalers. All of us at 96.3 have big love for both of these amazing partners and are excited to make this event a can't miss for our community."



This American craftsman house is an appealing design. The National Association of Realtors is putting an emphasis on ownership through a new advertising and public relations effort. GETTY IMAGES | ISTOCKPHOTO

Advertising/PR campaign puts focus on value of Realtors for home buyers

As a new generation of home buyers enters into recovering real estate markets across the country, the National Association of Realtors announced July 14 the launch of a major national advertising campaign in conjunction with realtor.com, as well as a comprehensive public relations effort, "Real Insight," which together will showcase the value of the local knowledge and accurate data available to consumers through Realtors and realtor.com.

NAR's latest campaign, "Real People," is part of a \$35 million annual advertising effort that targets home buyers and sellers, ages 25-54; the ads are currently broadcasting across TV, digital, radio and mobile channels. Realtor.com is concurrently running a multimillion dollar advertising campaign, "Accuracy Matters," emphasizing that realtor.com provides accurate, up-to-date and comprehensive real estate listings and content available online.

"Together Realtors and realtor.com deliver the real insights and know-how to make home happen for home buyers and sellers all across the country," said Steve Brown, NAR

president and co-owner of Irongate, Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "This effort is critically important for our industry as we unite under a common goal of providing the most accurate market data available online along with the deep local knowledge and Realtor expertise that buyers and sellers need to make their real estate dreams a reality."

"Accuracy is critically important for serious buyers and sellers, but the Accuracy Matters awareness campaign is about more than just listings data – it's about sound professional advice as well, from Realtors with unparalleled local insights," said Steve Berkowitz, chief executive officer for Move, Inc., the operator of realtor.com. "This commitment leverages both campaigns to help consumers understand the combined advantage of using realtor.com while working with a Realtor."

In addition to the national advertising campaign, NAR will be hosting a series of live and online "Conversations with Real Insight" in coming months that provide attendees – from consumers and busi-

nesses to real estate service providers and industry leaders – with up-to-the-minute understanding of today's real estate market trends.

"Some have suggested that new technologies should make buying a home more like buying an airline ticket or a stock certificate, but they're missing the point. You don't live your life in a stock share, raise your kids in seat 7B, or build your future online," said Brown. "Real estate transactions are the most significant personal and financial engagement most Americans ever make. In today's competitive and complex environment, Realtors combine technology with the real-life insight and market knowledge that buyers and sellers need to succeed."

To learn more about the campaign, visit realtor.org/consumer-advertising-campaign.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

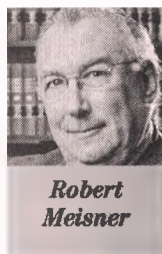
Independent legal counsel vital to condo operations

Q: I am on the board of a condo and have found out that our management company has used the same attorney in every one of its projects that it recommended to us. When I asked the management company why that was the case, the management company said it was just coincidental and that they do "good work." Is that a problem for our association?

A: Congratulations. You have stumbled across a frequent phenomenon in Michigan condominium governance where the management company is figuratively in bed with the law firm that they continuously recommend because, among other things, that law firm will agree not to pursue the management company for any malfeasance and/or has otherwise represented the management company or done "favors for it." This unholy alliance is something that should be avoided and any management company that continues to send the business of the association to one law firm is waiting, literally, for the cookie to crumble when that affiliation is exposed and any impropriety is established. You are best off retaining a new management company and a new law firm.

Q: I am buying a new condominium from a national developer, and received a Disclosure Statement that said there were no lawsuits pending against the Developer of this project. The name of the project is different from the name of the national developer. Should I be looking for more?

A: You certainly should. The Condominium Act only requires the Developer of that particular project to disclose any litigation with that particular project. You should inquire as to whether the parent of your Developer, i.e., the national company, if that be the case, has been sued at any other condominium projects locally and, perhaps, nationally if the same style unit is being sold elsewhere. Many times we find that Developers are sued and, as part of a settlement, demand confidentiality clauses so no one knows what the terms of the settlement are except the parties, and no prospective purchaser will really find out the details. I have seen many situations where Developers have covered up their defects which they knew about in other projects from ones they are currently developing and/or selling at the time. Get a good condominium lawyer who knows the history of Developers in this area.



