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Taste Fest at stadium

School officials are inviting the community to come out and help them dedicate Novi Wildcat Stadium beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, prior to the Novi High School varsity football team's first home game against Brighton.

The event will also include Tastefest and a silent auction. Tastefest will feature fare from several different restaurants at this fundraiser for the Novi Athletic Boosters.

The actual dedication will take place at 6:30 p.m.

New board members

The Novi Community School District welcomes two new board members appointed this summer: Punita Dani Thurman and Willy Mena. Both have students attending Novi Schools and will serve terms ending Dec. 31.

These appointments fill the seven-member board.

Novi Cemetery's historic, but beaten, headstones on the mend

City contractor making progress in restoring culturally significant site

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

There's a lot of important local history at the Novi Cemetery. There are many soldiers buried there, going as far back as the Revolutionary War. That's why its restoration has become

an important project the past several years.

"Many families who have loved ones buried here have moved away or are not in the community for whatever reason, so because of this it's on us to make sure this cemetery remains an important community landmark," said Wendy Duvall, supervisor with the city of Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, which oversees properties like the cemetery.

The Novi Cemetery was established in 1844 by an early Novi settler and contains many veterans' graves, including Revolutionary War vet Caleb Carr. The property is 2.4 acres in size. The city has enlisted the help of contractor David Carter of Carter's Cemetery Preservation.

Carter started work at the cemetery three years ago. He found many grave sites and stones that needed work. They were broken, tilting and, in some cases, on the ground. His crew

has spent many days putting them back together and refurbishing them.

"We have completed 100 stones over the last three years," Carter said on a recent sunny morning at the cemetery on Novi Road.

He said when workers first arrived, more than half the cemetery stones and monuments had issues.

The goal is complete restoration.

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Kerry Reeves (right) tries the XL laser machine on iShya Spa co-owner Shyama Weeresingha at the Twelve Oaks mall business. The laser is said to be good for working on acne scars, wrinkles or age lines and should smooth the skin with treatment. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

iShya: Unique spa opens in Novi

Medical, fashion services offered at Twelve Oaks site

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A new business has come to Novi that is both a medical and day spa with unique services not seen in many spas around metro Detroit.

Located in Twelve Oaks mall, iShya offers professional salon, spa and fashion services in an elegant setting.

"We're excited to be here. This is a nice location and we think the Novi community will like what we have to offer," iShya co-owner Shyama Weeresingha said.

The spa brings the brand new Alma Laser (Harmony XL) to work in Novi.

"This is the best on the market, so we aim to offer the best," said Kerry Reeves, medical esthetician at iShya. "I'm not sure many other spas have this yet."

Reeves said some of the spa's services include the famous "Clear Lift" procedure done in less than an hour to reverse years of aging and completely transform the skin in just a few sessions.

"We also offer truly pain-free laser hair removal in just a few minutes, as well as eyebrow threading and relaxing rejuvenation."

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iShya co-owner

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NOVI MCDONALD'S GOES 'GREEN'

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Officials from McDonald's are excited about the revamping of their Novi location.

"It's been a long process, but the end result will be pleasing for everyone," said Tonya Houston, operations manager of the restaurant at 21050 Haggerty Road.

Houston said this restaurant represents the modern McDonald's restaurant.

"We are thrilled to showcase several 'green' initiatives that will allow us to be the first Michigan restaurant to seek LEED certification (by the U.S. Green Building Council)," Houston said.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Aug. 13 with Novi Mayor Bob Gatt holding the scissors and Tonya Houston, operations manager of the restaurant, standing to his left. Other city and McDonald's officials were on hand.

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David Carter (left) along with his crew have been working to restore the Novi Cemetery over the past three years.

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tion of this historic cemetery. Carter said workers probably have another two years to go. His company works on other cemeteries around the area, including in Livonia and Wixom.

Over time, headstones can become victims of their surround-

ings, according to Carter.

"They can become covered by dirt and a growth called 'lichen' which can make it difficult to read and is very unsightly when you are visiting your loved ones," he said.

In addition, cemetery maintenance can also be very hard on headstones and other grave markers. Lawn mowers sometimes hit them and

break them or knock them over and they will eventually become covered in grass.

Carter said they can repair most headstones, obelisks and monuments that have been damaged. That's what they are doing now in Novi.

"Every stone is different, so it takes time because they are almost like puzzles," he said.

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nating facials" she added.

Facials, body waxing and dark spot removals are among many other services.

The medical spa part offers microdermabrasion, LED skin rejuvenation, body treatment and skin tightening, as well as acne and cellulite treatments.

The staff is professionally trained and certified and Weeresingha said members aim to meet the needs of each customer.

"Our professional staff will help each person that comes in to determine the best services that will fit their needs," she said.

Although it is in a bustling mall, the atmosphere of the spa is relaxing with soothing aromas and music filling the air. Reeves said they work to

make a visit as good as possible.

Ultimately, iShya wants to make the customer's day that much better.

"We want people to leave here feeling both relaxed and rejuvenated," Weeresingha said. To learn more, visit <http://www.ishyabeauty.com> or on Facebook at iShyaSpa.

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Shyama Weeresingha (left) joins co-owner Kerry Reeves in their newly-opened iShya Spa in Twelve Oaks. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN

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LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices.

The Novi McDonald's seeks to be the fifth McDonald's LEED Volume project in the country, and the first in Michigan, as a LEED-certified McDonald's.

Some of the green highlights at this restaurant include: construction waste diverted from landfills and recycled or reused; building materials made of recycled content; recycling of post-consumer and restaurant waste; water-efficient restroom fixtures;

high-efficiency landscape irrigation system; and 100-percent LED lighting fixtures.

Houston said the drive-through has been reconstructed to allow side-by-side ordering. The 24-hour restaurant will now offer the McDonald's After Midnight Menu between midnight and 4 a.m. every night.

The menu features breakfast, lunch and dinner selections and allows guests to mix and match their orders from a choice of breakfast, lunch and dinner favorites, including Egg McMuffins, Fruit and Maple Oatmeal, hash browns, Big Macs, Chicken McNuggets, french fries and more.

A grand re-opening celebration was held Aug. 15.

An invitation-only

event with a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Aug. 13. Invitees included Novi Mayor Bob Gatt, Novi City Council members, Novi Chamber of Commerce members and other special guests. In celebration of the grand re-opening, a donation will be made to the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

During the grand re-opening weekend, customers had the opportunity to sample different products and enjoy several special promotions.

"I would like to invite the local community to come in and enjoy a delicious meal while helping us celebrate the grand re-opening of our new, beautiful restaurant," Houston said.

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This is a rendering of the laboratory area inside the new surgical center. ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING INTERIOR DESIGN

Providence surgical center to be complete this fall

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A new addition is currently under construction at Providence Park Hospital and, once it's completed, it will help make it one of the most innovative hospitals in the region and state.

"We're really excited about this because it's bringing a vision we've had for some time and making it a reality," Joseph Hurshe, chief operating officer Providence West Region, said of the project to build a 9,000-square-foot surgical innovation center at the hospital at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

Expected to be done this fall, the center will be a training cornerstone for surgeons and clinical staff worldwide, according to Judy Ahn-Ewing, director of neurosciences and project manager at Providence Park. The \$3 million in work being to make the center one of the first of its kind in the state is being financed through donations from the Art Van Elslander family and other contributors.



Hurshe

The surgical center will include labs for working with cadavers and 14 lab stations for temporal bone and skull-based surgery demonstrations. Ahn-Ewing said the center will take into consideration a variety of areas.

"A broad range of expertise will be part of this advanced medical education and technology center," she said.

Inside the center there will be a 50-seat auditorium. There will also be specialized dedicated training stations for advanced surgical training.

Clinical services at Providence Park now include: orthopedic surgery, including hip and joint replacement; general surgery; neurosciences, including neurosurgery; women's and pediatric services; and a wide range of other medical and surgical specialties.

It also has a large and convenient outpatient center, which houses outpatient surgery, endoscopy services, laboratory, imaging and a sleep center, as well as many physician sub-specialties.

Hurshe said this expansion has been a goal since the hospital opened six years ago.

"There has been a desire to have an on site

surgical training venue here to align with what we already have here," he said.

Providence is also

involved with the Neuroscience Conference, which is being held next month at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

The first phase is expected to be done by Oct. 7 in time for its first training seminar, which will bring in individuals

from Asia and Europe.

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'Southern Hospitality'



Novi's Barbara Bloom portrays Honey Raye Futrelle in the upcoming production of "Southern Hospitality" and will be joined by Northville residents Joe Arcel (as Dub Dubberly) and Beth Duey (as Frankie Furtelle Dubberly). "Southern Hospitality" is a comedy about the small Texas town of Fayro, a town on its last legs. The two major businesses have closed and folks are leaving while the leaving is good. The four Futrelle sisters are not going to give up without a fight, though. They hatch a scheme to entice a salsa factory to relocate in Fayro. To do this, they invent "Fayro Days," complete with a petting zoo, a beauty contest and a huge Civil War re-enactment. Complicating matters is the plight of the young interim pastor who is likely to lose his home, car and pulpit unless there is a Miracle. A reluctant groom, a midlife crisis and a rich, devious old aunt add to the confusion. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Aug. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Aug. 24. Barefoot Productions Theatre is located at 240 N. Main Street, Plymouth. Plenty of free parking. All seats are only \$15 and can be reserved by calling the Barefoot Productions box office at 734-560-1493 or get tickets online at www.justgobarefoot.com. Shown (from left) are Lanna Collins, Gary Turnquist, Bloom, Julie Evans Herbert and Griffin Burke.

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Getting older redefined through music, stage

Beyond Belief gives members chance to shine

Throughout the Detroit area, people are getting older. This seems like an absurd statement to make until you consider the statistics. The 2014 United States Survey on aging found that for the first time in history, the population of adults above age 65 is set to surpass younger age groups.

Now more than ever, communities are struggling to provide support to activities to keep older adults active in their later years. In light of the Detroit area's changing demographic, many organizations are stepping up to fill the need. Novi resident Dr. Richard Reising decided in his retired years that he would look for something new, engaging and challenging, which is why he became a member of the Beyond Belief Senior Chorus.

"As a chemist in my earlier years, I was daunted by memorization. I felt that if it was important, I would find it in a book," Reising said. "Later in life, I realized that this wasn't quite the case. I first became involved in music for the first time in my life to maintain and improve my memory skills."

Established by the non-profit Mission Six Foundation to provide outreach to the growing senior population, Beyond Belief undertakes the writing, planning and staging of revue-style productions, which then tour to area senior living centers in order to share the music with an audience that otherwise might not have access to the performing arts.

The troupe staged its first productions since establishing – "Music! Music! Music!" a tribute to the music and



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The group is comprised of more than 40 close-knit members of all backgrounds and experience levels from Oakland and Wayne counties ages 55-100. Since its inception, the group has traveled to independent living facilities and nursing homes in Novi, Northville, Plymouth, White Lake and Livonia.

"I once overheard an older woman in public telling a younger man that at her age, 'making friends is not an option,'" said Aaron Martinez, executive director of Mission Six.

"It really hit me that the message we give to our most seasoned citizens is that after a certain point, you're worth disregarding off on the side. Where is their chance at continued happiness with that mindset? Now, we give everybody a chance to be in the spotlight doing something they never thought they were able to do."

For Reising, the gratification of bringing happiness to people who need it is the greatest part of being in Beyond Belief.

"Beyond Belief is unique to me because it focuses on the infirm and elderly. Standing in the reception line after our shows, I watched all the happy faces leaving and that hooked me," he said. "It is marvelous to think that we can make people forget their troubles for just a few hours of their life no matter who they are or where they're from."

Beyond Belief is proof that one is never too old or too handicapped to find friends, laughter and community, which is exactly the message Mission Six hopes to send.

"This chorus is filled with the most inspirational people I have ever met, and to see how they come together and a family to laugh together, grieve together, and sing together is something I think everyone needs to see to believe," Martinez said.

For more information, visit Mission Six's website at www.mission6.org.

District is ready to welcome back students soon

Time does fly!

It seems like only yesterday that I stood at Novi Meadows and waved goodbye as students left for the summer. In two short weeks, I will stand on that very same curb and say hello to students as they return to school.

Where did the summer go?

During the few short weeks of summer, the Novi Community School District has been busy. We have hired a number of staff. We have new teachers, new food service workers, new bus drivers and new support staff. These new staff members will participate in orientation over the next couple of weeks. They will learn about our district, our goals and the deep commitment that our community has for education. They may not be yet, but by Sept. 2 they will be ready for the start of school.

We have also completed construction projects. The most visible project has been the installation of field turf at the high school stadium. This project moved along well this summer, even with delays caused by rain. It was ready the week of Aug. 4 and our Novi High School band was able to christen it with a performance at the end of its band camp.

The official dedication of the new field will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28. The community is invited to participate in Taste Fest beginning at 5 p.m. that evening and then share in the official opening of the field.

During this summer, we also built three new preschool classrooms at Novi Meadows. These classrooms will increase our capacity to offer a high-quality preschool program to Novi. Our preschool program serves as a wonderful entry



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

point for students and their parents and does a great job of getting students ready for kindergarten.

Many of us have enjoyed some time off this summer. My wife and I were able to visit my mother and sister in Colorado. We were also able to see her 95-year-old father in Washington.

Many of our teaching and administrative staff have spent some time this summer learning. Workshops for staff were held in our district at the end of June and continued in the last two weeks of August. Some staff ventured outside of our district and participated in county, state and national workshops. Staff engaged in these learning opportunities because of their commitment to provide the highest quality educational experience for the students in our district.

While there is still time left in summer, many of our students have already left summer behind. Students in our marching band have been busy preparing for their fall marching band season. Our student-athletes have returned to the field and courts to prepare for the upcoming fall season.

Yes, summer is drawing to a close. But with the ending of summer, an exciting school year is about to start. I look forward to the start of school and anticipate that we will have a great school year.

Steve M. Matthews is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He welcomes your feedback at smatthews@novischools.net.

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GOP convention in Novi could hold surprises

Tea Party candidates will challenge 'establishment' Republicans

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Some crucial state-wide nominations for the Republican Party will come this weekend in Novi as it hosts the 2014 Michigan Republican State Convention. Scheduled to be held this weekend at the Suburban Collection Showplace, the convention expects to be an eventful one as many incumbents, including Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, will be chal-



Staudt

lenged. The successful nominees who emerge from the convention will appear on the November general election ballot. The nominations to be made at the convention include: lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, three justices to the Michigan Supreme Court, two

members of the state Board of Education and two members each for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Novi Mayo Pro Tem David Staudt, who will be attending the convention as a member of the Oakland County Republican Party, said the convention is an important one. The nominations will be made by the party delegates attending the convention. "It's rare that you see

incumbents being challenged like this, but it looks as if they will be," Staudt said. The convention will feature more than 2,100 delegates, who were picked during county conventions this past month from around the state. Calley, who has been in office since 2011, is being opposed by Wes Nakagiri, who is the founder of RetakeOurGov.org. The school board race has four candidates and all three university boards also have more than two candidates seeking nomi-

nations. Staudt said the party appears to be split between Tea Party members and "establishment" Republicans. Drama aside, the convention will be a boon for Novi with nearly 3,000 people expected to come to town. They will stay in hotels, host parties around town and generally pump revenue into local businesses. "This is great for Novi to have this. It will bring a lot of people from around the state into town, so it should be nothing but positive for local hotels and busi-

nesses," Staudt said. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will give the opening remarks at the convention. On Friday night, the Oakland County Republican Party will host a party at Paradise Park in which all elected Republican precinct delegates are invited. Staudt expects some candidates to attend. Activities will get going Friday, Aug. 22, but the official convention will be called to order at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Shown (back, from left) are Carol Hoffman, Jennifer Preston, Sue Johnson, Margi Karp-Opperer and Evelyn Young and (front, from left) Tanya Madhani and Jiaying Li.

Interns lend helping hand in Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Novi Public Library recently awarded two Novi teens, Tanya Madhani and Jiaying (Kaei) Li, \$500 stipends for completing a summer internship at the library in accordance with the NPL's Summer Reading Program. "We are very grateful to The Friends for generously giving us the funds to pay the two interns and to the interns themselves for the fabulous job they did," said Jennifer Preston, information services librarian in charge of the Teen Volunteer Program and supervisor of the high school interns. In 2013, Preston had applied for and won a grant through the Young

Adult Library Services Association, which awarded the library \$1,000 to pay a stipend to two interns to help with the Summer Reading Program. After great success with the first pair of interns, The Friends of the Novi Public Library generously offered the \$1,000 for the intern stipends to continue. Intern candidates were required to live in Novi and be in high school or just recently graduated. More than a half-dozen applications were received. For more information on The Friends of the Novi Public Library, visit www.novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

Three new credit programs announced

When the fall 2014 semester starts Monday, Aug. 25, Schoolcraft College will be offering a new skills certificate in plastic technology, a new degree in education and new credit courses in English as a Second Language. The plastic technology skills certificate will expose students to plastic materials, processes, equipment and quality systems and safety. Today's plastics professionals not only need to know the fundamentals of production, they must be able to think critically, solve problems and have a thorough understanding of the technology they can use to produce products efficiently and with the highest quality. Skills certificates generally only requires two semesters of study. With the associate degree for education program, future teachers have two options for obtaining the knowledge, skills and credential they need to pursue a career in elementary or secondary education. The

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Teacher Education Transfer associate degree includes specialized courses in teaching and learning that transfer to select universities offering teacher education bachelor's degree programs. The Liberal Arts associate degree can be transferred to a teacher education bachelor's degree program. In the new array of English as a Second Language courses, students will develop strong communication skills in the English language; speaking, listening, reading, and writing in preparation for further higher education opportunities or to enhance professional career goals. **Meditation Series continues** Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Department is once again offering the four-part lecture series, A Journey of Self Discovery: Meditation Series, presented by Kathy Bindu Henning. Each session includes interactive lecture and Present Moment Meditation. The Wednesday evening series includes:

Experience the Self: An Inner Journey, Sept. 24; A Peaceful Mind is a Precious Gift, Oct. 1; The Illusive Nature of Happiness, Oct. 8; and 10 Tools for Health, Harmony & Joyful Living, Oct. 15. Sessions are held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to release stress, quiet the mind and in-

crease health and happiness. Through meditation, they'll access inner peace and stillness. Discounts are available for senior citizens, as well as those who wish to take all four lectures. For information, call 734-462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd.

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Northville Venture Crew 8 at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. They include **Robert Prescott**, **David Garon**, **Leo LaCivita**, **Brigit Culkeen**, **Robert Dunne**, **Erin Dunne** and **Jeremiah Dunne**. The adult chaperones are **Don Garon**, **Kristina Dunne** and **Rob Dunne**.

Local Venture Scouts trek to New Mexico

After more than a year of planning, Northville Venture Crew 8 boarded an overnight Amtrak train to Raton, N.M., July 14, and began their two-week, 88-mile backpacking adventure in the mountains of New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. The Scouts, a co-ed group ages 16-19, chose a "strenuous" trek, climbing Mount Baldy, (12,400 feet), rock climbing and rappelling, shotgun reloading and shooting, burro packing and racing and much more.

