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Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra goes to market

Join in on a Taste of Music, a program of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra that includes a small ensemble performance and an Instrument Petting Zoo at the Northville Farmers Market with an ensemble performance at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16.

The market is located corner of Seven Mile and Center Street.

The A2SO Instrument Petting Zoo will be held for the duration of the market. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to try out real violins, cellos, trumpets and clarinets. Child-sized instruments, along with trained "zookeepers," ensure that even the smallest child will have a successful first instrumental experience.

# **City asking voters to override Headlee for more street cash**

Millage funding would only be used for road repair

### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The city of Northville has introduced an ordinance amendment to allow for a Headlee override in the upcoming street millage vote.

The Northville City Council approved the first reading of the proposed amendments to include language in the city ordinance for the "Limitation on the Use of Mills Approved by voters in August 4, 2015, Special Election."

At a special meeting May 11, city council approved placing a street improvement millage request on the Aug. 4 ballot.

The city's streets are mostly in decent condition, but some are not and others are expected to deteriorate even further. Funding is limited at this point and the city is anticipating an annual street improvement need of \$1,337,000 to address all of the issues around the city over the next decade, according to staff.

The current dedicated street millage amount is \$584,000. However, to address all of the needs, the city needs an addi-

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If Northville voters approve a Headlee override in August, the millage funds would only be used for street repairs.



# Another one bites the dust

Township continues work on former hospital site

> By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It will take a lot of time and money, but the buildings on the old Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property will come down. Building 72 is evidence of that.

Building 72 was the old hospi-

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Inge Knoth goes through decades of newspaper clippings highlighting the involvement her late husband Karl had

# Karl Knoth left lasting impact on Fourth of July parade

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

within Northville.

The Fourth of July parade is one of the year's highlights in the Northville community and much of the thanks for this goes to Karl Knoth, who died earlier this year.

"He really embraced this country and loved this community," his wife Inge said. "Making the Fourth of July parade the best it could be was very important to him."

Knoth died in late March, leaving behind his wife and

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COURTESY OF INGE KNOTH

Northville Jaycees Clancy Ely and Karl Knoth (right) at Northville's 1985 Fourth of July parade. Knoth was instrumental in getting the towns holiday parade going and well-attended, beginning in 1962. tal's nurse's quarters, located on the western edge of the property off of Seven Mile Road in Northville Township, which now owns the land. The 19,851square-foot structure was recently torn down.

"There were no unforeseen issues with the abatement or demolition," Northville Township Public Services Director Tom Casari said.

In the last couple of weeks, hired contractor Adamo has been conducting the final grading and cleanup of the site.

The abatement and tear down cost around \$200,000. The township has already taken down a couple of other buildings, including the powerhouse.

The main building still stands; it could cost into the millions to tear down.

"Not sure what is next on the site," Casari said. "We have been looking for funding sources to help continue with the removal process."

The township used accumulated Community Development Block Grant Funds for Building 72, according to Casari. He said new criteria no longer allow communities to accumulate CDBG funds, so it's not a source the township can use in the future.

"We don't receive enough CDBG funding on an annual basis to remove a building. So, we'll keep searching," he said.

Until then, frequent trespassers on to the property will be ticketed and the big building will continue to stand as an eyesore.

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# Food for thought



JULIE YOLLES

A luncheon to benefit the University of Michigan's Food Allergy Center was held recently at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham as local food-safe vendors offered up samples. Northville resident Cassandra Gut and her mother, Nancy Gut, just received a patent for h2oid, reusable ID bands for water bottles. The reusable and adjustable bands are Earth-friendly and made of biodegradable foam. Cassandra developed the bands to prevent cross-contamination from person-to-person. The luncheon brought in \$160,000 for the U-M Food Allergy Center. To find out more about the U-M Food Allergy Center, or to make a donation, go to http://medicine.umich.edu/dept/food-allergy-center.

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# July 4 parade



# HEADLEE

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tional yearly funding amount of \$753,000. In Northville, this

amount equates to 2.25 mills, which would be an increase of \$270 per year for the average homeowner. This is based on the 2014 tax year and a home with a taxable value of \$120,000 (or a true cash value of \$240,000). According to Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan, the resolution approved by council called for the new millage to be used "exclusively to provide funds for road and street improvements."

Sullivan said the approved ballot language would request an override of the Headlee Amendment, a Michigan law that places restrictions on tax increases without voter approval. Under the Headlee Amendment, he said the city's charter tax limitation has been reduced from 20 mills to 15.8345 mills.