Robert Meisner

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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. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. 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 Wayne 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.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 31 to April 4, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18051 Dunblaine Ave \$265,000
32255 Eastlady Dr \$550,000
17869 Kinross Ave \$255,000

BIRMINGHAM

1275 Davis Ave \$370,000
1725 E 14 Mile Rd Unit D \$70,000
1650 E Melton Rd \$173,000
1141 Golf View Blvd \$381,000
2011 Hazel St \$565,000
963 Puritan Ave \$775,000
1252 Smith Ave \$550,000
327 Southfield Rd Unit 14 \$134,000
600 W Frank St \$1,287,000
1912 Washington Blvd \$230,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

434 Fox Hills Dr N # A-3 \$279,000
2441 Hickory Glen Dr \$420,000
40760 Woodward Ave Unit 45 \$167,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2037 Bootmaker Ln \$285,000
1939 Cedar Hill Dr \$425,000
4304 Covered Bridge Rd \$285,000
5210 Echo Rd \$410,000
560 Fox Pointe Ct \$572,000
1686 Hoyt Tower Dr \$345,000
2830 Lamplighter Ln \$418,000
2170 Lancaster Rd \$235,000
1420 Manderford Rd \$330,000
6780 Oakhills Dr \$375,000
4364 Pine Tree Trl \$395,000

7336 Saint Auburn Dr \$311,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

8784 Alsup Ave \$335,000
5641 Antlers Ct \$75,000
753 Bingham Ct \$310,000
2276 Calibouge \$75,000
5139 Carinas Way Ct \$351,000
3259 Mandrake St \$180,000
2437 Solace Dr \$65,000
1887 Sparling \$237,000

FARMINGTON

31616 Folkstone Dr \$121,000
22886 Frederick Ave \$128,000
33791 Hamlin Ct \$200,000
22779 Lilac St \$135,000
34155 Schulte Dr \$218,000
33346 Shiawassee Rd \$267,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

23875 Glencreek Dr \$115,000
30768 Huntsman Dr E \$223,000
28811 Kendallwood Dr \$234,000
29439 Laurel Dr \$119,000
25585 Lyncastle St \$205,000
23106 Montclair St \$80,000
29496 Moran St \$206,000
21940 River Pines Dr \$197,000
28416 Shiloh Ct \$245,000
29433 Sylvan Ln \$165,000
31935 W 14 Mile Rd # 227 \$133,000
29232 Wellington St \$190,000

FRANKLIN

26570 Drummond Ct \$2,100,000
26285 W 14 Mile Rd \$265,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

27230 Bloomfield Dr \$165,000

MILFORD

3265 Granda Vista Dr \$258,000
1750 S Hickory Ridge Trl \$272,000

3886 W Commerce Rd \$238,000

NORTHVILLE

21520 Chubb Rd \$219,000
974 Coldspring Dr \$651,000
22248 Innsbrook Dr \$310,000

NOVI

22694 Bertram Dr \$355,000
25036 Buckminster Dr \$288,000
45866 Cider Mill Rd \$283,000
25501 Hillsdale Dr \$645,000
44879 Lindbergh \$365,000
51182 Mayfair Ter \$312,000
41703 Mitchell Rd \$180,000
24524 Olde Orchard St \$110,000
22814 Talford St \$78,000
22909 Woolsey \$73,000

SOUTH LYON

518 N Reese St \$148,000
17708 Addison St \$74,000

SOUTHFIELD

17270 Alta Vista Dr \$161,000
29330 Bermuda Ln \$148,000
19870 Butternut Ln \$162,000
29466 Candlewood Ln \$96,000
15872 Harden Cir \$87,000
15801 Providence Dr # 01e \$93,000
29656 Rock Creek Dr \$85,000
21700 Virginia St \$168,000
29161 Wellington Rd E # 42 \$72,000