Crew members include graduates of Northville High School who are headed off to the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Michigan Tech, as well

as Eagle Scouts and Venture Scout Silver Award recipients from the area.

They include Northville High School junior **Andrew Prescott**, NHS 2014 grad and Michigan Tech student **Robert Prescott**, Novi High School junior **David Garon**, NHS 2014 grad and Michigan State student **Leo LaCivita**, 2014 Livonia Stevenson grad and Michigan State student **Brigit Culkeen**, 2014 NHS grad and U-M student **Robert Dunne**, 2013 NHS grad and U-M student **Erin Dunne** and NHS junior **Jeremiah Dunne**.

They were accompanied by adult chaperones **Don Garon**, **Kristina Dunne** and **Rob Dunne**.

"Although often grueling with daily hikes often exceeding 10 miles, the trek taught each of us how to survive in the back country at campsites with no water source, in thunderstorms, and where bears and mountain lions roam," **Kristina Dunne** said. "We were well-prepared and physically fit and suffered only minor blisters despite the miles."

Crew 8 meets at 6:30 p.m. every other Sunday at Mill Race Village in the Cady Inn. If you are at least 14 years old and interested in this kind of high adventure, contact **Kristina Dunne** kldunne@comcast.net and learn more about youth co-ed Venture Scouting.

Tour five homes and travel 300 years

Annual tour set for Sept. 20

Lace up your walking shoes and prime your imagination for a rare chance to see inside the walls of five of Northville's most interesting homes. This unique annual home tour organized by the Northville-Nov branch of the American Association of University Women, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

Whether visiting an 1800s Victorian or a 1990s lakeside condo, guests set their own pace while hearing interesting facts from stationed docents. This year, ticket-holders get exclusive access to a bonus garden party at Starring "The Gallery," at 118 W. Main Street in Northville, 2-5 p.m. on tour day. Free refreshments are provided by Edwards Cafe and ticket-holders receive a 10-percent discount on all purchases.

Homes for tour are an original mid-1800s Victorian, a newly-constructed Victorian-style, a 1980s renovated two-story, the Pheasant Hills home of a well-known custom builder and a Blue Heron Pointe condominium on the water. More than 30 local businesses help sponsor the event.

Now in its 19th consecutive year, the home tour is the major fundraising event of the Northville-Nov branch of the American Association of University Women. Funds support educational scholarships and community events to promote achievement in local girls and women. Nationally, AAUW promotes equity, education and development for women around the world.



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Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.aauwn-n.org or at the following businesses:

- » Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville
 - » Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville
 - » Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville
 - » Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile Road, Novi
 - » Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Rd., Novi
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- For more information, contact Home Tour Chair **Jane Hecker** at 734-276-6160.

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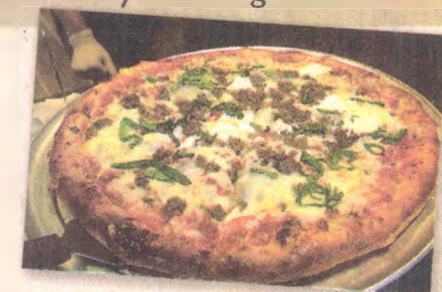
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Annual Community Reads program coming to area libraries

The Neighborhood Library Association announced its fifth annual Community Reads book selection *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*. By Karen Joy Fowler, it is a curious, wonderfully intelligent novel, which brings to life a most unusual American middle-class family, ordinary in every way but one. Fowler is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Jane Austen Book Club* and has written six novels and three short story collections. Five neighboring libraries are hosting book discussions and programs related to the book.

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves is a tale of loving but fallible people whose well-intentioned actions lead to heartbreaking consequences. The madcap plot and fresh diction add humor to a story about experimental psychology, human development and animal rights.

"We are very pleased to announce this year's book selection," said Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library director. "Librarians from five neighboring libraries meet to carefully choose a book that appeals to a broad audience and lends itself to good discussions and programs. We have been very successful with our book selections and author presentations over the past four years and are quite excited to have Karen Joy Fowler here to meet and talk with members of our communities."

The goal of the NLA's Community Reads is to bring communities together to read and discuss the same book. The NLA is composed of Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. Copies of the book are now available for check-out at each library. Book discussions and related programs begin Sept. 20.

Fowler will be available for a "Meet the Author" event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Novi Public Library. Contact the library to register at 248-349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org.

DETAILS

Everyone is welcome to attend these Community Reads events at the five area NLA libraries:

- » "Humane Animal Education with the Detroit Zoological Society: Dangers of Exotic Animals as Pets" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Salem-South Lyon District Library
- » "Our Closest Relatives: Understanding Primate Behavior and Ecology" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Lyon Township Public Library
- » "Journaling to Reduce Stress" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Wixom Public Library
- » "Healing Vets & Saving Pets" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Northville District Library
- » "Leader Dogs: Helpers, Guides and Friends" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Novi Public Library
- » "Meet the Author: Karen Joy Fowler" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Novi Public Library.

Registration is required for the author visit and may be required for the other events. Contact each library for details. To learn more about the book and for a complete schedule of 2014 Community Reads events, dates and times, visit: <http://mylna.info>.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

Food Truck Festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the second annual Food Truck Festival from

11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Northville's Ford Field Park, 150 Griswold, north of Main Street. The event will include a classic car show, live music, an outdoor movie, plenty of food and even a beer garden.

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 options.

Live music will take place throughout the afternoon. Performers will include Just Push Play (2 p.m.), Ricky See (4 p.m.) and Mainstreet Soul (7 p.m.). There will also be an outdoor movie beginning at 9:30 p.m.

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. Parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs parking lot, off Cady Street (south of Main Street).

For more information

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

'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. 23 and Sept. 6, 13 and 20, as well as at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Sept. 7, 14 and 21.

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.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Veterans Appreciation Night

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012 of Northville would like to invite all current active duty service members and former service members to join them for two free drinks and appetizers on Sept. 19, from 7-9 p.m. All

veterans are welcome — no membership is required.

If you served in the US Armed Forces you are welcome to come celebrate freedom. VFW Post 4012 is located at 430 S. Main Street.

'Take Back Your Garden'

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (AKA "No No's") will host Julia Hofley at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8 at Novi High School. Hofley is a member of the Michigan Regional Lily Society, Hardy Plant Society and Michigan representative for Plantskydd Animal Repellent. She will speak about how to garden successfully in the midst of an active animal browsing community, and offer tips to help protect garden investments.

The social mixer begins at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation "Take Back Your Garden" starting at 7 p.m. Admission for non-members is \$5 at the door.

Novi High School is located at 24062 Taft Road, Novi. The event will take place in Student Forum Room 198C (park in staff parking lot off of Taft Road, and enter the building via main steel doors). Directional signs will be guiding to Room 198C.

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HITTING THEIR STRIDE

Walkers take to the road in fight against breast cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jake Hermann of Livonia has lost his aunt and his grandmother to cancer, so he wanted to help when it came time for the 60-mile Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day walk this year. He knew his sister and his dad were already walking, so Hermann figured he could spread the wealth and find another way to help. So there was Hermann, in the wee hours of Friday morning, loading

luggage onto rental trucks as walkers were checking in at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, the staging area for the 2014 Komen 3-Day. "I'm just helping out the cause, trying to help raise as much money as possible," Hermann said as he hoisted backpacks and suitcases into the truck. "My dad and my sister are walking and I wanted to help as many walkers as possible. They're the ones who raise the money." Some 1,200 walkers —



And they're off ... headed up Grand River after leaving the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

up a little from last year's total — stretched amid temperatures in the mid-50s as the walk got off to a cool start. Walkers averaged 20 miles a day by the time they were through Sunday, and the event ended up at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn. The Michigan walk is one of seven events Komen is sponsoring this year and remains one of its more popular ones. It's the 11th year Michigan has hosted the walk. "It's a walk for women and men who want to be a part of something bigger — they want to end breast cancer forever," said Dr. Sherie Phillips, national spokesperson for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. "This weekend is no exception."

There are seven walks around the country, down from 14 a year ago. Phillips says the fact there are fewer walks doesn't diminish what participants hope to accomplish. "The evolution of the (3-Day) doesn't change the fact Komen is committed to the cause of ending breast cancer forever," she said. "We have 1,200 people here ready to walk ... the New Balances are laced, we're going to urge people to take action to end breast cancer with each and every step." Fans and supporters waited for the walkers all along the path, as they do every year. Not only did they line the neighborhood streets along the route, there were also cheering stations in Farmington Hills, Northville, Plymouth and Livonia.

Like many walkers, Jill Engel of Canton is walking in honor of a family member stricken with breast cancer. Her mother, she said, has had breast cancer twice. At one point, Engel said, her mother was given 18 months to live. She is now a 10-plus-year survivor whose fight convinced her daughter to take up the cause. "My mom knew she'd be OK no matter what happens and I wanted faith like that," Engel said. "I'm walking because my mother gave me the gift of faith." Anna Fleeman of Novi walked with her friend Denise Francisco, a breast cancer survivor

from Monroe. "I walk with her so nobody else has to go through what she's gone through," Fleeman said. "Hopefully, soon we won't have to fight it anymore." The walk culminated with the closing ceremony around 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Ford World Headquarters. But even after the walk ended, Phillips pointed out, the battle doesn't. "Nearly 3 million breast cancer survivors live in the U.S. today — the largest group of cancer survivors in the nation," Phillips said. "But we know our work is not done until we find the cure."

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LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street. For more information, call 248-349-3020 or visit northvillelibrary.org. The library will be closed Monday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 26 for carpet installation. It will reopen at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27. Upcoming programs include:
Drop In Computer Tutoring
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Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 23
Details: Casual session for all skill levels, basic instruction and materials provided. Drop in.

POLICE BRIEFS

Novi

Home invasion

An unoccupied home on East Lake Road was broken into by an unknown suspect who ended up stealing the vacuum cleaner. The homeowner, who told Novi Police the home was up for sale at the time, said he checked the home Aug. 12 and found the lock box open and key missing. This wasn't too unusual, he told police, because the home was being shown by a Realtor. However, when he found some items missing, he thought otherwise. There were also curtains taken from two rooms. The police report said the homeowner thought the box may

have been left open and that's how the thief gained entry. There was no useful evidence found in the home to indicate a suspect.

Third drunken driving

A driver involved in an accident near Novi Road and West Oaks Drive was arrested for OWI. The Novi Police arrived at the scene Aug. 10 after a phone call to the department about the accident. Police reported that one driver had the odor of alcohol on his breath when speaking with them. Police had him go through the field sobriety tests, which he had difficulty maintaining his balance. The driver was arrest-

ed after the preliminary breathalyzer test came back with 0.175 percent blood-alcohol content. A check of the driver came back that this was his third OWI offense.

Tires and rims stolen

A Novi man had his tires and rims stolen from his GMC Jimmy while it was parked outside his residence on Nardeer Street. The theft happened some time over the weekend of Aug. 9-11. The vehicle was in a fenced in area, but the owner said thief could have easily jumped the fence. The items were priced at \$1,500. There are no suspects.

Northville

Missing person

The city of Northville Police Department has issued a missing person alert for 59-year-old resident John Suchomel. He has been missing since Aug. 15. No foul play is suspected, but his family is concerned about his welfare. Suchomel is a white male and drives a silver 2009 Jeep Cherokee with Michigan license plate BZF532. If you have any information, contact the Northville Police at 248-349-1234.



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Binky birthday bash

'Binky Tree' celebrates 10 years of helping little ones give up pacifier

The Binky Tree is celebrating its 10th birthday and everyone is invited to celebrate. The celebration — organized by Northville dentist William Demray and his staff over at Preservation Dental as a way to coax children to give up their pacifiers — will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at Northville's Ford Field. Children who over the past 10 years have left a binky on the tree can come for a visit. Children willing to give up their binky at the party will receive a special birthday present. They can invite brothers and sisters, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas — ev-

everyone they know to join them for this special occasion. And there will be a special birthday cake for all. The ceremonial cake cutting will take place at 1 p.m. There will be special appearances by the Tooth Fairy and the Binky Bug and photo opportunities. Demray dedicated the Binky Tree during the summer of 2004 in a special ceremony, with the first pacifier being hung by the Tooth Fairy. It has been featured on the *Under The Radar Michigan* television program, and visitors have come from all over to see the brightly decorated tree. "If a little one is not sure about giving up a pacifier this could be the perfect opportunity," Demray said. "It's all about going to a birthday party and that sounds like a lot of fun! It has always been our intention to keep this rite of passage festive." The Tooth Fairy will be on hand to assist youngsters ready to hang their pacifier on the tree. They can visit the tree often and enjoy the nearby playscape. The celebration will coincide with all the festivities at Ford Field that same day as part of the Food Truck Festival. For more information, contact Denise Jenkins at 248-348-1313.



The Binky Tree, located at Northville's Ford Field, offers little ones the opportunity to give up their pacifiers in a festive atmosphere.

Hunt Club Cafe



Thomas Hollinshead, dining service manager, is proud of the newly-renovate Hunt Club Cafe at Fox Run. This month's opening at the Novi retirement community is shedding light on the snack preferences of "The Greatest Generation" (the most ordered ice cream is Cappuccino Crunch). The Cafe is set up as a scramble system, which means there are no lines. There are five stations: Deli/Grill, Pizza/Pasta, Chef Creations, Salads/Sweets and the Beverage station/Grab & Go. The Cafe is open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a breakfast buffet consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage links, bacon, potato pancakes and muffins. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner is served 3-6:30 p.m. Fox Run, which has more than 1,000 residents, is managed by Erickson Living. PEGGY MATHER

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2014

Awards

The clear choice for a People's Choice Award:

Town & Country Eyecare



Town and Couny Eyecare, is located in Novi and has hundreds of frames to choose from including designer ware.

Town & Country Eyecare has been providing caring optometric service and quality eyewear to the Novi and Northville area since 1994. This spring, it had an open house for all its loyal patients and friends to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

"It's been quite an experience going from opening up in an empty lease space in Oakpointe Plaza 20 years ago with just myself and a skeleton staff to now our new building with double the space, three doctors and triple the staff," said Dr. Tim Kirk, original founder of the practice.

What has been a constant since the start is the wonderful families they have enjoyed serving. Why is Town & Country Eyecare the destination for patients in the Novi/Northville area? Because whether it's contact lenses, fashionable eyeglass frames or medical eye health care, the experienced trio of doctors at Town & Country can meet all your eye care needs.

Dr. Timothy Kirk, Dr. Amy Crissman Head and Dr. Rob Nagy are available six days a week, serving patients with a variety of optometric symptoms, including glaucoma, macular degeneration, dia-



betic eye disease and cataracts, as well as pediatric eye conditions, in addition to glasses and contacts.

Combined, the three doctors have experience that is unrivaled in the industry. Dr. Kirk has more than 25 years of clinical practice, making him an expert in most aspects of eye care and contact lens specialty fittings.

Dr. Crissman Head, now partner/owner of the practice, brings low-vision services from her training at Beaumont Eye Institute, in addition to her multi-

faceted general clinical experience. Dr. Nagy is the newest member of the team. He calls the Novi/Farmington area home and brings a level of expertise in surgical co-management for LASIK and cataract surgery from his background on staff of TLC Surgical Center of Detroit.

There's no better place to purchase fashionable frames than Town & Country's beautiful optical setting, which will be going through a design renovation this fall to create more personal space to work with patients. One can find the latest frame styles from Maui Jim, Swarovski, Gucci, Wiley X and many more. An event that patients especially look forward to is the annual "Sunglass Style Show," an all-day event in May to showcase the latest sunglass styles with lots of fun giveaways and refreshments.

You want to have frames that look attractive, but what's the benefit if you can't see well out of them? That's where Town & Country Eyecare glows in terms

of quality control and precise optical lens selection. The opticians are board-certified in lens measurements and materials, which they choose specifically for each patient's needs. The in-office edging lab allows for cutting of many lenses on site for better accuracy and shorter wait times for new glasses.

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Are contact lenses a curiosity of yours? With the latest high-tech lenses at Town & Country Eyecare, it's never been easier to find a contact that will work for you. Whether it's the health and convenience of a soft daily disposable lens, or one for astigmatism or bifocal options, we are able to fit nearly any prescription. We go the extra mile in providing a contact lens "class" to learn how to insert and remove and care for your new lenses. We even extend a guaranteed fitting fee that can be refunded if you decide contacts are not for you. So if you've always wanted to try contacts, we provide the opportunity to do so, risk-free!

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Dr. Rob Nagy, Dr. Tim Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman Head are working together to help you see clearly.

Town & Country Eyecare is located at 22350 Novi Road. They can be reached at (248) 347-7800 or visit them at <http://www.tceyecare.com> or Facebook.



Dr. Amy Crissman Head, Pam Lego, Dr. Tim Kirk, Andrea Peczynski, Cheryl Rusin, Angela Proulx, Jen Johnson, Jordan Lego, Jennifer Johnson, Becky Anderson and Amanda Kling

Customer service is key to becoming the

"People's Choice"

The People's Choice Awards are always exciting. Our winners, chosen by you our readers, were announced in our annual section published in May. These local business owners are always honored and thrilled to be recognized.

All the business owners enjoy making new friends and business contacts. Our winners explained how they try to be in tune to customer relationships and how they establish good business practices. These professionals offer so much and are very good at what they do.

The winners of these awards are incredible and are to be admired.

Remember that you, our readers, voted for these businesses and consumers obviously know what it takes to make a difference in that relationship.

Here is your chance meet the people behind those awards. For a business owner to be named a People's Choice Award recipient, he or she must have been chosen by our readers because they have offered quality products and outstanding service throughout the year.

Doing business with a People's Choice winner is a victory in the making and would be considered a win-win situation. You know you will be dealing with businesses that are running at peak performance, which is a huge step toward lasting fulfillment and personal excellence for everyone involved. We recommend taking the time to get to know these people. They are worth your serious investigation.

Congratulations to the people behind the People's Choice Awards!

Brian Larson descibed as:

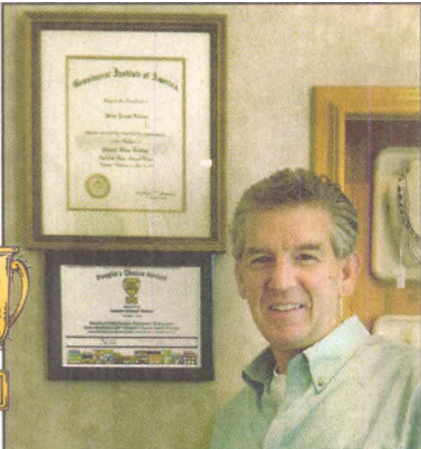
Old school jewelry crafting with a twist

No mater what the reason, purchasing jewelry from Larson Jewelry Design in Novi should be your first choice. Brian Larson has been in the industry for 36 years. The owner of Larson Jewelry Design, he opened his doors 25 years ago and this September will be celebrating 15 years at his current location in Novi.

Larson incorporates new crafting techniques for the best possible design and workmanship available. He has built his reputation on integrity and honesty. Larson is a Graduate Gemologist from GIA. He embraces all the newest technology available.