A Headlee override would allow the city to levy up to 20 mills, he said. However, Sullivan said a Headlee override cannot specifically designate a purpose for the millage increase.

"Per Section 9.1 of the city's charter, the city charter authorization is a general authorization for the levy of taxes. As such, the Headlee over-

The Northville Community Foundation invites everyone to the annual Independence Day Celebration at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4, as floats, characters, bands, classic and vintage cars, veterans, fire trucks, bikes and even animals make their way through the streets of downtown Northville. This year's theme is American Memories. The route begins at the corner of Griswold and Main streets and continues down Main to Rogers to Cady to Wing to Fairbrook, ending at Center Street. Children 5-12 years old can participate in the bike parade by decorating their bike and going to the northwest parking lot at Seven Mile Road and Center Street by 9:20 a.m. (no need to pre-register). To participate in the pet parade, adults and kids alike can pick up an entry pass at Meadowbrook or Breckenridge Veterinary Clinics and arrive at Northville Downs race track by 9:30 a.m. To volunteer for the festivities, call 248-374-0200. St. Mary Mercy Livonia is the parade sponsor. Meijer, Community Financial Credit Union, Tom Holzer Ford, Aisin World Corp. and Blackwell Ford support the event as well.

> ride question needs to be a general authorization. To ensure that the 2.25 mills is used for street improvements, city council needs to adopt the ordinance requiring its use be restricted to street improvements," Sullivan told council.

This amendment will go back to city council for a second reading July 6 and possible adoption.

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## KNOTH

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three adult children, Frank, Inge and Mark. He was born in Germany in 1930 and immigrated with his wife to the United States in 1957, making their home in Northville after she had been an exchange student here and fell in love with the community.

He worked for the Ford Motor Co. at the Wixom assembly plant from 1957-71. He later joined American Sunroof Corp. in 1971 and remained an executive for 30 years until he retired.

However, it was his involvement with the Northville Jaycees where he made his legacy on the community and its Fourth of July parade. He was urged by other community members to join the Jaycees and he did so because he wanted to have a positive impact on his new home.

His wife said when he first saw the parade, he wasn't necessarily disappointed – he just thought it could and should be better. He first became the parade chairman in 1962 and immediately put his all into making it the best it could be.

That first year it grew. There were a variety of floats, bands (not just one), mounted police from Canada, fireworks and even a young Mitt Romney making an appearance on behalf of his father to speak. It turned out to be at least a mile and a half in length, making it the longest parade to that time.

From that point on, he would act as the parade organizer for many years, always trying to make it a highlight of the year in Northville and establishing its history.

"Northville became our home and the place where we raised our family. The community meant so much to him," his wife said.

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# Let's SWING!

Farmington's weekly dances a big draw for teens, others

### By Aileen Wingblad Staff Writer

When Alexander Steward took over Farmington's weekly swing dances about five years ago, his goal was to grow a solid, community event where people of all ages felt welcomed and had a great time.

Mission accomplished. The 25-year-old Livonia resident is the main guy behind the popular Thursday night events, keeping the music — and the fun — flowing for the 200-plus teens, 20-somethings and others who flock to Riley Park and its Sundquist Pavilion to dance, watch, hang out and otherwise enjoy summertime in downtown Farmington.

"This is probably the biggest year we've had so far," Steward said during the June 18 Swing Farmington dance.

"It's the sense of community. People feel welcomed here, it's a judgment-free environment where you can be yourself and there's no issues.

"And," he added matter-of-factly, "it's fun."

### 'Get groovy with it'

Swing Farmington regular Kali Zurawski, 17, said she started attending last year with friends — when she knew nothing about "swing." These days, though, she's quite comfortable on the



Joe DeLellis and Samantha Szuminski, both 20, attended a recent swing dance.

dance floor.

"I learned it all here," said Kali, a recent Northville High School grad. "You just pick up things or you can pretty much just go up to anybody and ask them (to teach a move). Everybody is really friendly and willing to help you out."

The social aspect is a major bonus, she said, noting that she's made a ton of friends at the weekly events. And she goes to Swing Farmington dances all year long, including during the cold weather months, when they're held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Gill Road in Farmington.

"It's something good

to do outside your house, you meet new people, listen to music. And even if you're not into dancing, there's always someone to talk to," she said. "It's just a lot of fun — something else to do besides sitting around in someone's basement watching TV."

For 15-year-old Nicole Craft of Farmington, the dances are a great place to "hang out, see people you haven't seen in a while."