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8085 Bennington Blvd \$300,000
742 E Oxhill Dr \$160,000
863 Golden Dr \$233,000
10953 Hillway St \$125,000
8200 Nathan Oscar Dr \$169,000
10300 Northridge Ct \$245,000
469 Rosario Ln \$258,000
1233 Round Lake Rd \$115,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 21-25, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2467 Amber Dr \$195,000
43555 Fleetwood Ct \$167,000
41484 Glade Rd \$175,000
46703 Inverness Rd \$385,000
6544 Kings Mill Dr \$352,000
42471 Lilley Pointe Dr \$79,000
42306 Oakland Dr \$250,000
42246 Saratoga Cir \$162,000
44180 Sheridan St \$236,000

GARDEN CITY

596 Brandt St \$65,000
33701 Kathryn St \$84,000
31568 Marquette St \$130,000
29483 Meadow Ln \$82,000
918 Middlebelt Rd \$28,000

LIVONIA

14404 Fairway St \$155,000
9870 Harrison St \$130,000
32836 Hees St \$105,000
29408 Lori St \$85,000
17113 Louise St \$211,000
37772 Mallory Dr \$284,000
11260 Oxbow St \$135,000
18579 Sunset St \$90,000
27901 Whitcomb St \$229,000

NORTHVILLE

601 Ashley Ct \$457,000

16865 Horseshoe Dr \$550,000

15938 Morningside \$158,000

PLYMOUTH

44436 Charnwood Dr \$360,000
11696 Morgan Ave \$160,000

REDFORD

24255 Puritan \$34,000

WAYNE

3048 Rivers Edge Dr \$95,000
3630 Swanson St \$25,000
32572 Woodbrook Dr \$130,000

WESTLAND

32651 Birchwood St \$70,000
36620 Deerhurst S \$115,000
36815 Dover Dr \$150,000
7645 Louise Ct \$80,000
171 S Carlson St \$115,000

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Over the years, hiring managers have born witness to every hiring, interviewing, resume, cover letter and negotiation mistake there is.

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From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 16 common job search mistakes to avoid, *and some of them may surprise you.*

1. Keep your options open

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer."

"By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity disappears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach."

"You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' a point where you're in the flow of information and ideas, and that makes you more valuable."

2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until

there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

3. Perfect a thank-you note

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of 'War and Peace' can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However, sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

4. Check your references

"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

5. You've got poor business acumen

"Managers are becoming more savvy and are taking candidates out to lunch for interviews. They want to see how you treat a restaurant staff and see the 'real' you. If you're rude to them or don't seem appreciative for their hard work to make your meal pleasurable, managers wonder how you'll treat contemporaries you work with," Barefoot says.

6. You have a messy briefcase

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys

they're serious about getting a job and working."

7. Temporary positions

"Many employers coming out of a recession want to hire on a temporary or temp- to perm- basis. We have already seen several contractors be offered permanent positions after they have proven themselves," says Jeffrey Weinstock, Esq. president, Rhodes & Weinstock, a recruiting firm. "Not only will the temporary position pay some bills, think of it as an audition for a potential perm position, or at least a way to get a good reference for another position."

8. You have a bad attitude

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."

9. You include too much work history

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

10. Use your personal resume

"Some people do not regularly check their personal email, so they use their employers' email instead," Palmer says. "This sends a negative message to potential employers that the job seekers will not hesitate to use their equipment for personal use."

11. "No" is not final

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD.

"If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

12. You lack tact

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

13. You don't search for yourself on the Internet

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you up online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

14. You have a 'death by bullets' resume

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways

to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

15. You've got a scattered strategy

"Looking for a job in any industry and with two or three resumes is going to get the same result as the strategy: scattered," Llamas says. "Job seekers with a clearly defined, focused and organized strategic approach to their job search end up with clear results and a new job."

16. You think it's... about you

It is not about you and your need for a job, it is about the prospective employer and their need to run a successful business and make money, says Lori B. Rassas, employment attorney and author of "Employment Law: A Guide to Hiring, Managing and Firing for Employers and Employees."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

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