Certified diamonds and colored stones are always used in his creations. Quality is very important: "You can not be in this business as long as I have without building client trust," he said. "My clients trust that they are receiving quality merchandise and service."

Larson's designs are modern and fresh, aided by CAD-CAM process, followed by a sample that is produced though 3-D printing. Wax models are



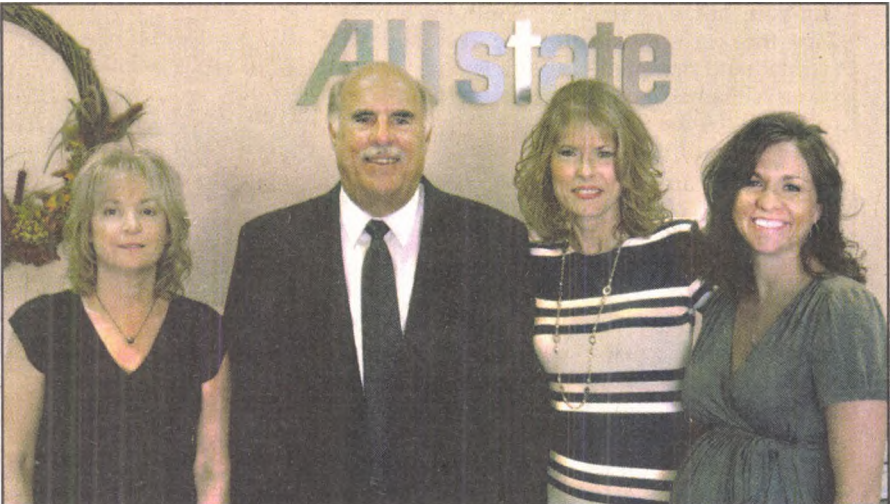
Brian Larson, owner of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi, still available for many designs. Larson believes that both processes are necessary and chooses the best system for his projects. When it comes to a perfect fit, Larson understands his customers and knows quality jewelry creation.

Larson Jewelry Design is located in Novi, at 43155 Main St. Contact them at 248-347-4653 or visit their website at www.larsonjewelrydesign.com



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The staff from Bruce Faber, Allstate Insurance Office in Novi, from left to right is Lisa Fraser, Bruce Faber, Debby Eagle and Kristin Rypkowski which encourage you to call or stop by the office.

Bruce Faber has been with Allstate for more than 32 years and has worn many hats in the company. His tenure and experience have allowed him to not only understand the ins and outs of insurance, but also to service hundreds of families regarding their protection needs. Farber can help you protect the things that are important - your family, home, car, boat and more.

Faber tells us that he is proud to work with a company that's been serving satisfied customers for more than 80 years. Customers count on outstanding financial strength and superior claims service to help protect what they value most. Allstate delivers on its promise. In fact, its outstanding financial strength and superior claims service received an A-plus (superior) rating by A.M. Best. Quality service, strength and satisfaction - that's something Faber is glad to be a part of.

Faber and his staff are committed to helping you protect not only what you have today, but to also prepare for tomorrow. They can help you understand how insurance is a part of your "safety net" and a cornerstone to your financial security. Together, you'll work to evaluate your coverages and select flexible payment options that work for you.

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Keep in mind, not all discounts are available in every state. The best way to get all that you qualify for is to get an insurance quote specific to Novi.

You can get a rough "ballpark" insurance quote from many companies online, but talking with an agent allows you to ask questions and get a quote for coverage that matters most to you. Faber and his winning team can prepare a quote that details the coverage, deductibles (your portion of a loss) and cost (premium) of your insurance policy.

Bruce Faber, Allstate agent, deals with auto, car and life insurance, including retirement plans, annuities, college savings plans and business insurance.

If you live in the following areas - Novi, Northville, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon, New Hudson, Commerce, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Howell, Brighton, Milford, Livonia or White Lake - it would be wise to call and find out why Bruce Faber wears the "Honor" ring for 19 years of service.

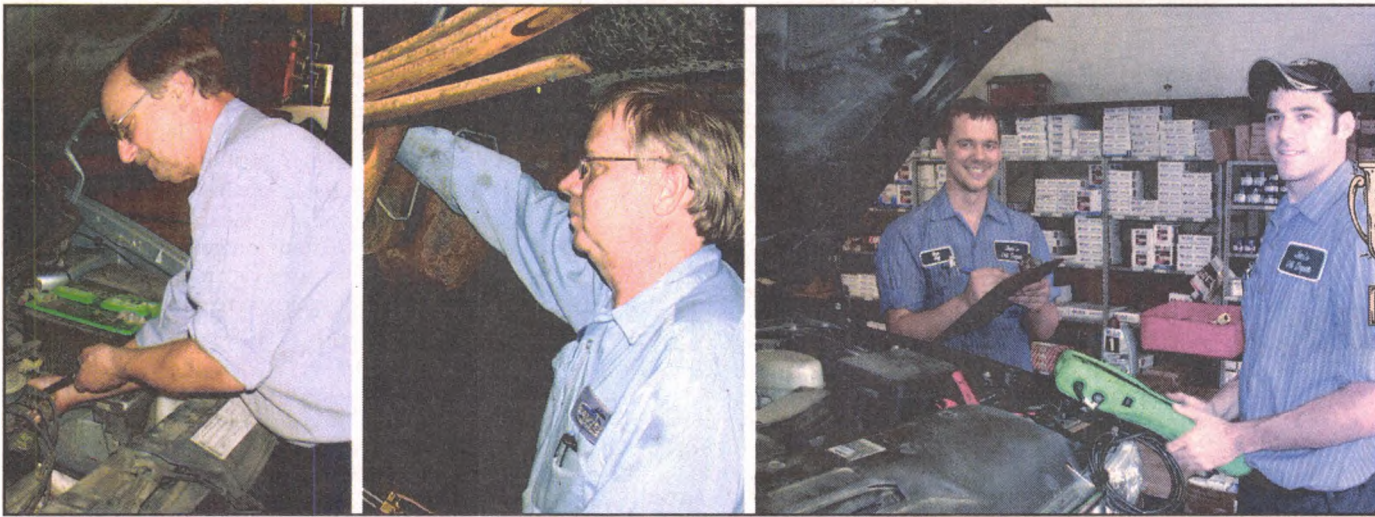
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The Stories Behind THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2014 Awards



Auto care business still serving with integrity after 35 years



Far left: Jim Keith, Technician, middle: Ed Roberston Technician, right: Jim's Oil depot Manager Jeff Jacobson and Andrew Fisher, Technician.

To several generations of Northville-area drivers, Davis Auto Care is the one and only place to go for complete car care. Its reputation for honesty and superior customer service puts it first on the list for routine maintenance, computer and mechanical diagnosis and repairs and appearance enhancement.

Independent, local and owner-operated, this company began serving the Northville community in 1979, at the gasoline service station located at Eight Mile and Taft roads.

As word spread about the honest, expert repairs being performed, the two service bays were quickly filled and often booked weeks in advance. Needing more repair space, Jim Davis was lucky to find the location on Doheny Drive, which his company has occupied since 1986.

Jim sought a way to offer quicker, more convenient service for oil changes and minor repairs, so in 1993, Jim's Oil Depot was born. "The train theme was a natural, being so close to the train track viaduct," Jim says.

"We have held high standards, assembling a group of people who not only have outstanding technical expertise, but also the desire to deliver exceptional customer service"

—Jim Davis, Owner

"And everyone loves seeing the large-scale train running overhead, especially the kids."

Today, the drive-through quick oil change also performs tire service and minor maintenance, such as headlights and wipers. "What we're most proud of are the customer comment cards we get, which thank us for doing only what is necessary."

Many other shops lure patrons with a low price, then pressure them to buy additional unnecessary items. Our technicians have been with us for years and they treat our customers as valued friends."

About 10 years ago, Davis began getting requests from customers for a car detailing service. He opened the Ultimate Image Auto Spa. What Davis Auto Care offers to keep your vehicle running its best, the Spa does to keep it looking its best.

"It's a completely different side of automotive service from what we do at Davis Auto Care," Jim said. "Our repair shop does everything from routine tune-ups and brakes, major engine and

transmission service, all the way to complete electronic and computer diagnosis and repair."

The ASE master technicians each have at least 30 years experience. These professionals, along with the service advisers, oil change technicians and detailing staff, all do their part to ensure total customer satisfaction. Owner Jim Davis has held high standards, assembling a

group of people who not only have outstanding technical expertise, but also the desire to deliver exceptional customer satisfaction.

The motoring public trusts and appreciates the integrity with which they have operated their business for more than three decades.

"It's been a great 35 years and we're very proud to have won the People's Choice Award again, 12 years in a row," Davis said.

Davis Auto Care is located at 807 Doheny Drive in the Northville Industrial Park. Call 248-349-5115 or visit www.davisautocare.com. All mechanical repairs and services including electronic and computer diagnosis, routine maintenance oil changes, and complete interior and exterior automotive detailing. Written warranties, shuttle service, and a customer Rewards discount program.

Davis Auto Care 248-349-5115: Mon. & Thur. 7 am to 8 pm; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 7 am to 6 pm. Jim's Oil Depot 248-349-7884: Mon. & Thur. 8 am to 7:30 pm; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 7 am to 6 pm; SAT. 8 am to 5 pm. Ultimate Image Auto Spa 248-349-3509: Mon. - Fri. 8 am to 6 pm.



Jim Davis, Owner.

WINNER OF THE 2014 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Flooring specialist continues to roll out the BEST

If you are in need of perfect floors for your home or business, South Lyon has the perfect place. Perfect Floors, owned and operated by Livonia native Ron Williams since 2004, recently won its 10th consecutive People's Choice Award – a testament to how perfect the floors really are.

"We're a family-run business that is very experienced and very hands-on," Williams said. "All of our installers have been working with wood flooring for a very long time, which means our workmanship is better than other places."

Perfect Floors offers a wide variety of flooring and restoration services for commercial and residential properties. It also offers a variety of materials, including hardwood, ceramic, laminate, vinyl and much more.

"We even have a guy that can do custom rugs," Williams said. "Big ones, small ones, borders, patterns - he can do all of that stuff because he's been doing it a long time."

In fact, nearly everyone involved with the Perfect Floors operation has been working on his or her craft for a very long time. Williams has personally been in business since 1993, when he opened the first Perfect Floors store in Rochester Hills.

The South Lyon operation is typically staffed by 15 to 18 members. Due to its size, turnaround time is quick. "We come out and measure at no charge and usually get something on the floor the next day, if it is in stock," Williams said. "If not, we can usually order special stuff and have it ready in seven to 10 days."

More importantly, Williams guarantees competitive pricing for all jobs.

"We will beat any price out there," Williams said. "We can go lower than our sales price if we have to in order to be competitive in the market."

With a combination of competitive pricing, experienced installers, quick turnaround and unsurpassed customer service, Perfect Floors in South Lyon has completed an estimated 5,000 jobs since



Their selection, like their service and attention to details...just doesn't stop.

opening eight years ago.

"Sometimes it's just a bedroom, sometimes it's a whole house," Williams said. "But whatever project the client needs, we can do it."

Perfect Floors offers installation, sanding, refinishing, repairs, samples and a showroom. You can find out more about what Perfect Floors can offer your home or business by visit-

ing it on the web at perfectfloorsinc.com. There you will find testimonials, photos and even videos of some of the beautiful work completed by the experienced team at Perfect Floors.

Perfect Floors in South Lyon can be found at 21946 Pontiac Trail. Store hours are: Mon, Wed., Fri., 9-8; Tue., Thur., 9-6; Sat. 9-5; Closed Sun.



"We work on homes for about 1,000-1,200 families per year."

— Ron Williams, Owner



Perfect Floors offers advice and installation of thousands of carpets, hardwoods, ceramic tile, vinyl's, laminates and much more.

WINNER OF THE 2014 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Congratulations to these business owners!

Thank you for sharing your story and be sure to visit them soon!

2014



'IN GOOD HANDS'

Barbers of the Ville offers experience, laid back atmosphere

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Customers have been getting haircuts at the Barbers of the Ville for about four months, but it seems longer when you sit down and experience the laid back atmosphere at the new shop in Northville.

"We want our customers to be comfortable while getting a great haircut," said Doug Taylor, owner of the new barbershop located in the Highland Lakes Plaza at 42969 Seven Mile Road, next to Subway and Little Caesars Pizza.

Taylor and fellow barbers Cody Lince and

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Wally Hill have been cutting hair in Northville for some time. Taylor and Lince had been at Northville Barbers previously, while Hill has been cutting hair in Northville for decades. "This is a great com-



Quality haircuts and prices in a comfortable atmosphere is the motto at Barbers of the Ville.

munity and it's exciting to be in this new location," said Hill, who has been a barber for more than 50 years. "I think our customers are in good hands here."

Hill works at the shop from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Tuesday and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday.

The shop motto is: "Top quality cut with a laid back experience at an affordable price."

Some Facebook comments about the shop include ones like, "Bar-

ber chairs refurbished like new from the '60s, high polished floors, bright and airy, free Wi-Fi and killer haircuts."

After a long construction time, the former pharmacy has been transformed into a spacious shop with five chairs and waiting area that has a large flat-screen television. Taylor said they have succeeded in their plan to make it into a clean and inviting environment.

"I want to thank ev-

eryone who has helped and supported us through this long process," Taylor said. "We now want the community to know we are here and looking forward to the future in Northville."

The shop's website is at <http://barbersoftheville.com> and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barbers-of-the-Ville>.

To reach them by phone, call 248-773-7380.

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How to decipher the Dow Jones Average

After the recent release of favorable job numbers, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 17,000 for the first time in its history.

Over the last five years, the Dow has experienced a remarkable run.

A little over five years ago, the Dow was just under 7,000.

It's nice the Dow has reached record highs, but that doesn't mean that your portfolio has performed as well. That's because the Dow only measures the performance of 30 stocks and these companies are all large, U.S.-based leaders in their industry. The Dow does not measure the performance of small or international companies.

It is important to talk about the Dow so investors have a better understanding of what the average means.

The Dow has been around for more than 100 years and, during that time, the individual stocks contained within the index have changed.

Stocks are taken out or added to the Dow based upon a number of factors, including the financial health of the company, its reputation, its ability to grow and its interest to investors.

Over the Dow's 128-year history, there have been 53 changes.

The most recent change occurred last September, when Goldman Sachs, Nike and Visa were all added to the index and Alcoa, Bank of America and Hewlett-Packard were removed. General Electric is the longest tenured member of the index.

The Dow is a price-weighted index. Most of the other popular indexes use the company's overall market value, which is nothing more than multiplying the number of outstanding shares the company has by the stock price. When they compute the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the stock price is the only factor.

A dollar rise in Nike will have the same impact on the index as a dollar gained in GE, no matter what the overall market value of the company is. Therefore, it is possible for one stock to move the entire index.

A dollar change in any Dow's stock price is equal to a movement of 6.42 points on the Dow. Therefore, if one of the Dow stocks increased by a dollar and the other 29 companies were flat, the Dow would increase by 6.42 points. The result is that higher priced stocks in the index have more influence on it than lower priced stocks.

On the whole, the question for investors is whether the Dow is an accurate reflection of the overall stock market. In my view, it is not.

Investors that don't take risks or consider their goals and objectives will generally not be successful investors. Indexes are important to provide a gauge as to what is happening. However, they alone should not dictate your investment decisions.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

Work progresses on the soon-to-open Buddy's Pizza

Buddy's Pizza in Novi is beginning to shape up. The home of Detroit's original square Sicilian-style pizza announced in June it would be opening a new location in the north end of the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex. The newest addition to the Buddy's family will be its largest location to date. The full-service restaurant will include indoor and outdoor seating for more than 200 people and provide ample parking

as well as easy accessibility for guests.

"With the addition of our new Novi location, we'll expand Buddy's Pizza into northwestern Wayne and southwestern Oakland counties, making Detroit's original square pizza more accessible to the fans that've made the brand a favorite across the region and the country," Buddy's Pizza President Robert Jacobs said.

Designed by Northville-based Martone Design Studio, the new

Novi location will feature an urban, retro-styled interior and exterior, including a main lobby, outdoor dining area, main bar, dining room, banquet room, carryout room, modern restrooms and kitchen. The 8,000-square-foot restaurant will carry on Buddy's Pizza's legacy with strong undertones of automotive design and Detroit's industrial history.

A grand opening is tentatively planned for early fall 2014.



Buddy's Pizza will soon open in Novi's Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex.

CEED offers business loans

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, the major constraint limiting the growth, expansion and wealth creation of small firms — especially women- and minority-owned businesses — is inadequate capital.

The Center for Empowerment and Economic Development has trained 15,000 business owners and entrepreneurs and provided \$5.5 million in needed financing. This has led to the creation of more than 1,800 jobs.

A 5-percent interest rate on small business loans increases organizational commitment to supporting small business owners. Through partnerships with the city of Detroit, Oakland County, Washtenaw County and the U.S. Small Business Administration, CEED provides loans up to \$50,000 for machinery, equipment, inventory and some working capital.

"A loan from CEED comes with more than money. Part of the loan relationship is technical assistance which can range from help with bidding on federal contracts to using social media as part of your marketing strategy. Our goal is to make \$500,000 in loans in 2014," said Michelle Richards, CEED executive director.

To register for an upcoming loan orientation or to learn more about the program, visit www.miceed.org or call 734-677-1400.

CEED (www.miceed.org) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower women and minorities economically through business development training, supplier certification as a certifying council for Women's Business Enterprise National Council, business-to-business networking and accessible capital assistance programs.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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.

Street.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, which includes exhibit space and one complimentary conference registration.

Questions may be directed to Leslie Smith, CMP, at 248-353-0735, ext. 152, or lsmith@esd.org. Those selected will be notified by email by Sept. 12.