"And just get groovy with it," she said. "It's clean, safe and worryfree."

Nicole, sitting on the lawn with a group of other teens as the dancing began around them and in the pavilion, said she always runs into people she knows, too. One of them that night was 16-year-old Chase Taivalkoski of Farmington Hills — a friend for about 10 years — who said it was his first time at Swing Farmington.

"I'm not big on dancing, but I like it around here just chilling out ... well, maybe I'll dance," he said, grinning.

A few yards away sat Tracey Schenk — relaxing on a bench, sipping a Starbucks drink and simply taking it all in. Her 14-year-old stepdaughter, Ashleigh, used some convincing words



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Nami Patel (left) and Laila Krijestorac have a blast on the dance floor.

to get the OK to be there, she said.

"All her friends were talking about it and she just had to come," Schenk said.

Schenk was around to supervise, not sure what to expect at first. But what she's discovered, she said, is awesome.

"This is really, really cool. You just look around and see everyone having so much fun," she said. "I wish there had been something like this around when I was (a teenager)."

## Outreach to the community

Steward could probably make a fair amount of coin from Swing Farmington; he's developed a formula for success that appeals to a wide range of people, mostly high school and college age, yet with obviously diverse interests. The range of tunes that trumpet during the three-hour dances is just as wide, harkening from the genre's emergence in the 1930s to present day, all suitable for the swing moves — waist slides, pivots, grapevines and more, as well as the always sassy flip.

And somehow, he's managed to maintain an atmosphere that's both high-energy frenetic and laid-back casual, where the crowd is obviously having a blast but inherently knows nothing more than "PG" is tolerated.

Success, indeed. But for Steward, not the kind of success that lines his pockets. Attendees are asked for a \$1 donation to help defray costs, such as insurance and equipment, and this year he's secured sponsorship from downtown Farmington's Basement Burger Bar.

And with that, he makes it work. But he makes no money from it, he said.

"The goal has always been outreach. Outreach to the community outreach to metro Detroit and beyond.

"It's cool to see it develop and grow ... but it's never been about making money," Steward said. "It's solely a community event, and I feel fortunate and blessed to be part of it."

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# Schoolcraft College asking for millage increase in November

### By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will ask voters in November for a millage increase for residents living in the district, which covers the Livonia, Clarenceville, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and part of Novi school districts.

The college's Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday to ask voters for a 0.6-mill increase starting next summer. If approved, the increase would mean an annual increase of about \$60 on a home worth \$200,000. The millage would expire after 10 years.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said it's become increasingly difficult to sustain programs on tuition and current taxes collected, which have decreased since the recession began seven years ago.

"We finally got to an agreement and decided a regular millage at 0.6 (mills) was the most ideal from the college standpoint, but also for the



FILE PHOTO

Schoolcraft College is requesting a 0.6-mill increase on a ballot proposal set for November.

public," Jeffress said. "Look at what you want to do in the future. The things that people need in the future are costly."

Schoolcraft College has collected significantly less revenue in recent years compared to years prior to 2008, which has had an impact on the college's bottom line, said Brian Broderick, chairman of the college's board.

"Since 2008, funding received through local property taxes has decreased nearly 22 percent," he said in a statement. "Because of the economic downturn beginning in 2008, the decline in property values meant that the college received \$6.3 million less in 2013 than it had in 2008. Adjusted for inflation, that is more than a \$9 million impact."

Schoolcraft College last asked for a millage increase 29 years ago, officials said.

# Affects more than just students

While property values have continued to rebound in western Wayne and western Oakland counties since the recession, Jeffress said because of measures such as the Headlee Amendment, increases are limited and it would take nearly a decade to regain the amount it was before 2008.

The board voted to authorize the millage rate for 2015-16 to be 1.7967 mills, which will bring in more than \$24 million this upcoming year. That amount doesn't included the increase, if approved by voters.

Officials say the increase is needed to continue offering services at top-notch levels for students in areas such as science, technology and engineering programs, as well as area businesses that use the college for training and other purpos-

### es.

Because of that increased community involvement, Jeffress said it made more sense to ask for a millage increase from the community than to just raise tuition significantly on students.

"We've helped local businesses in our areas," he said. "I think you have to have a broader view of who profits when you look at Schoolcraft."

Tuition per credit hour for in-district students this fall is \$96. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$139 a credit hour, while out-of-state and international students will pay \$205 a credit hour.

Without the millage, college officials say capital and technological improvements will be deferred and services for students will be challenged.