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Extras premier new summer movie in Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

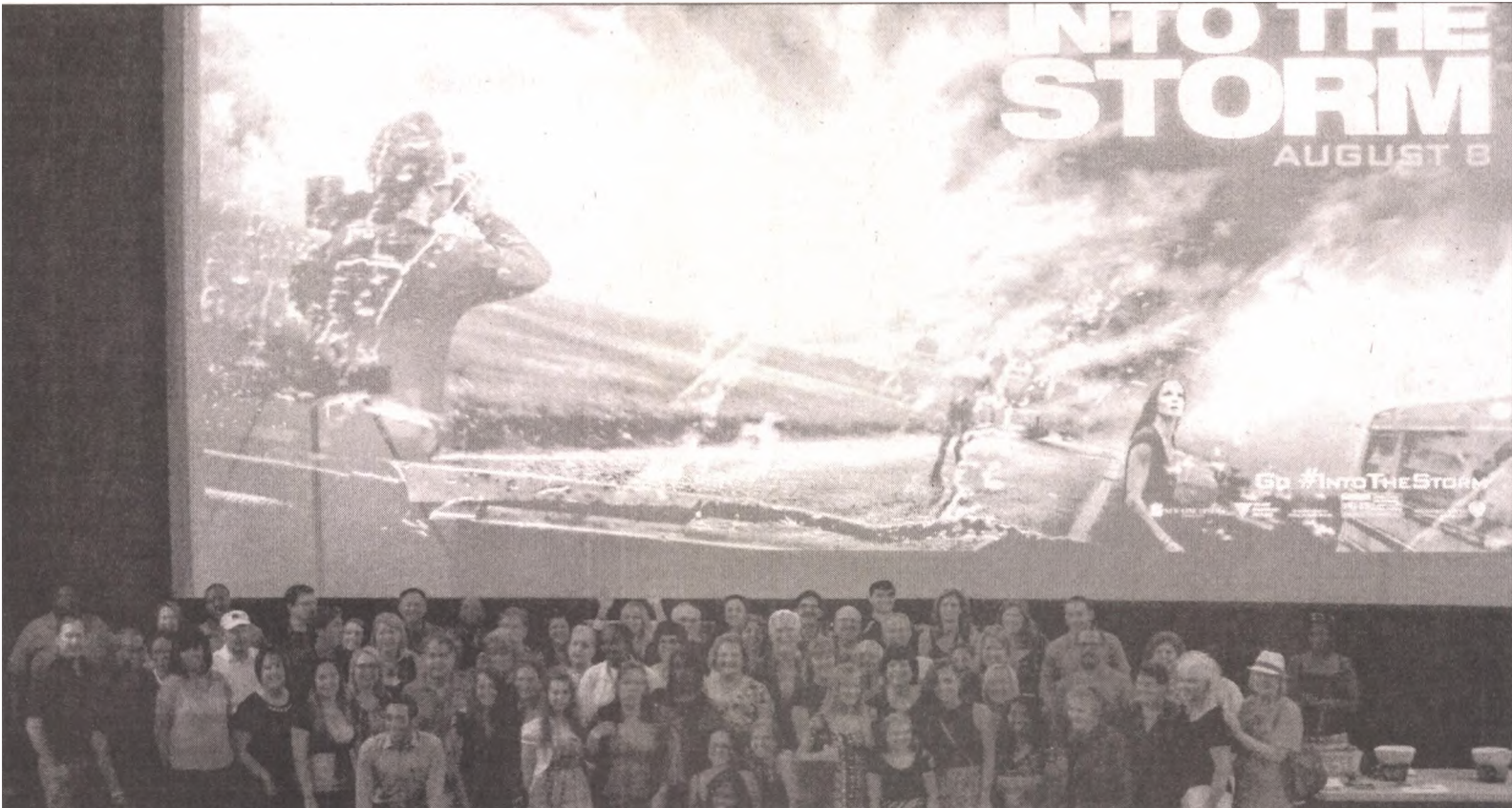
Michigan film incentives have taken a dip in the past couple of years, but enthusiasm for acting and film-making hasn't left the state. A recent premier party held at Emagine Theaters of Novi was testament to how much the popularity has grown.

More than 150 movie extras that were in the movie *Into the Storm* held their own premier party Aug. 8 at the Novi movie theater, which has been supportive of film work in the state since the incentives began being offered.

"We are hard working and love acting, but we also rely on the film incentives for extra money," said movie extra and local resident Amy Sloan. "We want to see the industry continue to grow here. There are a lot of people who have had to leave the state because of the cuts to the incentives in the previous years, but there is still room to grow beyond where we were."

Through the growth of the film industry in Michigan, Sloan found work in commercials and television, including the series *Detroit 187*. Now she, like the others, are worried politicians don't take it seriously.

Gov. Rick Snyder had cut and capped the incentives at \$25 million in 2012, but it does look like it might go back up. Re-



Michigan residents who worked as film extras in the movie "Into the Storm" held a premier at Novi's Emagine Theater.

portedly, \$50 million will be set aside for incentives next year. Half of that is a one-time sum.

Each film extra has their story. Lisa Gaulzetti, who was also at the Novi premier, plays a teacher in *Into the Storm*. For her, the love of film has grown with each project she has had the opportunity to participate in.

"There's never been a dull moment since I got involved," she said. "It really has been a dream

to get roles, no matter how small."

Extras Phil McDermott and Laurie Valko want Lansing to show how much this industry means to the state. They said it has a positive impact on all areas of a community, from businesses to construction crews. It creates job, Valko noted.

"Lansing needs to know all of the positives," McDermott said.

Future uncertain

Big projects are still coming despite the cuts, but long-term financing is still unsure.

After receiving a \$35 million incentive to film in Michigan, the super hero movie *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice* began filming in metro Detroit this past year and continues.

According to the Michigan Film Office,

\$43 million has been awarded to nine projects for the current fiscal year. The projects are expected to create more than 1,000 hires for different jobs.

Sloan said Emagine, Moose Ridge Golf Course and various area restaurants, especially those at the Fountain Walk, have been very supportive of their efforts to promote the film industry. She said these businesses are

an example of what the incentives mean to people in Michigan.

"Many people I know are in full support of the film industry being here. We need more support for these incentives," she said as the theater filled with movie-goers coming to see this new summer movie.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7:00P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **TRILOGY, SITE PLAN NUMBER 14-13, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLANDS PERMIT, WETLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 14, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TWELVE MILE ROAD, WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD.** The applicant is proposing to construct a 90 bed, 59,926 square foot senior assisted living facility along with associated parking, landscape and detention areas on 10.25 acres. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday August 27, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0035 2020 AUSTIN DRIVE

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a new second floor addition and carport addition with a reduced front setback of 8 ft. (30 ft. required), reduced side setback of 7 ft. (10 ft. required), reduced aggregate side yard setback of 10 ft. (25 ft. required) and maximum lot coverage of 30% on an existing non-conforming lot.

The property is located south of 13 Mile Rd and west of Old Novi Rd. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within a R-4 zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 30', minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft. and maximum 25% lot coverage.

CASE NO. PZ14-0036 25843 STRATH HAVEN

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with a reduced front setback of 40 ft. (45 ft. required), reduced rear setback of 40 ft. (50 ft. required), and reduced aggregate side yard setback of 41.34 ft. (50 ft. required) on an existing non-conforming lot.

The property is located east of Beck Rd and north of 10 Mile Rd. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that structures constructed within the RA zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 45 ft., rear yard setback of 50 ft., and an aggregate side yard setback of 50 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0037 25885 STRATH HAVEN

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of new single family homes with reduced front setbacks of 40 ft. (45 ft. required) and reduced rear setbacks of 37 ft. (50 ft. required) on existing non-conforming lots. The properties are located east of Beck Rd and north of 10 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that structures constructed within the RA zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 45 ft. and a minimum rear setback of 50 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0039 PARCEL 5022-32-401-044 MAYBURY PARK ESTATES

The petitioner is requesting an extension to allow the continued placement of the existing subdivision business sign located north side of 8 Mile Rd and west of Maybury Park Dr. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-6 (2) Temporary Signs states:

"Subdivision business sign which advertises residential subdivision under development, not to be issued prior to a first starting permit and is valid until eighty (80) percent of the lots in the subdivision are issued certificates of occupancy."

CASE NO. PZ14-0040 - EYEGLOSS WORLD 27793 NOVI ROAD

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow an third wall sign of 21.5 square feet located on the south side of a retail tenant suite. The property is located south of Twelve Mile Rd and west of Novi Rd. The applicant was previously granted approval of a second wall sign located on the north elevation in Case PZ13-0064.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single wall sign for each business storefront in the RC, Regional Center District.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-171.02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-171.02 TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2-210 TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR ADMINISTERING PAYMENTS MADE FOR REVIEW OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR PRIVATE OR INDIVIDUAL BENEFIT

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 11, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-120.12

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-120.12 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 20, "MESSAGE," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," AND ARTICLE III, "MESSAGE THERAPIST PERMIT," IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CITY-ISSUED INDIVIDUAL MESSAGE THERAPIST PERMIT AS A RESULT OF STATE PREEMPTION OF SUCH REQUIREMENT.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 11, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that Harman Becker and HCP Land, LLC have submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is located at M-5 and Thirteen Mile Road and, described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
(BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES)

PROPOSED PARCEL A

Land in a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan;

Being more particularly described as:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 1;
thence N02°30'06"W, 90.22 feet along the east line of sold Section 1;
thence S87°29'54"W, 1085.33 feet;
thence S77°54'36"W, 118.19 feet;
thence 638.75 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 5639.58 feet, a central angle of 06°29'22", and a chord bearing 581°16'27"W 638.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing 75.08 feet along the arc of the extension of said 5639.58 foot radius curve to the right, having a central angle of 00°45'46", and a chord bearing S84°54'01"W 75.08 feet;

thence N02°26'23"W, 225.23 feet;
thence S87°33'38"W, 141.99 feet;
thence N29°13'41"W, 337.92 feet;
thence S87°39'29"W, 141.70 feet;
thence N02°28'25"W, 631.50 feet;
thence N87°31'25"E, 816.33 feet to the west line of Cabot Drive (60' wide);

1. 376.90 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the left, having a radius of 455.00 feet, a central angle of 47°27'40", and a chord bearing S34°05'28"E 366.22 feet;
2. and 22.98 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 395.00 feet, a central angle of 03°19'58", and a chord bearing S56°09'20"E 22.97 feet;

thence non-tangent from said curve, S35°30'40"W, 99.13 feet;

thence S85°15'02"W, 90.05 feet;
thence S02°54'28"E, 115.00 feet;
thence S87°31'35"W, 135.71 feet;
thence S02°28'25"E, 351.48 feet;
thence S87°31'35"W, 152.56 feet;

thence 52.49 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 197.00 feet, a central angle of 15°15'54", and a chord being S254°32'29"W, 52.33 feet;

thence 174.94 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 280.00 feet, a central angle of 35°78'48", and a chord bearing S15°27'32"W, 72.10 feet;

thence S02°26'23"E, 71.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 16.500 acres of land, more or less.

Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on August 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Clerk's office or at the public hearing.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
City Clerk

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org.
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays.
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

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.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade.
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-427-1175 or 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 rabbi@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.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
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
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.
Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucfr-lifespan
Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)
Web: www.wardchurch.org
Contact: 248-374-7400
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall
Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.
FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.
Service Broadcasts: Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

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Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers
Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

ANDERSON, BERYL
Died August 14, 2014. Memorial Service September 27th, 6p.m., Community Center, 4377 Old Plank Rd., Milford. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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DOWELL, GEORGE
November 3, 1925-July 31, 2014
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**ERBSCHLOE, JANELLE TOBSING**
Born April 18, 1929 in Mason City, Iowa. She spent her childhood in Mason City, the home of "The Music Man". Her family moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky during the war, where she graduated salutatorian of her high school in 1947 at Fort Knox High school. She met Richard Ross Erbschloe, the love of her life when she was attending Iowa State College and he was attending the University of Missouri. They were married on July 10, 1948. After Ross earned his masters degree in Statistics, he reen-tered active duty and went to Korea. Over the next 30 years she supported Ross in his Air Force career at Scott AFB, Illinois; Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Harlingen, Texas; the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; Wiesbaden, Germany; back to Colorado Springs, and Langley AFB, Virginia. While in Colorado Springs she pursued a part time career in modeling. After Ross retired from the Air Force, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona where they both earned degrees- Ross a PhD in Higher Electronics from Arizona State while Janelle attended Scottsdale Community College obtaining an Associate Arts degree in Nutrition. She always considered Colorado to be their home and returned in 1994 after Ross retired for the second time. They final home together was at the Liberty Heights Retirement Facility. She was a founding member of St Michael's Episcopal Church serving on the altar guild and working at the church thrift store. She was a talented home-maker and chef. She loved animals, but most important she loved to get people together. She is survived by her daughters Sue Lantello and Diann Brei and her son, Don Erbschloe, six grandchildren Spenser, Amy, Zachary, Melissa, Alison, and Jeremy, and a great-granddaughter, Sharron.

Her funeral will be held at St. Michael's at 1p.m. on Thursday, 14 August, followed by an innumment in the church's Columbarium. A Celebration of Life ceremony will take place starting at 3:30p.m. at Liberty Heights on 14 August. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Colorado Springs Humane Society.

GENITTI, JR., JOHN R.
Age 67, longtime resident of Northville, died suddenly August 16, 2014.
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GILMORE, LOUIS
July 15, 1929 - August 5, 2014
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JOHNSON, LAWRENCE J.
Age 65, passed away August 10, 2014. Services were Thursday and Friday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

**KRESSE, STEPHEN "STEVE" GERARD**
Age 71 of Fowlerville, formerly of Milford, passed away at his home Tuesday, August 12, 2014. He was born February 5, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Herman Edward and Emily Josephine (Depa) Kresse. He is survived by his daughters, Dawn (Larry) Donovan of Fowlerville and April (Eric) Daniels of Wisconsin; five grandchildren, Taylor, Grace, Joy, Rachel, and Elise; and his sister, Mary (Bill) Barnett of Whitmore Lake. Steve had owned and operated several local businesses, including the Red Dog Saloon in Milford and Diamonds Steak House in Howell and currently Grille in the Ville in Fowlerville. He attended the Howell Church of Christ, 1385 W. Grand River, Howell where memorial services were held Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Gleaner's Community Food Bank. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.

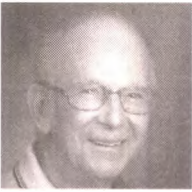
MICHELIS, RAVYN LYNNE
Age 23, born January 31, 1991. Beloved daughter of Scott and Jodi, sister of Joslyn, niece, granddaughter, cousin and friend. Ravyn Lynne left us suddenly on August 5, 2014. God saw you were getting tired. He closed his arms around you and whispered "Come to me" In tears we saw you weaken we watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken, you fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping so peacefully, free from pain. We would not wish you back to suffer that again. Services: August 23, 2014 Church of the Holy Spirit 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland MI 48357 Final Respects begins at 10:00 a.m. Mass at 11:00 a.m.

MOORE, EMILY
July 2, 1920- August 5, 2014
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NIVI, MEHRANGIZ
July 28, 2014. Care and services were provided by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, (Northrop-Sassaman Chapel), 19091 Northville Rd., 248-348-1233. Share a "memorial tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

PROSS, LUCJA
Age 89, of Bristol passed August 11, 2014. Burial will be in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI. millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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**WATTS, DANIEL**
December 14, 1926- August 3, 2014
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**WIEZBOWSKI, FRANK**
Age 86 of Lambertville, Michigan and formerly of Northville, MI. died Friday, August 8, 2014. Born November 3, 1927 in Detroit, MI. he was the son of John and Antoinette (Gelewski) Wiezowski. He was a 1945 graduate from Cass Tech High School and proudly served in the US Army during WWII. Frank married the love of his life, Dorothy M. Gassmann on September 29, 1951. Employed by Domestic Linen Company and a member of Detroit Teamsters, Local 285 for over 20 years, he retired in 1986. He then started his dream job at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, MI where he worked for 25 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Dorothy. Children, Debra (Mark) Beier and Michael (Kathy) Wiezowski. 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Frank was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen An- del and several brothers and sisters. Visitation will be from 1-2:00 pm Thursday, August 14, 2014, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5373 Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio, 43560, where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 2:00 pm. Inurnment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to LostNMissing.com. Disabled Veterans of America or St. James Catholic Church Food Pantry, Novi, MI. Arrangements by the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, Temperance, MI. www.pawlakfuneralhome.com

WIGTON, JOSEPH
of Hudson, Florida. (9/4/1920-8/13/2014) Father of Kenneth (Frances) Wigton. Grandfather of 7. Many great grandchildren.

ZIEMKE, ANDRA HERALD
A former South Lyon resident, Andra Herald Ziemke, died of a heart attack August 11, 2014, at her home in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born August 28, 1952, the daughter of Marilyn Smith and the late David Herald. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1970 and later earned two associates degrees from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Ziemke of Las Vegas; her mother and step-father, Marilyn and Warren Smith of Moran, Michigan, and St. Cloud, Florida; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Judy (Hill) Herald of Gregory; a sister-in-law, Nancy Paterson Herald of Millington; five Herald nephews; a step-daughter and her husband, Korey and Michael Jackson; and family of Davidson; and several Ziemke step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her older brother, Steven Herald. No services are planned at this time. The family was assisted by Desert Memorial in Las Vegas.

BIRTH

**Callum Hamilton Torrance**

Craig and Brooke Torrance of Northville welcomed a new son, Callum Hamilton Torrance, July 23 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Proud grandparents are Stephen Fritz and Kathleen Catrine of Kaukauna, Wis., and Brian (Margaret) and Brenda Torrance of Larbert, Falkirk, Scotland.

ENGAGEMENT



Katrina Lemmen and Ryan Heffernan are engaged to be married. Katrina is the daughter of Ruth and Loren Lemmen of Lansing. She is a graduate of Lansing Christian High School and Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Denver, Colo. Ryan is the son of Mrs. Chris Szalap of South Lyon and Joseph Heffernan of Novi. He is a graduate of Novi High and Michigan State University. He is currently employed in marketing in Denver. A late summer of fall 2016 wedding is planned in Denver.

Llama's lunch



A llama enjoys a snack of grass at Novi's Tollgate Farm, an MSU educational center located at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads and open seven days a week for visitors. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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OUR VIEW

Lawmakers must act on state plan to reform charter school law

Your move, lawmakers.

Last week, the state Board of Education proposed a host of very sensible changes to the state laws governing charter schools, in the wake of a *Detroit Free Press* report that pointed to glaring problems in the way Michigan's system is structured.

When the Legislature returns in September, the board's recommendations ought to form the basis for laws that give Michigan the best of what charters have to offer, but eliminate the tolerance for (and certainly the expansion of) low-performing schools masquerading as high-quality alternatives.

There's no question that in the 20 years since Michigan first passed its charter law, some schools have posted tremendous results. They're an important part of the education matrix and part of the system we need to be sure all kids have access to good schools.

But there are too many poorly performing charters and state law lacks sufficient teeth to ensure comprehensive oversight of charter schools, much less closure of charters schools that aren't up to snuff.

Charter schools receive \$1 billion in state taxpayer dollars each year and produce results often no better — and sometimes worse — than regular public schools. Some 38 percent of charters rank in the bottom quarter of state schools.

Nothing about that is acceptable for Michigan's children.

The charter system is two-part, composed of authorizers and operators. Authorizers — all of which are colleges, universities or other educational institutions — vet operators and should perform ongoing oversight of the school's operations and academic performance. Charters are funded with state educational dollars, siphoned from the taxes that fund traditional public schools.

Charter operators have asked why they should be held accountable to higher standards than public schools and it's certainly true that many traditional public schools have abysmal track records.

But the answer to that problem is not continuing to let charter schools escape strict scrutiny; the right approach would hold all schools more accountable for their performance.

Charter schools were sold to citizens as a way to improve education across the board, offering parents trapped in ailing districts a high-achieving academic alternative. That's the only justification for diverting a billion dollars annually from traditional public schools.

The state board's ideas would bring Michigan's charter schools closer to delivering on their promise and justifying their existence.

The board would have the Legislature set clear standards for charter operators and hold charter authorizers more accountable for academic performance.

The state board also proposes to address some financial quirks in the way charters operate. Charter management companies would be banned from serving as a charter school's landlord and lease agreements for charter schools would have to reflect market conditions. Bidders for contracted services would have to identify relationships with owners, board members or employees of charter schools and charters would have to adhere to the same financial reporting requirements that traditional public schools make available.

That's a good start. But it's probably not enough. Unlike some states, Michigan places no limit on for-profit, full-service management companies. Should Michigan limit or bar the number of such operators allowed to open schools in the state? It's a question worth investigating.

It's also worth examining the way school authorizers are funded. Charter authorizers can claim up to 3 percent of a school's revenues, a method of funding that gives authorizers little incentive to close poor-performing schools — but plenty of incentive to allow new schools to open.

When lawmakers return to Lansing, drafting and passing legislation along these lines should be a top priority — and frankly, a political no-brainer. Some lawmakers have been reluctant to act, saying freedom from regulation gives charters the ability to innovate, freed from burdensome bureaucracy.

That's hogwash. Innovation need not happen at the expense of responsibility and accountability. But most important, innovation that doesn't lead to better outcomes for students is useless.

Michigan has indulged far too much of that from some charter schools, for far too long.

COMMUNITY VOICE

With the start of school around the corner, what are you looking forward to most?

This question was asked to a group of Novi Community School administrators.



"Having the kids back. Seeing the joy on their faces and working with the staff to improve the educational environment and meeting the parents and welcoming the new students."

Pam Quitiquit
Orchard Hills Elementary
School principal



"I'm looking forward to seeing the kids. They are what's really important and inspiring for us. This year will be about learning together."

David Ascher
Novi Woods Elementary
School principal



"As we embark on the 2014-15 school year, I am looking forward to welcoming back to school a remarkable group of students and an extraordinary staff of educators. ... This school year is going to be sensational. Let's go, Wildcats!!!"

Nicole Carter
Novi High School principal



"It is with EXCITEMENT that I look forward to growing relationships with the students and their families. Ultimately, this is key for rigorous learning to take place."

Jennifer Michos
Parkview Elementary
School principal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be ready for road trips

Road trip car trouble can be a real nightmare, but performing a pretrip car check helps drivers avoid a vacation breakdown disaster. A 10-minute driveway inspection gives motorists peace of mind by reducing the chance of unplanned, costly car trouble and providing an opportunity to have any repairs performed by a trusted technician before hitting the road.

Check the tires including tire pressure and tread. Under-inflated tires reduce a vehicle's fuel economy and uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

Check the hoses and belts as they can become cracked, brittle, frayed, loose or show signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper functioning of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.

Check filters and fluids including engine oil, power steering and brake, and transmission, as well as windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/coolant.

Check the wipers and lighting so that you can see and be seen. Check that all interior and exterior lighting is working properly and inspect and replace worn wiper blades so you can see clearly when driving during precipitation.

Check the brakes and battery to be sure the battery connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free and that the brakes are functioning properly.

The Car Care Council also recommends that motorists restock their emergency kit, consider a pretrip tune-up to help the engine deliver the best balance of power and fuel economy, and order a free copy of the Car Care Council's popular Car Care Guide for the glove box at www.carcare.org/car-care-guide.

Rich White, executive director
Car Care Council

Spying concerns

If the media reports about the National Security Agency's warrantless spying program are true, our Constitution and our republic are in serious danger.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is non-negotiable. It protects Americans from being searched by the government without a warrant, and for good reason. Before Independence, American colonists were subject to "general warrants" by the British government. The King's agents could search anyone whenever they felt like it, without suspicion of any wrongdoing.

The current NSA spying program is exactly the same. Government bureaucrats can spy on your phone calls, chats, internet searches and emails. That's un-American.

State Rep. Tom McMillin has a solution. His bill — HB 5420 — would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of Michiganders by banning Michigan state agencies from complying with the NSA's warrantless spying program.

Rep. McMillin's bill is a common sense way to protect our inalienable rights. But HB 5420 is stuck in the House Judiciary Committee. Our representatives should pass this bill and uphold their oath to the Constitution.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.

Web: www.hometownlife.com

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Email: cstone@hometown-life.com

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Government bureaucrats have no right to spy on me or any other American without a warrant.

I encourage all my fellow Michiganders to pressure their representatives to pass HB 5420. Our Constitution hangs in the balance.

Jonathan Hole
South Lyon

Hold contractors accountable

With the ongoing road construction on I-96, I would certainly hope the state will hold these contractors accountable for their work, unlike what has transpired with I-275. I-275 is an abomination after just having undergone total reconstruction a few years ago. The problem?

Contractors filling of cracks between separate slabs that came out almost immediately and laid all over the road and were never replaced. I don't know if they used a solid rubber crack filler instead of the hot tar type usually used, but it was irritating, to say the least, to have full lengths of this stuff laying all over I-275 shortly after the construction was completed.

Now we are seeing the result of this shoddy workmanship with the colossal potholes that extend the entire length of these cracks across the highway.

Where's the road warranty that should have held the contractors responsible to replace the crack filler when it first came out? Who is enforcing that warranty? You can't tell me our local state legislators never traveled I-275 back when this was transpiring. Let's have accountability for our road construction as it is already well-documented that we have the worst roads in the country.

Derek Pennington
Livonia

Not a smidgen

Remember when President Barack Obama said in an interview that there wasn't a "smidgen of corruption" with regard to the IRS's targeting of conservative groups? I agree there was not a smidgen — there was a tsunami of corruption in the IRS, with more IRS wrongdoing coming to light by the day.

The American people got a hint of how deep the corruption went when Lois Lerner, head of the Washington D.C.-based IRS Exempt Organizations repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment to avoid answering any follow-up questions from the House of

Representatives even though she asserted her innocence of criminal wrongdoing in her opening statement. In May, Lerner was held in contempt of Congress.

Ten days after Dave Camp, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, sent a letter to the IRS regarding the IRS illegal targeting of conservatives in 2011, Lerner reported her hard drive crashed and key emails in this investigation were "lost." Moreover, six other key IRS officials who were right in the middle of this IRS targeting scandal all had their hard drives "crash" as well — an unbelievable coincidence.

Included among those six other IRS employees was Nicole Flax, former chief of staff to IRS Commissioner Steven Miller. She made 31 visits to the White House between July 12, 2010, and May 8, 2013. Flax met twice with Jeanne Lambrew, a top adviser to Obama, who exchanged confidential data on conservative groups with Lerner. What a shame some of those key communications were lost.

Consider the case of the National Organization for Marriage, a non-profit organization that supports traditional marriage and opposes gay marriage. The IRS leaked its confidential list of donors and its confidential tax records to an adversarial group, the Human Rights Campaign, which in turn used this confidential information to harass the NOM donors. Recently, the IRS paid a \$50,000 fine (our tax money) for this violation of the law.

Fortunately, emails are never orphans — there are always recipients who have their own copies and sophisticated forensic audit techniques to recover those emails. The key challenge is overcoming IRS stonewalling.

Remember, Article 2 of the Impeachment Articles against Richard Nixon involved his desire to use the IRS against his political opponents. As Daniel Henninger with the *Wall Street Journal* pointed out, "This is worse than Watergate. This IRS scandal is the party in power going after the most average Americans imaginable."

Given this tsunami of political corruption, we need an independent special prosecutor as soon as possible.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Dear Mr. Obama

Have you seen the movie *AMERICA* yet? You should. In fact, why don't you have a movie night at the White House with Michelle, your daughters, the members of your Cabinet and special friends from Congress. The movie lasts less than two hours and it would be very worth your while.

You have had an excellent education, but your teachers and mentors taught American history with (at best) half truths and, sadly, your agenda for America is based on these teachings. American history was painted with a much broader brush, and your education is not complete until you are taught the world perspective that preceded the founding of America by centuries. The movie *AMERICA* will help fill that void in your education.

Carol Brichford
Farmington Hills

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Opportunity ripe for a charter do-over

Education policy has evolved over the years in Michigan to mimic the old Chinese proverb: "When you open the window, all the flies can come in."

The flies have been swarming Michigan's charter school market.

We need a better screen that allows quality schools in and keeps the lousy ones out, be they traditional or charter. We need to support quality learning, regardless from where it emanates.

Like traditional public schools, charter schools include the good, the bad and the ugly.

Lansing policymakers are not creating opportunities for quality schools to bloom and are shutting the window, trapping far too many kids in failing schools. There ought to be a single quality measuring stick for all public education in Michigan.

A lousy school — one that is not educating children — is a lousy school and should not be able to operate, regardless of whether it is a traditional or charter.

The political left needs to stop supporting traditional schools failing our children, just as the political right must admit that simply calling a school a "charter" does not give it magical powers.

We need to stop using our schools and students to make ideological points and instead use them to prepare our children for their future.

Traditional schools, charter schools, blended and e-learning — all have a place in the educational framework so long as they are preparing students for the hyper-competitive, technological and knowledge-driven



Tom Watkins

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global economy.

Having traveled extensively in China over the years, let me assure you that its citizens are not slowing down while we indulge in ideological fights.

While we fix the flaws in the lucrative charter scam, we need to be equally cognizant that the status quo will not take us where we need to go. In spite of public schools' past achievements, the current system is leaving far too many children behind.

It should not be a state default policy to cheat children out of the education they need and deserve so that entrepreneurial scoundrels can line their pockets.

Efforts under way to "fix" or help existing public schools are laudable, but more can and should be done for the students and their parents — not for the district, charter or the system. We need to ask: "What must we do to help teachers teach and help children learn?"

The focus must be on establishing quality

screens — not to keep charter schools out, but to assure quality (both educationally and financially) is built into all educational opportunities for our children.

As the second decade of the 21st century knowledge economy unfolds, Michigan is going to be dependent at every level on bold leadership with the courage to cast off the anchors of the past and set sail to create a new future. We can no more afford to waste tax dollars on entrepreneurial rip-offs than we can afford to leave a single child behind. Change that produces progress is needed.

While much focus has been on Michigan's "brain drain" — students receiving a college education and fleeing our state — the greater problem is those we fail to educate who are staying behind. We cannot build a strong city, region or state on such a faulty foundation.

So, Lansing policymakers, you have an opportunity for a "do-over." Stop the ideological fights and place the focus on appropriate oversight and quality education, regardless of its source — for the sake of our children and our collective future.

When the Legislature returns, it must take its role seriously and the fix the loopholes and charter school educational pot-holes.

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and helped create the first charter in Michigan and Florida. Contact Watkins at tdwatkins88@gmail.com; follow him on twitter at [tdwatkins88](https://twitter.com/tdwatkins88).

Mill Race Matters

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Thursdays and Fridays: Archives open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: Grounds closed for wedding 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Sunday: Village buildings open 1-4 p.m.

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

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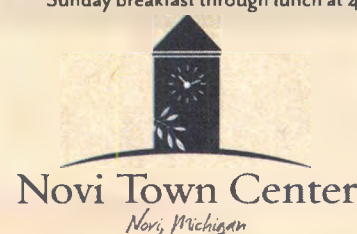


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Dominic Gordon of Rochester Hills (from left), Frances Truant of Allen Park, Lauren Hantz of Bloomfield Hills and Dr. William Demray of Northville attended Fash Bash 2014 at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Aug. 14. The DIA Founders Junior Council teamed again with Neiman Marcus to host the Fash Bash, held for the fourth time since 1970 at the DIA. The party of the season raised \$325,000. JULIE YOLLES

Skateboarding legend to visit Riley Skate Park

Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk will appear at Riley Skate Park in a free demonstration at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, as part of the Birdhouse Summer Tour hosted by the city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Skateboarding enthusiasts are invited to watch Tony Hawk along with the Birdhouse Skate Team featuring Aaron "Jaws" Homoki, Ben Raybourn, Clint Walker, David Loy, Kevin Staab, Willy Santos, Clive Dixon, Mike Davis, Shawn Hale and Shaun Greigore.

As one stop on the Birdhouse Tour's eight-



Hawk

city On the Road Summer 2014 Midwest Tour, Riley is a 29,000-square-foot all-concrete skate park with a variety of features for skateboarders and inline skaters of all skill levels. At the Aug. 23 event, 100 limited-edition Riley Skate

Park skateboard decks will be for sale, along with T-shirts and other souvenirs. Riley Skate Park is at 35550 W. Eight Mile inside Founders Sports Park, just two miles east of I-275. Call 248-473-1800 for more information.

Skateboarding fans are also invited to attend or participate Sept. 13-14 in the 2014 Fall Classic Skateboarding Competition. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are welcome. Admission fee is \$5 and the competition starts at 10 a.m. each day.

For registration information, call 248-426-0899.

Green thumbs rule summer at Fox Run

It seems as though people who have "green thumbs" never retire, especially the men and women who live at Fox Run retirement community who tend to 38 garden spaces where fresh vegetables, fragrant herbs and colorful flowers are grown all summer long.

John Barbay, who moved to Fox Run from Birmingham in 2004, co-chairs the Garden Club with his neighbor Peg Quigley.

"I have been gardening since I was 12 years old," Barbay said. "I have a lot of experience."

This season, Barbay grew green beans, eggplant, green peppers and lots of juicy red tomatoes. Barbay says his wife Margaret sometimes uses the just-picked vegetables from their garden to whip up a fresh summer



Green-thumbed retirees at Fox Run grow flowers and vegetables all summer long on the gardens designated for resident use. PEGGY MATHER

meal.

Barbay doesn't let his crops go to waste; he gives baskets of fresh vegetables to staff members at Fox Run. "They look forward to it every year," he says.

Fox Run's gardeners purchase their own seeds, soil, fertilizer and other supplies. They share a communal tool shed where they store shovels, rakes and other gardening tools that residents have donated for all of the gardeners to use.

Barbay says each gardener works on his or her own garden whenever they choose. When

they do find themselves in the garden together, they can exchange growing tips, help each other out or just chat while they work.

All of the members of the Garden Club get together twice a year for semi-annual meetings. Barbay says they typically enjoy a pizza lunch or desserts and lemonade at the meetings and they host speakers who provide useful information about gardening.

Past speakers have included experts from Michigan State University's 15-acre organic farm located in Holt.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Please take notice that an amendment and addition to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville will be introduced at the August 21, 2014 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

The amendment is to Part 1 of Chapter 1 – Administrative Legislation, §1-10. The addition is item C.

§1-10, C: If any misdemeanor under this Code, or adopted by this Code from state law, the Court may assess any penalty provided by this Code or under adopted state law. In addition to those penalties the Court may sanction the defendant upon a finding of guilt, no contest plea or guilty plea for court costs.

A full description of the amendment and addition to the Code is available during regular business hours of the township, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the township Clerk's department.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 PM and should be directed to Charles Boulard and must be received prior to **September 5, 2014.**

Charles Boulard
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The neighborhood celebrated Abby Rubenson's return home from the hospital last summer.

Local girl remembered for keeping love of life

Ward Church to host Abby Rubenson Cup soccer tourney

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Of the many things Greg Rubenson will remember about his daughter Abby Rubenson, one of the biggest memories will be the smile she had on her face.

"She always had a smile," the Livonia resident said. "Always joking, always teasing." Abby spent more than a year battling a rare brain tumor before passing away last month. The girl, who just completed fourth grade at Kennedy School in Livonia, died one month shy of her 10th birthday.

She and her family discovered the disease last May, when she fell ill during a school field trip. Since then, Abby split time between her home with family and at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment. The tumor subsided earlier this year, but a new one grew just months later, sending her back to the hospital for treatment. She died July 12 at her home.



Abby Rubenson maintained her corny sense of humor throughout her cancer fight, her father said.

But even with all the medications, doctor visits and stops at the hospital, Abby maintained her smile and corny sense of humor, her father said.

"There wasn't a person she met she wasn't teasing or joking with," he said. "She definitely had a love for crappy jokes. Any awful jokes. That was in her bag, she loved that stuff."

The first time she returned home from the hospital last summer, she was welcomed to a neighborhood celebration complete with friends from school, church, her soccer team and the neighborhood.

"We had a school family, we had a church family, we had a soccer family. The amount of support was unbelievable,"

Greg Rubenson said. "It really did help us get through it."

Tami Danaher, Abby's teacher last year, said it was incredible to see how her students rallied around the little girl and were sometimes stronger than some of the teachers at Kennedy School.

"She would come in; they were excited to see her. They were glad when she was there," Danaher said. "Whatever it was, there was never a problem. They really went out of their way to make sure she was included."

Rubenson said one of Abby's memorable practical jokes came near last Halloween during her treatment at the hospital. She had obtained a bag of fake candy blood and hung it on her IV pole, startling a nurse who came to help her.

She was also known for loving to play games, including card games. Rubenson said it wasn't uncommon for the two to wager a \$1 a game and for Abby to empty his wallet by the end of the night.

Even after losing feeling in her sides, her family set up a way for her to continue playing.

"She took my money on a daily basis," he said. "She en-

joyed being engaged in those games."

Soccer tournament planned

Abby played for the Livonia City Soccer Club, now known as AC Milan Detroit West Soccer Club. As she continued to battle her illness, several groups, including some from her family's church in Northville and her soccer team, collaborated to launch a soccer tournament that will make its debut next month in Northville.

The tournament, dubbed the Abby Rubenson Cup, will take place Sept. 26-28 at Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile, in Northville. So far, several teams have already applied to participate, including teams from Livonia, Novi and South Lyon.

The deadline for teams to sign up is Sept. 1. Proceeds will go toward Ward Church and a fund named for Abby, which will benefit several charities in the future. More information can be found on the tournament's website, abbysscup.com.

Abby's soccer coach, Chris Burnette, said she was a budding soccer star, playing in upper age divisions in the club

and proving her worth. Her team has since retired her No. 2 jersey for future squads.

"When she came to my team, it was like hitting the lottery," he said. "She was poised to be a very good center back."

Burnette said the loss has been tough on the Livonia soccer community, especially with the recent death of John Bieniewicz, a Westland man who was a referee in the area. But the support has been unmatched.

"When something like this happens, the soccer community has been huge," he said. "We've had huge support from everywhere."

Danaher, who has taught at Kennedy for 18 years, said support from around the school had been huge as well. She described Abby the best way she could with just one word: perseverance.

"The big thing I wanted to get across was her perseverance and my admiration for that," she said. "She taught us a valuable lesson of keeping faith and keeping strong."

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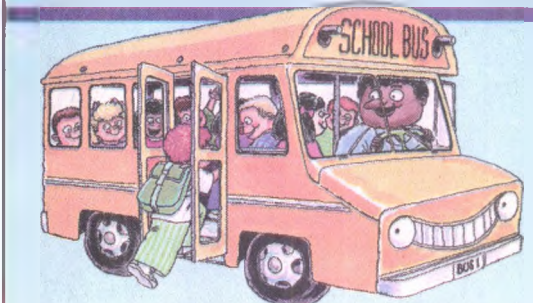
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Novi's 2013 state runner-up team, coached by Dan Lowes (far left) and Jim Hanson (far right), returns state singles champions (from left) Tim Wang, Koushik Kondapi and Maxx Anderson. BRAD EMONS

Novi netters eye the ultimate prize

Division 1 singles champ Wang leads talented group

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Could this be the year for the Novi boys tennis team?

Armed with arguably the state's top singles player in Tim Wang, the Wildcats were on the precipice just a year ago of capture their first-ever MHSAA Division 1 title before Ann Arbor Huron squeaked by for its third straight crown by a razor-thin margin of 30-29.