The request will be on the Nov. 3 ballot in portions of several communities spanning the three counties in the college's district.

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### **Albion College**

The following local students recently received honors for outstanding achievement at during the 2014-15 year:

Margaux Kabodian was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Kabodian is pursuing a self-designed major and minoring in communication studies. She is the daughter of Armen and Belinda Kabodian of Novi and a graduate of Mercy High School.

**Sydney Martin** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Martin is a firstyear student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Jennifer Martin of Wixom and a graduate of Walled Lake Western

### High School.

Joshua Massab was named an Albion College fellow, an honor given to students named to the dean's list for three consecutive semesters. Massab is majoring in business and organizations and finance. He is the son of Dean and Martha Massab of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

**Christian Pederson** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Pederson is a first-year student at Albion College, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Kent and Pamela Pederson of Novi and a graduate of University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

ON CAMPUS

**Bepin Serraj** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Serraj is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Pashko and Taze Serraj of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

**Taylor Shrader** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Shrader is majoring in business and organizations. She is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Shrader of Novi and a graduate of Mercy High School.

**Sabrina Silvestri** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Silvestri is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Guiseppe and Josephine Silvestri of New Hudson and a graduate of Novi High School.

Jonathan Takeshita was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Takeshita is majoring in music and combined engineering-physics. He is the son of Shinichiro and Kathleen Takeshita of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

**Michael Tolkacz** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Tolkacz graduated in May with a degree in biochemistry and a minor in cell and molecular biology and French. He is the son of Joseph and Nancy Tolkacz of Novi and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

**Xueying Yang** was named to the dean's list for the spring

semester. Yang is majoring in economics and management and minoring in statistics. She is the daughter of Hongyi Yang and Hongmei Li of Tianjin and a graduate of Novi High School.

### University of Wisconsin

The university has recognized two Novi students – Nicole Greenhalgh and Michael Pesendorfer – named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2014-15 academic year. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list , students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

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# W.L. Western players help others live out baseball dreams

Members of the Walled Lake Western High School baseball team volunteered during the recent Miracle League of Michigan games June 21 at the Southfield Municipal Complex. Ten players, three coaches, six parents and five family members represented Walled Lake Western at this event, which aims to give those with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball

"This program provides children who don't participate in sports a chance to not only play, but be a star despite all their physical challenges. It is truly amazing," Western player Noah Christie said.

Each Western player was assigned a Miracle League player to help them participate in baseball-related drills. Miracle League players were able to field, hit and even run the bases. The Western players were on hand to help the Miracle League players and share the game they love with those that need a little extra help to enjoy the game.

"Working with the Miracle League was a fantastic experience. Seeing all the smiles on everyone's face is something I'll never forget," Western player Connor Kin said.

The Miracle League is a charitable organization that provides children with disabilities an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league.

"It was the most amazing thing I have ever been a part of and I am so proud of my team, family and everyone that came out to help," Western baseball coach Mike Larges said. "It was great watching the joy of the Miracle League players and the Western baseball players. Thank you everyone that came out to support these great young athletes."

For more information, go to www.michigan miracle.org or contact Larges at mikelarges@ yahoo.com.



Noah Christie plays catch with a Miracle League player.



Shown are (front, from left) players Dakota Turner and Ben Bruce and (back, from left) Chase Williamson, Zachary Megysi, Joey Bruce, Liam Dooley, Zachary Acero and Connor Kin. Also participating were Noah Christie, Adam Lazich, Bret Heglin and former Western baseball player Nik Heglin.

# Hole-in-one sunk at annual W.L. foundation golf outing

A roar of excitement echoed throughout Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township at the Foundation for Excellence's sixth annual golf scramble June 22, when Sharkey Haddad sunk a hole-in-one to win a 2015 Jeep Renegade Latitude from Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM. That topped off the fundraiser sponsored by more than 30 businesses and attended by more than 130 golfers to

benefit the students and faculty of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

The golf scramble helped raise more than \$22,000.

Haddad of West Bloomfield proudly shared that he was an original foundation board trustee with James Geisler, retired WLCSD superintendent, and said, "Every time you support a good cause, good things happen." This was the first hole-in-one for Haddad.

Bob Shuman of Shuman CDJR and a foundation trustee, also attended outing and shared in the jubilation of Haddad's big win and said, "We are very happy to help our community and think today's hole-in-one is wonderful ."

Haddad's win marks the third time in the 32-year history of the Shuman dealership in which a car has been won through its contest sponsorship.

Over the course of five years, the foundation's golf scrambles have netted a profit of more than \$78,000 to support technology, literacy, leadership and community within the WLCSD. Funds raised are channeled back into the school district annually through its minigrant program. This past school year, 24 grants were awarded totaling \$36,376.20 to benefit the district's 19 schools. During the foundation's tenure more than \$730,000 in grants have been awarded.

Go to the Foundation for Excellence website www.wlcsd.org/ foundation.org or contact its office at 248-956-2116 to learn about programs and opportunities.



Bob Shuman (left) of Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM presents Sharkey Haddad with the 2015 Jeep Renegade Latitude which he won June 22 through the hole-in-one contest at the FFE Golf Scramble.



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Notice is hereby given that HCP Land LLC and MSA Technology Partners 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 part of Parcel ID No. 50-22-01-400-030, located at 13 Mile Road and Haggerty Road, described as follows:

PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 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, 632.02 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE S85°30'21"W, 60.04 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF HAGGERTY ROAD (120' WIDE); THENCE CONTINUING S85°30'21"W, 215.71 FEET; THENCE N02°02'32"W, 467.58 FEET; THENCE S87°57'28"W, 162.89 FEET; THENCE S13°30'29"W, 174.90 FEET; THENCE S41°04'28"W, 75.81 FEET; THENCE S87°29'56"W, 312.43 FEET; THENCE S44°08'59"W, 370.51 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF CABOT DRIVE (60' WIDE); THENCE 179.14 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE ON THE ARC OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 455.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22°33'27", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N25°41 '38"W, 177.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE 165.56 FEET THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 455.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20°50'53", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N47°23'48"W, 164.64 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE 387.27 FEET THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 395.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 54°52'08", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N30°23'12"W, 363.98 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE N02°57'07"W, 476.01 FEET; THENCE N87°02'53"E, 478.00 FEET; THENCE S59°27'20"E, 170.63 FEET; THENCE N87°02'53"E, 69.71 FEET; THENCE S02°57'07"E, 344.50 FEET; THENCE S87°02'53"W, 27.77 FEET, THENCE S02°57'07"E, 203.77 FEET, THENCE 246.05 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 360.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 39°09'34", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS S51°16'46"W, 241.29 FEET; THENCE 117.06 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 250.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°49'44", AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS \$45°06'50"W, 116.00 FEET; THENCE \$58°31'42"W, 86.31 FEET; THENCE S53°01'38"W, 25.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 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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### LOCAL NEWS

# Hunt will miss Silver Springs Elementary

### **By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

After three great vears at Silver Springs Elementary School, Principal Melissa Hunt is leaving.

"It is with great emotion that I write to tell you that my husband and Í will be relocating to the Washington, D.C., area with Ford Motor Company," she wrote via an email blast sent out to the school community. "Although email is not the ideal form of communication for this message, we did not foresee this move and it will result in a change of administration for the 2015-16 school year.

During her tenure at Silver Springs, the culture of learning and leadership at the school has flourished, according to Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

Gallagher said as a result of the collective work of an entire community – staff, together with students, parents and families – Silver Springs



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Silver Springs Elementary School Principal Melissa Hunt gives a high-five to a student as she shares a hug with Taylor Sweidan at the start of the school's kickoff to its Leader in Me rally in 2014.

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passion for education to

tinues to grow.

achieved The Leader in Me Lighthouse status, has strengthened its school improvement processes and has created a culture of student new journey, appreciate empowerment that conthe opportunity we've had to learn from and "We wish Ms. Hunt all with her and know that the powerful work underway at Silver Springs will continue to shine," Gallagher said.

Hunt said it has been a privilege serving the school families and witnessing the transformational changes of Silver Springs as it became the 62nd Leader in Me Lighthouse School due to a process of vision and hard work. She said at Silver Springs they believe every child is capable and is a leader.

"I have been humbled to watch your students grow as leaders and accept challenges with confidence. Our students are incredible and are being provided unique opportunities to develop lifelong leadership tools," Hunt said. "Although I will miss witnessing their upcoming accomplishments, I have no doubt that through our staff's continued dedication and partnership with your family, The Leader in Me process will continue to SOAR' towards our common vision. Great things will continue to happen one leader at a time." She said the school is a

special place and there is a true synergy among the entire school community. Staff provides engaging learning opportunities and is passionate about making sure all students reach their maximum potential, she added.

"Our 2015-16 goals are in place and reflect our continued journey of excellence. Parental support at Silver Springs is a great contributor to reaching our school goals and I appreciate your commitment. It has been an honor being a part of the Silver Springs community and an experience that has left an indelible mark upon me," she said.