All four Novi singles players, including state champions Koushik Kondapi (No. 3) and Maxx Anderson (No. 4), return, along with Wang and

state quarterfinalist Andre Liu (No. 2).

Add a highly-touted freshman in Alex Wen, the Boys 14 Southeast Michigan Tennis Association singles champ who is ranked No. 68 nationally by tennisrecruiting.net, and the Wildcats could be ready for a breakthrough after seven straight top 10 finishes under veteran coach Jim Hanson, who is entering his 21st year. But there is one caveat to the Wildcats' 2014 fortunes.

Develop doubles

"If we're going to contend for the state title, we're going to have to

rebuild our doubles," Hanson said. "We had a very good JV team last year, as we do every year. Coach (Chris) Hayward does a super job with those kids down there. They're all going to want to be on varsity this year."

"There are other freshmen coming in that have USTA experience. ... We'd like to think all we have to do is reload, but unfortunately we're losing kids out of that doubles last year. They played three or four years on varsity."

All four Novi doubles teams

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Division 1 champions have more in the tank

Northville girls ready for cross country run

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The defending Division 1 state champion Northville girls cross country team spent its first five days of training with the scenic backdrop of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Glen Arbor.

"We bring both teams together; we work on team bonding," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "It has amazing trails and scenery that we can train at. Chris Cronin (the boys coach) and I said it's the best camp we've had."

Last year was a dream 2013 season for the Mustangs, who garnered their first cross country state title in school history while winning every meet in sight, including the Michigan State Invitational (Elite Division), Wayne County, KLAA Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional crowns.

Northville graduated four of their top seven runners, including all-state runners Rachel Coleman (10th, 18:30.1) and Taleen Shahrigian (14th, 18:30.2), both enrolled at Michigan.

Also lost were Nicole Mosteller and Erin Zimmer, who finished 61st and 66th overall in the Division 1 state finals last November at Michigan International Speedway.

But the cupboard is far from bare for Smith, who returns two all-state runners: junior Lexa Barrott (13th, 18:27.0) and sophomore Cayla Eckenroth (22nd, 18:34.1).

Also returning is junior Emma Hermann, who took seventh at the

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Expected to carry the load this season for Northville, the defending Division 1 state champion girls cross country team, are (from left) Cayla Eckenroth, Lexa Barrott and Emma Hermann. NANCY SMITH

Optimism running high for veteran CC boys soccer squad

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

At least on paper, this should be one of Novi Detroit Catholic Central's best boys soccer teams in quite some time.

The Shamrocks, who open the season Saturday at the Balconi Invitational in Canton, feature a slew of returnees from last year's 15-5-1 squad that reached the Division 1 regional final for the first time in 17 years before losing to Salem, 2-1.

Expectations are higher than ever for CC despite the loss of honorable mention all-state players Alex Pastor, a goaltender, and Jacob Hackman, a midfielder.

Optimism is running high for third-year coach Gene Pulice, who returns third team all-state midfielder Noah Kleedtke, a co-captain, along with sen-

ior defender Champ Kozlowski.

"This season we should be better than ever," Kleedtke said. "We've got our full squad back, not many seniors left and I think we should be as good as last year, if not better."

"Our defending is good, but maybe playing out of the back would be a little more beneficial to us. I know we like to kick the ball up the field a little bit too much and I think a possession-style atmosphere would be really critical to our team."

Seniors Will Coffman, a midfielder, and Chad Quick, a defender, also bring loads of experience to the lineup.

"We've been working on our speed and strength, as well as our technical skills," Kozlowski said. "We're just looking forward to working as a team

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Catholic Central third-year coach Gene Pulice (center) will rely on the senior leadership of Noah Kleedtke (left) and Champ Kozlowski. BRAD EMONS



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 Lakeland at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29
 Detroit CC at Muskegon, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 22
 Franklin Road at Bethany, 5 p.m.
 Northville at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Detroit CC at Balcony Inv. (CEP), 10 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
 St. Mary's at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Roch. Adams at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 28
 Detroit CC at Garden City, 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Novi at A.A. Pioneer Inv., TBA.
 Franklin Road Christian at Oakland Christian Tourney, TBA.
Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Novi, Northville at Lake Orion, TBA.
CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Novi at South Lyon Invitational at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
 CC at Lansing CC Inv., 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Northville Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Aug. 28
 Novi at A.A. Huron Inv., 5 p.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.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Novi at Rochester, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Northville Quad, 8 a.m.
 Forest Hills at Detroit CC, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 28
 Novi at A.A. Pioneer, 8 a.m.
 Detroit CC at Sturgis Inv., 8 a.m.
 Northville at A.A. Huron, TBA.
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.
Monday, Aug. 25
 Novi vs. Birm. Seaholm at Forest Lake C.C., TBA.
Thursday, Aug. 28
 Northville at Twin Lakes Inv., TBA.
 Kensington Carl Pre-Tourney at Fox Hills G.C., 10 a.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

NOVI

Head coach: Brian O'Leary, 19th season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 12-6-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Don Nakashima (first-team All-State); Matt Kiura (third-team All-State); Nick Oakley (honorable mention All-State).
Leading returnees: Jake Geary, Sr. Def.; Sean Dallas, Sr. Def.; Tony Asimadu, Jr. F.; Kent Maidens, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Ryan Kobakof, Sr. MF; Amissi Kajinake, Sr. F (transfer from New Jersey).
O'Leary's 2014 outlook: "We got hit pretty hard by graduation. We lost an outstanding senior class last year, and only having four starters returning means we will probably take some lumps early. But overall they are a great group of kids that work hard and are very coachable, so I expect to see steady improvement throughout the season. We have three (goalies) on the roster. We have a senior and two juniors. One is hurt right now and is out four weeks with a shoulder. We're pretty set in goal, all three are pretty good goalies. They're all about pretty equal to each other."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Henry Klimes, 24th season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 14-5-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Joey Van Houten (honorable mention All-State); Conrad Bush (honorable mention All-State); Steve Jansen, Benedikt Kansy, Collin Watkins, Griffin Wasik; Doyle Lang.
Leading returnees: Alec Morgan, Sr. MF (captain); Grant Tybarski, Sr. Def. (captain); Jonathan Mitchell, Sr. Def. (captain); Nick Toupin, Jr. C-MF (captain); Jake Reitzloff, Jr. F; Johnny Rodriguez, Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Mario Plachta, Soph. MF; Blake Becker, Sr. Def.

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and getting better for this next year." Pulice is trying to guard against complacency as CC hopes to vie for a Catholic League title along with state powers Birmingham Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle. "My biggest concern

BOYS SOCCER OUTLOOK



Junior forward Tony Asimadu (right) is one of four returning players this season for the Novi varsity boys soccer team. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Josh Hamilton, Sr. Def.; Kyle Johnson, Sr. MF; Gunnar Struit, Sr. MF; Manuel Kansy, Sr. GK-MF.

Klimes' 2014 outlook: "We graduated 14 of the 20, so we lost a lot of experience. I think we have lots of talent and speed. We're a little young in the sense of experience at the varsity level, but I think we can get them up to speed right away. I'm really excited and encouraged overall with the team speed. We're going to have to work on our goaltending situation. We lost a great goalie in Steve Jansen. We're going to have to play a different formation, but we're really excited."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Gene Pulice, third season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 15-5-1.
Titles won last year: Division 1 district champs.
Notable losses to graduation: Jake Hackman (honorable mention

All-State); Alex Pastor (honorable mention All-State); Jacob Hackman, Andrew Trombley, John McLauren, Jr.

Leading returnees: Noah Kleedteke, Sr. MF (captain; second-team All-State); Champ Kozlowski, Sr. Def. (captain); Will Coffman, Sr. MF; Chad Quick, Sr. F; Paul Wiedmaier, Sr. F; Brendan Paul, Sr. MF; Robert Winn, Sr. F; Austin Smith, Sr. Def.; Peter Kiruac, Jr. GK; Justin Murray, Jr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Nicholas Ozog, Jr. MF; Anthony Chavez, Jr. MF; Jack Earhart, Jr. F; Connor Gaskin, Jr. GK; John Petruska, Jr. F.

Pulice's 2014 outlook: "I think our expectations are higher. This is my third year with the program and we've made leaps and bounds here, so I think going forward everybody has bought into my idealisms now and I think we have a very good chance of going all the way. Champ Kozlowski will be an integral part for us. Chad Quick and Will Coffman, as well, will be leaders."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Paul Coombs, first season.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's overall record: 16-4.
Titles won last year: MIAC Red Division champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Marcus Charlick, Jacob Weaver.

Leading returnees: Tanner Spires, Jr. F; Micah Charlick, Jr. F; Gavin Harris, Sr. F; Dennis Cleminte, Jr. MF; Parker Bowman, Sr. MF; Daniel Weaver, Jr. GK.

Promising newcomer: Paul Alex, Soph. sweeper.

Coombs' 2014 outlook: "We have a good nucleus of players to build a team around. Word is spreading, and we're slowly picking up more players. We're a small school, so just having a good number of players is important. I'm looking forward to seeing how we come together as a team. Charlick is probably best player I've ever coached. It's going to be fun and I'm looking forward to it."

going into this season is a maybe a false sense of euphoria too early," Pulice said.

In the KLAA's strong Central Division, both Northville (14-5-3) and Novi (12-6-3) are rebuilding while hoping to unseat defending champ and Division 1 state semi-finalist Salem.

The Mustangs, who lost 16 of their 20 players to graduation, will rely on seniors Grant Tybarski, Alec Morgan and Jonathan Mitchell, along with juniors Nick Toupin, Jake Reitzloff and Johnny Rodriguez.

"I think it's going to be a good season and I think the division is wide open," said Northville coach Henry Klimes, now in his 24th season. "South Lyon has gotten better and Novi is always a

tough game, so everybody has a legitimate chance for the division."

Novi, also gutted by graduation losses, will certainly miss all-state players Don Nakashima (University of Detroit Mercy), Matt Kiura and Nick Oakley.

The four returnees include senior defenders Jake Geary and Sean Dallas, junior forward Tony Asimadu and senior midfielder Kent Maidens.

Senior midfielder Ryan Kobakof, who was a starter as a sophomore but played academy club soccer as a junior, returns. New Jersey transfer Amissi Kajinake, a senior forward, should also help up front.

The Wildcats are coming off a four-way scrimmage Saturday at Saline,

losing 1-0 to Warren DeLaSalle, while tying the host Hornets, 0-0, and Ann Arbor Huron, 1-1.

"Different people use it (the scrimmage) for different things," 19th-year coach Brian O'Leary said. "Every team we played, played to win. I played everybody equal the entire day just to learn stuff about people."

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian (16-4) is coming off a Red Division championship in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

First-year Warriors coach Paul Coombs, who had stints at Dearborn High, Henry Ford Community College and Spring Arbor University, will bank on scoring from junior forwards Tanner Spires and Micah Charlick.



Northville High's soccer fortunes will rest on captains (from left) Nick Toupin, a junior, and seniors Grant Tybarski, Jonathan Mitchell and Alec Morgan. BRAD EMONS

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Mustang boys ready to gallop out of gate

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If you're Northville boys cross country coach Chris Cronin, you can't wait to get the season started.

That's because the Mustangs are coming off a banner season and return a majority of their top runners.

"Our 2014 goal is to contend for a state title," said Cronin, who enters his 21st season. "In 2013, we finished fifth. It was the highest place in school history, but a couple late-season injuries prevented us from reaching our true potential.

"In my humble opinion, we return as much talent as anyone in the state and I know the leadership on this team is hungry to show what they can do."

Replacing top runner Dan Sims, who is now at Michigan State, will be a daunting task. Sims earned all-state honors for the third straight year after finishing 10th last November at MIS while posting a time of 15:52.9.

"There's no doubt we'll miss Sims," Cronin said. "He was a fierce competitor and arguably the best Northville has ever produced in cross country. With that said, our top four have sub-16 (minute) speed and that gives us a chance to write some history this season."

Senior captain Nick Noles, a two-time all-state runner who placed 21st in Division 1 (15:58.8) last year, now assumes the lead role for the Mustangs, who open the season Tuesday in the Northville Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

"Nick is the toughest big race runner I've ever coached," Cronin said. "Nick's aggressive style of running will set the tone for our team this season."

Also returning for the KLAA Kensington Conference and Wayne County champions are senior captain Sean McCullough (46th, 16:22.8), junior Conor Naughton (67th, 16:29.6) and senior captain Jason Ferrante (175th, 17:09.8).

"Sean has added strength, speed and greater confidence to his arsenal over the course of this last year and is poised



Coming off a fifth-place finish in last year's Division 1 state meet are Northville runners (front row, from left) Ben Cracraft, Conor Naughton and Sam Kremke and (back row, from left) Jacob Kamm, Sean McCullough, Jason Ferrante and Nick Noles. CHRIS CRONIN

to have a breakout senior year," Cronin said. "Posting a 9:33 in the 3,200-meter (run) this spring in track puts him in a position to earn all-state honors in 2014.

"Jason is a track runner who has developed into a formidable cross country runner. With a season best 16:05 in 2013, followed by a 1:53 (800) and 4:22 (1,600) in track, Jason has positioned himself to race with the state's elite this fall.

"And Conor could emerge as our top runner this season. He has run 9:30 (3,200) on the track and last year he went 16:01 in cross. With his talent and work ethic, there is no limit to what he can do."

Seniors Jacob Kamm (225th, 17:43.2) and Sam Kremke will also be in the mix, along with sophomore Ben Cracraft, who held down the sixth spot for much of last season.

"Ben's dedication to three sports – cross country, swimming and track – is starting to pay off," Cronin said. "He en-

ters the season bigger, stronger, faster."

Possible impact runners for the Mustangs include junior Connor Lepish, who missed all of 2013 with an injury, along with junior Kenny Goolsby, sophomore Peter Bejin and junior Sean Flanagan.

Meanwhile, fellow KLAA Central Division member Novi finished just seven points away from qualifying for the state finals after a fourth-place showing behind state champion Milford (68 points), Pinckney (108) and Hartland (136) in the regional meet held at Huron Meadows.

Wildcats coach Robert Smith, embarking on his 33rd season, has two state titles (1998-99) and one runner-up finish (2000) under his belt.

Smith lost state qualifier Brian Barnes (73rd, 16:31.5) to graduation, but returns junior Joost Plaetnick, an individual state qualifier who went 16:31.1 (48th overall) in the Division 1 finals after taking 13th in the

regional (16:08.4).

Senior Sahisnu Malapati, who took 22nd (16:27.9) in the regional, returns along with senior Nathan Hall, who garnered 35th (16:44.2) in the same meet.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Tony Magni, who has guided the Shamrocks to five state championships (2010, 2009, 1989, 1984, 1982) and two runner-up finishes (1992, 1982), hopes his team can improve on last year's sixth-place regional showing.

The Shamrocks will be led by junior Scott Smith, who took 22nd (16:27.1) at the regional. He'll be joined by holdovers Avery Felty (junior), Bailey Hopson (junior), Ben Racine (sophomore) and Brian Clark (senior).

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian, a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, will miss the graduated Jacob Weaver, who earned Division 4 all-state honors (24th, 17:07.2).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK



Novi senior Hannah Lonergan was an individual qualifier who finished 39th in the Division 1 state finals a year ago. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Nancy Smith, 14th season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: KLAA Central Division (5-0), MSU Spartan Invitational (Elite Division), Brother Rice, Wayne County, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional and MHSAA state champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Rachel Coleman (All-State), Taleen Shahrigian (All-State), Nicole Mosteller, Erin Zimmer, Alison Robinson, Chloe Smither.

Leading returnees: Lexa Barrott, Jr. (All-State); Cayla Eckenroth, Soph. (All-State); Emma Hermann, Jr.; Hailey Harris, Jr.; Emma Smith, Soph.; Taylor Gattoni, Soph. Miral Kobayashi, Soph.; Helena Bryans, Soph.; Katie Chevoor, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Anna Buettner, Fr.; Megan Krygier, Fr.; Rachel Zimmer, Fr.

Smith's season outlook: "For the 2014 year we hope to again win the division, conference and regional, and make a return trip to the state finals for the fifth straight year. I graduated four of my seven state championship team, but bring back two all-staters with Lexa Barrott and Cayla Eckenroth. Emma Hermann has two years of state meet experience under her belt and continues to get better each year. I have many that can fill the rest of the top

seven team. This year we will be young with only six returning seniors, but the team has had a great summer of conditioning and are ready to step up to the challenge that our schedule is comprised of and make another run at a top three finish."

NOVI
Head coach: Marsha Reid, eighth season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fourth, KLAA Central (2-3); seventh, Kensington Conference; eighth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Karissa Koomen.

Leading returnees: Hannah Lonergan, Sr. (state qualifier; 39th); Hadley Peterson, Soph.; Jacalyn Schubring, Soph.; Jessica Lypka, Soph.; Heather Blair, Soph.; Tori Giese, Sr.; Hannah Latham, Sr.

Promising newcomers: J.J. Wright, Jr.; Yash Patti, Soph.

Reid's season outlook: "I'm really excited. We've got some young kids that are sophomores, who could potentially for the next couple of years, show some good things within our division. We also have some good, solid seniors. We have 12-to-15 kids who are competing for those seven spots. It always helps when you have that competition on your team. We

were young last year, most of our top seven were freshman or sophomore level, so we didn't have a very big junior class at the varsity level and we only had one senior."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Andrew Schmid, fifth season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Maria Cardenas-O'Tool (Division 4 state qualifier; 48th overall).

Leading returnees: Danielle Fusco, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Audrey Hicks, Soph.; Amanda Hall, Soph.; Sidney Lipovsky, Fr.; Madison Austin, Fr.; Shelby Buis, eighth-grader.

Schmid's season outlook: "We did not have full teams for the boys or the girls except for a few meets in our schools history, but this year it looks like we will have full teams for the boys and girls. Our girls team should have its best season if everyone stays healthy. Danielle Fusco will be available as a dual athlete (volleyball). She ran well her first season and she should continue her improvement into this season. The first-time runners Sidney Lipovsky, Audrey Hicks, Madison Austin, Amanda Hall and Shelby Buis should be bringing their talents to improve their personal times and the team results as the season progresses."

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regional and finished 100th in the state finals (19:32.7).

And after their five-day stint running the hills of northern Michigan, the early returns appear to be good.

"We did a 5K time trial today (Monday) and my top three all ran in the 18-minute range," Smith said. "Lexa (Barrott) went 18:26, Cayla (Eckenroth) went 18:45 and Emma (Hermann) went 18:49 after a 55-mile week. They're pretty

excited, great benefits."

Meanwhile, the other four varsity spots in the lineup are up for grabs as Smith's squad approaches its season opener Tuesday, Aug. 26, with the Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

"I had three (others) that did decent today that I expected to do well and they did better than last year," Smith said.

Meanwhile, fellow KLAA Central Division member Novi returns five of its top seven performers from a year ago as coach Marsha Reid enters her eighth season.

The Wildcats, who took

seventh in the Kensington Conference and eighth in the regional at Huron Meadows, will be led by senior Hannah Lonergan, who ran 18:51.1 at the state finals to finish 39th overall after placing 15th at the regional.

Sophomores Hadley Peterson, Jacalyn Schubring, Jessica Lypka and Heather Blair also gained varsity experience as ninth-graders.

"Most were freshmen, so they got a taste of it last year and are real hungry this year," Reid said. "I have a good core group of kids that have been out conditioning with the cap-

tain's practices this summer. They've been putting in the extra time. We also have a couple of incoming freshmen that look very promising. We'll see what comes out from the incoming kids as well to see who contributes."

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian, a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, must replace state qualifier Maria Cardenas-O'Tool, who finished 48th in the Division 4 finals.

But fifth-year coach Paul Coombs is expected to field his first full team, led by sophomore Danielle Fusco.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY OUTLOOK

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Chris Cronin, 21st season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: Coaching Legends Invitational, Wayne County KLAA Central, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional champions; third, MSU Spartan Invitational (Elite Division); fifth, MHSAA Division 1 finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Dan Sims (All-State), Nick Dufrense.

Leading returnees: Nick Noles, Sr. captain (All-State); Sean McCullough, Sr. captain; Jason Ferrante, Sr. (captain); Conor Naughton, Jr.; Ben Cracraft, Soph.; Sam Kremke, Sr.; Jacob Kamm, Jr.; Mark Castellano, Sr.; Alex Chevoor, Sr.; Sean Flanagan, Jr.; Kenny Goolsby, Jr.; Christian Frieberger, Jr.; Peter Martin, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Connor Lepish, Jr.; Peter Bejin, Soph.

Cronin's season outlook: "One of the challenges we face this year is developing young talent. With such a strong varsity core for the past three years, cracking our top seven has been tough. To sustain this run of success our program has had, we need our current sophomore and junior class to step up this season."

NOVI

Head coach: Robert Smith, 33rd season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: first, South Lyon Invitational; second, Anchor Bay and Coaching Legends Invitational; third, KLAA Central (3-2) and Kensington Conference; fourth, Division 1 regional; seventh, MSU Spartan Invitational; ninth, Oakland County.

Notable losses to graduation: Brian Barnes (state qualifier), Michael Dickmann.

Leading returnees: Joost Plaetnick, Jr. (state qualifier; 48th); Sahisnu Malapati, Sr.; Nate Hall, Sr.; Cameron Misko, Sr.; John Landy, Soph.; Collin Thomas, Sr.; Casey Croad, Sr.; Scott MacPherson, Soph.

Promising newcomer: Adam Ditrj, Jr.

Smith's season outlook: "There are additional guys who I know will emerge into our top 10, or even our top five. The KLAA is the best conference in the state for men's cross country. It prepares us well for the rigors of the season. Overall, we were 134-19 (.876 average) in 2013. I'm very impressed by the attitude and work ethic of this 2014 team. They have increased their summer miles significantly over the past few seasons. If we stay healthy we could be pretty good."

NOVI CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Tony Magni, 41st season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's finish: first, Catholic League, Sturgis and CC invitational; fourth, West Bloomfield and Holly invitational; fifth, Oakland County; sixth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Ryan McCord, John Mulcahy.



Smith

Leading returnees: Scott Smith, Jr.; Avery Felty, Jr.; Bailey Hopson, Jr.; Ben Racine, Soph.; Brian Clark, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Eric Solarz, Sr.; Alex McLaren, Jr.; Mark Borek, Soph.; Brendan Canavan, Soph.

Magni's season outlook: "We're a team of juniors and sophomores basically. With Brian Clark being hurt, Eric Solarz is really the only other one that I can see stepping up, give us a hand and trying to help us. I think dual meet-wise, Catholic League, we should be OK, but when we get to the big meets we generally don't have any front runners. We're going to bunch pretty good, but unfortunately we're going to bunch towards the middle. Hopefully we can move them up as the season goes along from the middle maybe to the top, maybe 20 percent of the race instead of being in the top 50 percent of the race. So hopefully as the season goes along they build some confidence once they start racing more. This year they've really put the mileage in and they've committed to be up there. With Smith and people like Felty, hopefully give them a run for it — and Hopson. The whole team is doing well, but it's a matter of doing it. But again, for sophomores it's kind of tough sometimes."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, fifth season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Jacob Weaver (Division 4 All-State, regional and MIAC champion).

Leading returnees: Nick Hanley, Jr.; Nathan Austin, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Will Govan, Jr.; Erick Westphal, Jr.; Maxwell Holleman, Soph.; Nathan Buis, eighth-grader.

Schmid's season outlook: "We did not have full teams for the boys or the girls except for a few meets in our school's history, but this year it looks like we will have full teams for the boys and girls. Our boys team continues to grow and is planning to have its most successful team in the school history. Nick Hanley is returning as one of the school's historically fastest runners and Will Govan is running very well as a first-time runner. Both should lead the team. Last year's most improved runner, Nate Austin, should continue to develop as this season progresses. Erick Westphal, our most improved track runner, will be adding his skills to cross country team this season. New runners Maxwell Holleman and Nathan Buis should also impact the team's results this year."



Novi's Joost Plaetnick (front) was a Division 1 state qualifier last year who took 48th in the MHSAA finals.

Wildcat, Northville girls gearing up to hit the links

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Bolstered by a ninth-place finish at last year's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf tournament, Novi coach Deb Harris is hoping for even better results in 2014.

And for second-year Northville coach Jeff Balagna, the aim is to be one of the 15 regional qualifiers when the state finals roll around, Oct. 17-18 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

Novi captured a fifth-player tiebreaker to capture the regional title at Dunham Hills and wound up ninth overall in Division 1.

The Wildcats' biggest loss to graduation was Lauren Cojei, who placed sixth at the regional and ninth in the KLAA Association tournament.

"She was key player for us, steady scoring, leadership and captain," said Harris, who is entering her 25th season. "She'll be very hard to replace. We will need every other player to step up their game to replace a great player like Lauren."

The Wildcats will be led by their two senior captains – Katelyn Henry and Madison Kroetsch.

Henry was Novi's top scorer at last year's state finals (90-87-177) after taking 11th in the regional with an 88, while Kroetsch shined at the KLAA Association tourney with a fifth (85) and added ninth in the regional (87).

"(Henry) was usually our one or two scorer, has great



Northville junior Katie Childers was a Division 1 state qualifier last year after finishing second in the regional.



Senior Madison Kroetsch returns for Novi girls golf team, which captured a regional title and finished ninth in Division 1. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

leadership, shows compassion for her team and could play college golf if she chooses to do so," Harris said. "And Kroetsch is capable of scoring in the low 80s."

Sophomore Alexa Hatz, who was 16th at the regional and 20th in the KLAA tourney, joins junior Maya Grandstaff, who was 24th in the KLAA tourney, with state finals experience.

"We look forward to this season and feel that we have the potential to give this best teams in the league, county and state competition on any given day," Harris said. "We can beat teams if we all play well. That is what it takes in girls golf today."

Seniors Claire Kalina and Stacey Sirabian, along with juniors Olivia Ghannam, Morgan Krupic and Marissa Catner will be pushing for spots in

the top six.

Freshmen Abby Livingston and Leah Kiura could also make an immediate impact.

"Abby is a great player who has had success this summer in the Meijer (Junior) Tour," Harris said. "She is challenging the top five on a daily basis. Leah is a promising player that could challenge the varsity lineup this year but, more importantly, will be key to the future of the team."

Northville outlook

The Mustangs, who are moving their home course to nearby Northville Hills Golf Club, are coming off a sixth-place regional finish and ranked fifth overall in the Kensington Conference.

The most notable loss to graduation was senior captain Chloe Page, who was a three-year starter and the team's No.

2 player.

Junior Katie Childers, an individual state qualifier, is Northville's top returnee after finishing runner-up in the regional with an 81. She also took eighth in the KLAA Association tourney with an 86.

"With a player of the caliber of Childers at the top of our lineup, I know we are going to be competitive every single time out," Balagna said. "It is going to come down to the two through six players. I have a number of girls that can put up good scores, it's just a matter of doing it on a regular basis."

Other returning players for the Mustangs possessing regional experience include seniors Elizabeth McGowan and Maddy Berman and junior Alyse Clevenger.

"Just like every season, we have big goals," Balagna said. "We want to win our division

and conference, along with qualify for the state finals. Novi, South Lyon and two-time defending state champion Plymouth are going to be some of our toughest competition and will also be vying for those top honors."

GIRLS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK
NOVI
Head coach: Deb Harris, 25th season.
Home course: Walnut Creek C.C.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's dual match record: 7-1 overall.
Last year's finish: first, Division 1 regional; second, KLAA Central (4-1); third, Kensington Conference and KLAA Association.
Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Cojei.
Leading returnees: Katelyn Henry, Sr. (captain); Madison Kroetsch, Sr.; Alexa Hatz, Soph.; Lauren Henry, Soph.; Maya Grandstaff, Jr.; Claire Kalina, Sr.; Olivia Ghannam, Jr.; Stacey Sirabian, Sr.; Morgan Krupic, Jr.; Marissa Catner, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Abby Livingston, Fr.; Leah Kiura, Fr.
Harris' 2014 outlook: "No longer can one, two or even three players carry a team. You have to put four good and or great scores together to win tournaments or qualify for 'states.' We have the potential and look forward to seeing how often they can put it all together on the same day. Consistency will be key for this to happen."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Jeff Balagna, second season.
Home course: Northville Hills G.C.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's dual match record: 7-1 overall.
Last year's finish: third, KLAA Central (4-1); fourth, Kensington Conference, sixth, Division 1 regional.
Notable losses to graduation: Chloe Page.
Leading returnees: Katie Childers, Jr. (regional runner-up; state qualifier); Alyse Clevenger, Jr.; Maddy Berman, Sr.; Elizabeth McGowan, Sr.; Nicole Saez, Sr.; Victoria Zaremba, Sr.; Jen Kowalczyk.
Promising newcomers: Allison Zwarka, Jr.; Paige Rosinski, Soph.; Kristen Cooperider, Jr.; Taylor Rathwell, Fr.
Balagna's 2014 outlook: "One thing that is going to be different for us this year is our surroundings. After being at Tanglewood, we have moved to Northville Hills Golf Club. There is going to be a little bit of a transition because lack of familiarity with the course. One positive is a lot of our girls live in the neighborhood and play the course often. It is a much tougher course than Tanglewood, so I think it will help in our home matches. We are going to be very tough to beat at home this year. It is such a pleasure having our course right in our backyard now. The course is top notch, the practice facility is second to none, and the location across from the high school couldn't be any better for us."

BOYS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI
Head coach: Jim Hanson, 21st season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's dual match record: 9-1 overall.
Last year's finish: MHSAA Division 1 runner-up; first place, Rochester Invitational, Novi Quad, East Lansing, KLAA Central, KLAA 'A' Tournament, regional; second place, Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, East Grand Rapids Invitational; third place, Novi Invitational.
Notable losses to graduation: Michael Chang (No. 1 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Andrew Ying (No. 1 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Shashank Chitta (No. 2 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Kevin Xu (No. 2 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Tim Lu (No. 4 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); David Mehl (No. 4 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Raymond Wen (No. 4 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Ashwin Kumar (No. 5 doubles; KLAA champion).
Leading returnees: Tim Wang, Sr. (No. 1 singles; KLAA, Division 1 regional and state champion); Andre Liu, Sr. (No. 2 singles; KLAA and regional champion); Koushik Kondapi, Jr. (No. 3 singles; KLAA, regional and state champion); Maxx Anderson, Jr. (No. 4 singles; KLAA regional and state champion); Daniel Yu, Soph. (No. 4 doubles; regional champion); Ryan Fernandes, Sr. (No. 3 doubles; KLAA champion); Sai Gotur, Jr. (No. 5 doubles, KLAA champion).
Promising newcomers: Alex Wen, Fr. (singles); Aakash Ray, Soph. (doubles); Vamsi Nimmagadda, Sr. (doubles); Anurag Koduri, Sr. (doubles); Abhishek Subash, Jr. (doubles); Andrew Jamison, Jr. (doubles); Nayan Makim, Soph. (doubles); Robert Chen, Fr. (doubles); Aidya Chitta, Fr. (doubles).
Hanson's 2014 season outlook: "It's no secret. If you're going to have a run at a state title you got to get contributions from both singles and doubles. Obviously on paper we have to rebuild those doubles. Over the last five years we've had all our doubles make the semifinals at the state tournament, which shows you the kind of strength and contribution we got from our doubles over the years. It will be interesting, exciting and these kids be battling hard this first week of tennis for tryouts."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Matt Stetson, 11th season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's dual match record: 8-2 overall.
Last year's finish: second, KLAA Central, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional; 15th, Division 1 state finals; Novi Division 1 and 2 champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Veer Shah, Sam McCutcheon, Jonathan Oh.
Leading returnees: Connor Johnston, Jr. (No. 1 singles; KLAA 'A', regional and Division 1 state runner-up); Oliver Daniel, Jr. (singles); Andrew Schafer,



Johnston

Jr. (singles); Stephen Freeman, Soph. (doubles); Umais Rao, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Jason Wang, Sr. (doubles); Jonathan Bi, Jr. (doubles); Evan Simoff, Jr. (doubles); Nick Chatas, Sr. (doubles); Michael Pui, Jr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Janak Mukherji, Fr. (No. 1 doubles).

Stetson's 2014 season outlook: "We return almost everyone from last year's team. We only had one senior playing in the state tournament last year, and the majority of our team were sophomores and freshmen. This year, we come back as an experienced squad. We will be led by Connor Johnston at No. 1 singles. There was only one person in the state that could beat him (Tim Wang of Novi) last year, and Connor even had a win against him during the season. He will be one of the favorites to win the state title at No. 1 singles this year. We lost a couple of players to graduation, but we return as a much older team, and we are even able to add a couple of freshmen to the team to help with depth. The key to our season will be to find the right mix of doubles teams."



Magagna

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Joe Stafford, 13th season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's dual match record: 3-5-2 overall.
Last year's finish: Third, Division 1 regional, Grand Blanc and Ann Arbor Pioneer tournaments; fourth, Holly and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central tournaments; tied for seventh, Division 1 finals.
Notable losses to graduation: Michael Dube (No. 1 singles; All-State; state semifinalist); Jesse Jenter, David Killian, Nick Landi, Austin Beyer, Matt Wolfe.
Leading returnees: Steve Magagna, Sr.; Andrew Hijaouy, Sr.; Tommy Dooley, Sr.; Tommy Swad, Sr.; Caleb Roberts, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Jake Hermann, Jr.; Brendan Allen, Jr.
Stafford's 2014 season outlook: "Our league is always important to us, the Catholic League. We want to finish at 'states' as high as we can. We'll have some new people on the team that we'll try to develop and coach up. We want to try and continue to get better each and every day, and really create great memories for these guys so when they look back when they're older, they'll say, 'Hey, high school tennis was a great experience for me.' I'd like my kids to do that some day."



Northville High junior Connor Johnston was the MHSAA Division 1 runner-up at No. 1 singles.

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reached the semifinals in Midland last year, but seven of the eight players graduated, with the only exception being sophomore Daniel Yu at No. 3 doubles.

"You're looking at number one doubles where Andrew Ying won a state title at four singles as a sophomore, then played doubles the last two years," Hanson said. "Michael Chang played varsity for four years. They were all-state last year."

"(Shashank) Chitta and Kevin (Xu) played three and four years, respectively. The other kids, because we had so much depth over the years – Tim Lu, David Mehl and Raymond Wen – those three bid their time. They played on JV for three years, but it wasn't because of a lack of talent. When they played last year, they obviously made a major contribution."

Tough opponents

Novi, 9-1 last year with its only dual match loss to Division 3 state champion Detroit Country Day, will be tested early and often with an ambitious schedule.

"We play all the top 10 teams and we host one tournament where we have Ann Arbor Huron, Birmingham (Brother Rice), Troy and Novi, which have been the top four teams in Division 1," Hanson said. "That's a mini-state tournament."

But it appears Hanson certainly has the firepower this season to compete with the state's best.

Wang, a qualifier for the USTA Boys 18 Nationals this summer in Kalamazoo, is coming off a 34-1 high school season. The senior, a Columbia University commit, is the school's best player since Mark McGrew earned a trip to the 1992 USTA Boys Nationals in Kalamazoo. McGrew later played at Northern Illinois.

"There are a lot of good players in the state, but what makes Tim so good is that he loves to compete," Hanson said. "He's very consistent and he plays the big points extremely well. He's quick on his feet. He's played in the national tournaments, the 16s last year and the 18s this year. He's that caliber of player. He'll have his work cut out for him. Three of the top four kids from last year from the (Division 1) state tournament are back."

Singles standouts

Wang's only loss in 35 matches last year was to Northville's Connor Johnston, the state runner-up, in a dual encounter. Wang had a 3-1 advantage over Johnston, the Boys 16 Midwest Closed singles runner-up and doubles champ, along with being a Kalamazoo qualifier.

The two met in the prep state finals last year, with Wang prevailing, 6-1, 6-3.

"Those are fun matches to watch and coach," Hanson said. "Tim will have his work cut out for him, but he's very coachable and extremely hard worker in the off-season. He's played number one singles all three years so far and this is fourth at number one and you get everybody's best player."

Meanwhile, Kondapi and Anderson, both juniors, give Novi's 2014 squad even more cache. They posted records of 35-1 and 32-5, respectively at Novs. 3 and 4 singles, en route to KLAA, regional and state championships.

Liu, a senior currently sidelined with a wrist injury, also finished 26-8 at No. 2 while winning the KLAA and regional singles crowns as well.

Talented frosh

And throw in Wen, who is 51-8 in USTA matches during the past 12 months and ranked No. 3 in SEMTA and the Wildcats will field a lineup to be reckoned with.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished seventh in last year's Division 1 standings,

while Northville placed 15th.

Northville, led by Johnston, returns three of its top singles players along with seven in doubles after finishing second in the regional and KLAA 'A' Tournament.

"We have plenty of depth. We will just have to find the right combination to help us make a run at the state tournament," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "If each player has made expected improvements since last season, we should be very strong this year. We finished 15th at states last year and I don't see any reason why we couldn't finish in the top 10 or even five with the right draws at states. We finished fourth in the state two years ago, so many of the guys know what it takes to make a solid run in the postseason."

Shamrocks ready

Meanwhile, Catholic Central will be without four-year stalwart Michael Dube, who was a state semifinalist at No. 1 singles and a Kalamazoo qualifier in 2013, has taken his talents to Michigan State.

Coach Joe Stafford, who guided CC to the 2010 Division 1 team title, is in a rebuilding mode led by senior Steve Magagna.

"We want to finish at states as high as we can," Stafford said. "We'll have some new people on the team that we'll try to develop and coach up."

Once again, it will be no cakewalk to even get out of the Novi regional this fall.

"CC finished high in the states three or four years ago and just dropped off a little bit," Hanson said. "They'll reload. Northville has a lot of kids back and they've got Connor Johnston, one of the best players in the state in all classes."

"We've had good teams overall and obviously this is the hotbed of tennis, the regionals in this area. CC and Northville are always going to be there, so you have to compete with them."

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'It's in the hole!'



Northville's Nicholas Tokarz, who took second in his age group in the First Tee Foundation's US Kids Open with a 42, used an 8-iron to ace the 75-yard, No. 8 hole July 18 at White Lake Oaks Golf Course. The youngster took up the game about three years ago, when the family was transferred to Mexico due to his father's job with American Axle. Both Nicholas and his sister Katelyn joined golf groups after the family recently moved back to Northville. KAREN TOKARZ



Younger buyers are entering the real estate market in the Midwest with an improving economy. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

JOB MARKET GROWTH HELPS MORE MIDWEST MILLENNIALS BUY HOMES

First-time homebuyers have been largely absent from the housing market in the current economic recovery, but some metropolitan areas – particularly in the Midwest and West – are well positioned to see increases in home-buying from the Millennial generation in upcoming years, according to new research by the National Association of Realtors.

NAR analyzed current housing conditions, job creation and population trends in metropolitan statistical areas across the U.S. to determine the best markets for aspiring, leading edge millennial homebuyers. Austin, Texas, and Salt Lake City were identified as top standouts for millennials for having a young adult population with solid job growth rates and still relatively affordable home prices. Seven of the 10 metro areas recognized are in the Midwest and West.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the homeownership rate for young adults under the age of 35 peaked in 2005 (43 percent) and fell to 36 percent in the first quarter of 2014.

“Limited job prospects, student debt and flat wage growth have combined with tight credit conditions and low inventory to price millennials out of some of the top cities such as New York and San Francisco,” he said. “However, NAR research finds that there are other metro areas millennials are moving to where job growth is strong and homeownership is more attainable. These markets are well-positioned to soon experience a rise in first-time buyers as the economy improves.”

NAR analyzed 100 metro areas that have a large millennial presence, solid local job market conditions and strong migration patterns of young adults moving to that particular area to determine the best purchase prospects for young buyers. Housing affordability and inventory availability were also considered.

The best purchase markets for aspiring Millennial homebuyers are (listed alphabetically):

- » Austin, Texas
- » Dallas
- » Denver

- » Des Moines, Iowa
- » Grand Rapids, Mich.
- » Minneapolis
- » New Orleans
- » Ogden, Utah
- » Salt Lake City
- » Seattle

Other markets with strong potential for attracting millennial homebuyers include:

- » Madison, Wis.
- » Nashville, Tenn.
- » Omaha, Neb.
- » Raleigh, N.C.
- » Washington, D.C.

NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio, said favorable affordability in these markets will ultimately be met with inevitable life milestones to increase homebuying activity.

“Millennials will eventually settle down, trade their roommates for spouses and want to raise a family,” he said. “As long as median income continues to support purchasing power in most areas, the demand and opportunity will be there for millennials to purchase their first home with guidance and insights from a Realtor.”

Counsel should review senior cohabitation agreement

Q: I am past retirement age and a widow and have heard something about shared and communal housing generally for the elderly. What can you tell me about it?

A: Shared housing and communal living are becoming increasingly attractive options among seniors because of the numerous benefits: inexpensive rent, shared responsibilities, resource-efficiency, independence and companionship. Shared housing is generally defined as two or more unrelated people sharing a home. There are two main types: match-up programs which allow homeowners an opportunity to rent out vacant bedrooms following a screening-matching process and/or shared living residences also known as communal living arrangements where homes have multiple tenants, each with a private bedroom, sometimes a private bathroom and shared private common areas. In any event, it is imperative that you have a cohabitation agreement before entering into one of these agreements and have counsel review any living arrangement into which you enter.

Q: I am a senior citizen and I am questioning whether I should make a conveyance of my home to my children to avoid Medicare taking my property. What is your answer?

A: My answer is that this is an extremely complex question which should take into consideration a whole host of factors with which you should consult a lawyer who specializes in elder law. For example, you need to consider the following. 1) Which legal rights on the property will be lost in the transfer and which ones retained; 2) Is the conveyance a gift and, if so, of what value, and what will be the Medicaid transfer penalty; 3) Will any tax benefits be lost; 4) Will your financial ability to remain in the home be in jeopardy due to a shortage of liquid assets and the loss of ability to draw out the equity in the home via such vehicles as a reverse mort-



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gage; 5) will this transfer disrupt your estate plan by disproportionately shifting assets; and, 6) will this transaction cause existing mortgages to be called? Will it really remove the risk of a future Medicaid lien? These are some of the answers that you need to get from competent legal counsel.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 7-11, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM

730 Graefield Ct Unit 151 \$60,000
960 Harmon St \$988,000
1999 Hazel St \$569,000
2047 Windemere Rd \$520,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

6575 Halyard Rd \$326,000
5653 Kolly Rd \$405,000
6855 Oakhills Dr \$457,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

5839 Blandford Ct \$231,000
1465 Sunningdale Rd \$1,425,000
120 Clifton Rd \$510,000
6215 Hills Dr \$250,000
4602 Sunningdale Dr \$629,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

4576 Driftwood Dr \$513,000
166 E Beechdale St \$130,000
5978 Lochmore Dr \$270,000
6081 Lochmore Dr \$282,000
195 Polvadera St \$81,000
1025 Sherbrooke St \$338,000
6138 Strawberry Cir \$350,000
295 Vinona Ter \$87,000

FARMINGTON

30722 Knighton Dr \$360,000
22927 Warner St \$150,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
23103 Ashley St \$148,000
28449 Bay Tree Rd \$195,000
27875 Berrywood Ln \$83,000
21322 Collingham Ave \$63,000
39132 Downs Ct \$350,000
38244 French Pond \$340,000
37416 Glengrove Dr \$80,000
36114 Hardenburg Rd \$315,000
33695 Heirloom Cir \$70,000
35125 Hillside Dr \$138,000
37052 Howard Rd \$340,000
29552 Kings Pointe Ct \$234,000
30115 Kingsway Dr \$298,000
28334 Kirkside Ln \$197,000
29430 Laurel Dr \$117,000
25683 Livingston Cir \$285,000
24551 Martel Dr \$214,000
29682 Pine Ridge Cir \$120,000

FRANKLIN

31850 Brandingham Rd \$724,000
27217 Gardenway Rd \$175,000
30320 Rosemond Dr \$370,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

18130 Cambridge Blvd \$80,000

MILFORD

3049 Autumn Ct \$225,000
919 Duke \$119,000
630 Hill St \$123,000
314 S Main St \$180,000
657 Woodside Dr \$180,000

NORTHVILLE

43643 Nine Mile Rd \$320,000
41754 Broquet Dr \$100,000
1238 Charleston Ct \$160,000
NOVI
30997 Centennial Dr \$155,000
44040 Durson St \$149,000
50458 Langley Dr \$691,000
24230 N Le Bost \$175,000
24700 Olde Orchard St \$107,000
21850 Shadybrook Dr \$275,000
1155 South Lake Dr Unit 53 \$58,000

PLYMOUTH

23440 W Le Bost \$80,000
28496 Witherspoon Dr \$98,000

SOUTH LYON

1201 Corral Ln \$288,000
24844 Ravine Dr \$465,000
53422 Shoal Creek Rd \$400,000

SOUTHFIELD

30125 Everett St \$65,000
24183 Evergreen Rd \$20,000
29245 Guy St \$129,000
28729 Marshall St \$58,000
18218 Melrose Ave \$120,000
23349 N Chanticleer Dr \$135,000
29630 Red Leaf Dr \$122,000
19901 Silver Spring St \$133,000
30204 Southfield Rd # A223 \$23,000

WHITE LAKE

615 Island Dr \$276,000
9062 Rhyon Rd \$154,000
1394 Waverly Dr \$162,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 28 to May 2, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

43649 Arlington Rd \$194,000
4041 Berkeley Ave \$105,000
43776 Cranford Ave \$190,000
45178 Forest Trail Dr \$218,000
7599 Kingsbridge Rd \$225,000
42897 Lombardy Dr \$215,000
41410 Metaline Dr \$130,000
50145 Monroe St \$156,000
47631 Pembroke Dr \$145,000
1859 Preserve Blvd \$164,000

45339 Remington Ct \$337,000
1696 S Pennfield Ln \$443,000
704 Sorel Dr \$228,000
6536 Weatherfield Way \$281,000
44477 Windmill Dr \$220,000

GARDEN CITY

6070 Cardwell St \$73,000
1540 Garden St \$185,000

LIVONIA

14032 Arcola St \$128,000
36468 Dowling St \$107,000
20446 Hubbard St \$195,000
29127 Lyndon St \$170,000

NORTHVILLE

19541 Cardene Way \$185,000
19128 Northridge Dr \$100,000
42256 Old Bedford Rd \$335,000
19856 Scenic Harbour Dr \$260,000
18025 Stonebrook Dr \$660,000

39749 Village Run Dr \$247,000
PLYMOUTH
713 Blunk St \$512,000
278 Irvin St \$435,000
1251 Ross St \$160,000
9227 Tavistock Dr \$180,000

REDFORD

9560 Berwyn \$81,000
26740 Joy Rd \$15,000

WESTLAND

34332 Algonquin St \$82,000
35767 Castlewood Ct \$77,000
30826 Cooley Blvd \$119,000
950 Easley Dr \$93,000
32300 Grandview Ave \$124,000
32018 Ottawa St \$28,000
113 Surrey Hts \$123,000
32915 Woodworth Ct \$52,000

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.

Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., has announced that attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesdays from Oct. 7-28, from 7-9 p.m. covering Introduction to Suc-

cessful Condominium Operation.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information contact The Meisner Law Group, at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

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.

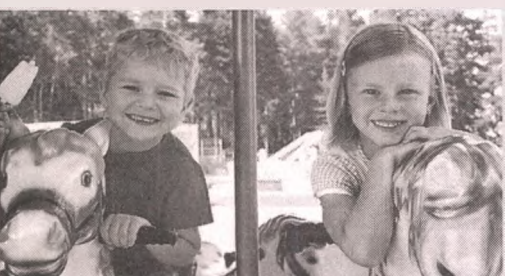
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Garage/Moving Sales

MILFORD - 4 Family Sale!
Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 21-23, 9a-5p. 887 W Maple Rd. Collectibles, birds, turn, pop-up camper. New Christmas decor sporting goods and lots more!

MILFORD: Berwyn On The Park Sub Sale. 3 miles N of I-96 at S. Milford Rd & Buno. Aug. 21-23, 9a-5p. Furniture, household goods, toys, etc.

MILFORD - EVERYTHING MUST GO! Crafts, beads, ect. Thurs. 9a to 5p. Aug. 21st-23rd 845 E. Liberty st.

New Hudson: Annual Yard Sale benefiting the Lyon Township Fire Fighters Association. Thursday, August 21 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Abbey Park at Mill River 28413 Abbey Lane (248)437-6550 tamra@abbeyparkmillriver.com

NEW HUDSON
Kensington Place Annual Community Yard Sale
Aug. 22-24, 9-5pm
60501 Grand River Ave.

NEW HUDSON: Something for everyone! fridge, stove, tables, Diehard cars, Aug. 22nd-24th, 9-7pm. Cash only. 55555 Twelve Mile, btwn. Milford & South Hill.

NEW HUDSON - Fri-Sat 9a-3p
Wide variety of household & office items 59191 Annah Dr off Martindale Rd & Pontiac trail.

NORTHVILLE - EVERYTHING MUST GO! CHEAP! 43475 Scenic Lane, 48167 Aug. 22nd-23rd Fri. & Sat 9A-4P. Lawn Equip. & MORE!

NORTHVILLE - gar./moving
household goods, furniture, table saw, etc. Aug. 22-23, 9-5pm **47104 Red Oak Dr.**

NOVI: 41300 Singh Blvd, 9 Mi & Meadowbrook. Fri-Sat, Aug. 22-23, 9-5. 3 Family - Furn., 2 dining sets, hockey equip, moving & redecorating sale.

Garage/Moving Sales

Northville: LARGE Multi-family sale. Kid's toys, clothes, sports equipment, bikes, fabric, DVDs, VHS, books, home goods, yard items & more. Thurs-Sat 9-4 46055 Bloomcrest Dr. (248)596-0969

NOVI GARAGE SALE:
Aug. 21-22, 9-4. Entertainment center, girl toys, Nerf guns, household clothes, etc. 24723 Fairway Hills Dr.

NOVI: NOVI SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE CREEK CROSSING SUBDIVISION
Fri 8/22 & Sat 8/23 9-4 Grand River & Novi Rd area By intersection of 11 Mile & Clark St

PINCKNEY: S. Splitstone, Multi-family. Furniture, Kids Stuff, Bikes, Miscellaneous household. Aug. 21st - 23rd. 9am to 4pm.

PLYMOUTH: Aug. 21-23, Thurs 12-4, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-12, 399 N. Evergreen St. 1 blk. N/ Penniman, 3 bks. E/Sheldon, (E. on Blanche) Corner of Blanche & Evergreen. Kitchenware, pictures, furniture, books, music CDs, collectibles, home interior, purses/bags, much more!

SALEM TWP: Moving Sale
Aug. 22-24, 10-5. 6442 Curtis Rd., btwn N. Territorial & Brookville.

Southfield: Estate Sale - Fri Aug 22 - Sun Aug 24 9-5
27370 Southfield. Household, Antiques, Appliances, Medical and Exercise equipment, and much more! (248)321-7035

South Lyon: Library Lawn Sale, Sat Aug 23 - 10am-5pm
9800 Pontiac Trail. Books, treasures, adoptable pets & much more! (248)437-6431

SOUTH LYON-MAN SALE 2 - 36 YRS. OF COLLECTING
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Moving Tenpins

ACROSS

1 Hot dog topping

7 A, in Athens

12 Vegetable in a pod

15 Waitress on "Alice"

18 A little faster than largo

19 Cuba's Castro

20 Filled with exalting emotion

23 Table tennis bouncer

25 Overflow mess

26 Like printing-press smudges

27 — i-noor (big diamond)

28 Backbone

30 Calendar box

31 Some glowing rings

33 Santa — (hot California winds)

34 Actor Roger

35 Violated

39 Tubular pasta

40 — cum laude

43 General — chicken (Chinese dish)

44 Post-waking comment

46 Police logs

50 Piano pieces nicknamed "Winter" and "Butterfly," e.g.

56 Dip — in the water

57 Octa- + two

59 Korbut of gymnastics

60 Furniture hardwood

61 Somnifer Nylot tablet

66 Toon Boop

67 Inferior mark

69 "Cincinnati" has three

70 Acey- (great, in slang)

71 Home of the Dream Team

73 Road curve

74 Smart — (wiseacre)

76 Miserly sort

79 Elevated

80 Worker welfare agcy.

82 Sprite or Tab

83 The Stooges, e.g.

86 Judge's explanation

91 From Canada, say

93 "Pay — mind"

94 Hard-boiled crime genre

96 Systems

97 Jail rooms

100 Conifers widely grown as houseplants

106 Et — (plus more)

107 Taj Mahal's town

108 Welles of film

109 Hearing thing

112 1986 Molly Ringwald film

117 Medium's gift

118 Rod on a car

119 Interstate pull-off point

120 Joyrode, e.g.

123 Loan accrual

124 Came to light

125 Narcotic painkiller

126 The Great Lakes' — Canals

127 Enhaloed Fr. woman

128 Uninebriated

129 Confer (on)

DOWN

1 Speedy

2 Minneapolis suburb

3 Tall and lean

4 Rocker Pop

5 Little drink

6 Connect, as peripherals

7 Kabul native

8 Ad — (improvise)

9 Palm Pilots and Droids

10 "SOS!"

11 "That is — ask"

12 Italian sculptor Andrea

13 Boarding a jet

14 Nike rival

15 Wives, in Germany

16 Errand runners

17 Danish seaport

21 Mideast gp.

22 Infamy

24 Relative of "me neither"

29 Brief slumber

31 "I — your disposal"

32 Cpl.'s boss

35 Giant in chips

36 PC "oops" key

37 "I'm an idiot!"

38 GI's hangout

39 With 85-Down, elaborate hoaxes

40 Yuppie deg.

41 Elev.

42 Big zero

45 "Call — taxi"

47 Perfect site

48 Iron-pumping count

49 Zool, or geol.

51 Coral creatures

52 Chicago loc.

53 Dissuaded

54 Downs food

55 "The — the limit"

58 Of Peru's peaks

62 "Oh no, a mouse!"

63 USAF bigwig

64 Wordplay bit

65 Acutely cold

66 "Humbug!"

67 "Matilda" author

68 "Night" writer Wiesel

71 Nullify

72 Surgery reminder

75 Spiced tea with hot milk

76 Chi lead-in

77 Nonneutral particle

78 Group values

80 Ending for buff or bass

81 Most moist and soft

84 Furious state

85 See 39-Down

87 Mil. officers

88 With one flat, musically

89 Winning tic-tac-toe row

90 None at all

92 Govt. agents

95 Old rival of MGM

97 Women's casual pants

98 Seat of Canadian County, Oklahoma

99 Hits with fibs

101 Really fancy

102 Copy Jay-Z

103 Be partial to

104 "This — sudden!"

105 "Can do"

107 Actor Lew

109 One living abroad

110 Justice Samuel

111 Make fresh

113 Paving goop

114 "— afraid of that"

115 Sleuth Wolfe

116 Old TV part

118 Undisturbed

121 Mao — -tung

122 Simian

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P L A N E T M U S E U P O N A R I
T I M E R A L A S K A N K I N G C R A B
S E E D S H E D E N D I N I L E
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Are you a good fit for a small company?

By Robert Half

If you're job hunting, one way to potentially increase your chances of success is to look for a position with a small business.

Many applicants focus their efforts on large companies, because they either are attracted to the idea of working for a household name or believe these companies have more openings. Yet pursuing employment opportunities with smaller companies can be a wise move.

Before you begin sending your resume to every small employer with an opening, however, make sure you'd be a good fit for the company.

Small businesses often have very defined corporate cultures, and working at a mom-and-pop shop can be different than working at a larger company.

The ideal candidates for roles with small businesses often have these traits:

An entrepreneurial mindset

By definition, small and mid-size companies have fewer people to tackle projects, oversee initia-

tives and move things forward. As a result, employees need to be self-starters who can work on their own and think creatively about business solutions.

The ability to collaborate.

It's hard to get any job if you aren't a team player, but in a small business, your ability to work and get along with colleagues is absolutely essential.



The most effective employees can advance their ideas, but not at the expense of working relationships.

In addition, you should possess excellent listening skills and an upbeat personality. When you're working with the same tight-knit group every day, a negative attitude can easily affect the entire team.

A willingness to do it all.

If you're a veteran of a large employer, you're probably accustomed to having someone in IT address your computer issues and asking the department's administrative assistant to order more office supplies. At a small company, however, you may not be able to call upon these same resources. Are you comfortable

attending to all tasks, both large and small? And are you willing to help others who need a hand?

A focus on customer service.

Every client counts for a small business. You'll need strong interpersonal skills to provide great service and ensure customer satisfaction. A small company may not be a place in which you'd thrive if you get annoyed by the small or "irrational" demands of clients.

A passion for the job.

Small employers seek employees who don't merely punch the clock. They want people who show a true interest in and commitment to the bigger picture and understand the correlation

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