Going forward, the district has started the replacement process and expects to fill her position in the next two months. Hunt said she can't leave without one more school-wide hug. There will be a going away celebration at 6 p.m. July 22 at the school.

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# Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary gets a new principal

A strong instructional leader with a solid foundation in best practice teaching, technology integration and collaborative planning has been named principal of Northville Public Schools' Thornton Creek Elementary School.

The Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Jennifer L. Bennett's appointment at its June 23 meeting. She succeeds Alison Epler, who has requested to return to classroom teaching and is anticipated joining the Silver Springs Elementary School staff in the fall.

Bennett, who assumed



where she Bennett most re-

cently served as principal for three years and assistant principal for two years at Custer Elementary School.

"At the heart of my work over the past 14 years is my love for watching students grow and develop into creative and independent thinkers," Bennett said. "I am excited to bring this

Thornton Creek Elementary and Northville Public Schools and look forward to helping to build on the district's strong commitment to 21st century learning that puts students in the forefront of the learning experience. I am eager to work in partnership with the many dedicated teacher leaders, staff, students and families at Thornton Creek to ensure every student has an opportunity to succeed."

In her 14 years with Monroe, Bennett also has served as district social studies consultant, a

teacher for grades 4-6 and as a K-8 technology media specialist. In addition, Bennett has extensive experience in professional development at the school, district, state and national levels. In her roles as principal, assistant principal, consultant and teacher leader, she has used her ability to act as a change agent to positively impact student learning. Bennett also has extensive experience in technology integration in the learning process including working with classroom teachers and students to create digital portfolios.

"Jennifer Bennett is a forward thinking educator with vast experience in teaching, facilitating professional learning communities and actively engaging students, staff and the community in the school improvement process, all with the goal of ensuring success for all students in the 21st century world," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "Jennifer is a compassionate and skilled leader who will continue to build on the collaborative school community and positive culture that already exists among the stu-

dents, teachers, staff and families at Thornton Creek. We are fortunate to have Jennifer joining our administrative team.

Bennett has a bachelor's degree in language arts (K-8) and elementary education (K-5) and a master's in education from Siena Heights University.

She has her state of Michigan K-12 School Administrator Certification from Eastern Michigan University.

Bennett lives in Monroe with her husband Steve and their three children: Reganne, 10, Brendon, 9, and Colin, 7.

# Hillside students Skype with author

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

It was a first for Hill-

a web camera with sixthgraders to talk about her a memoir about her Jewish family's story of living in Romania after the novel, Esperanza Rising. Holocaust and trying to Sixth-grader language get to the U.S. and literature teacher Meaghan Monk said the This is a novel many of the students read as part visit was a great way for of an interdisciplinary the students to able to unit, including social learn even more by quesstudies and English classtioning the author. "It is very rare that es. They explored their own culture/heritage and did presentations and

many other fun things in this six-week unit while reading Molnar's novel as well as another selected



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side Middle School students Skyping with an author whose book they read as part of their International Baccalaureate and Common Core curriculum.

Haya Leah Molnar, the author of Under a Red Sky, sat down late last month for a Q&A through

### **City of Novi Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Construction Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mayors Conference Room, Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375 to consider: **ROBERTSON CHARNETH FEN (CASE NO. PCB15-**0003),ROBERTSON CHARNETH FEN, L.L.C., 28577,

28585, & 28593 MELANIE LANE, PARCELS #: 50-22-10-426-040, 041, & 042

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 11-216 (e) (8), to allow construction of an existing driveway slope as follows; Bldg. 1, Unit 30 driveway slope of approximately 10.5 %.; Bldg. 1, Unit 31 driveway slope of approximately 11.5 %.; & Bldg. 1, Unit 32 driveway slope of approximately 11.2 %.

Publish: July 2, 2015

students, today, get to meet the authors of the books they are reading, especially when they are biographies and memoirs," Monk said.

Molnar said she was honored to be part of this learning effort.

"I'm touched that my book sparked so many thoughts and questions," she said.

She encouraged the students to read, write and create what they feel.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to modify Section 15.02 of the Zoning Ordinance that describes how front yard average setbacks are calculated for residential buildings in the R-1A and R-1B zoning districts. The proposed language will eliminate the multiplier, add one foot to the front yard average setback, and clarify how the average is determined.

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The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on July 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes.

The complete text of the draft ordinance amendment may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

CRAIG STRONG, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK Published: July 2, 2015

### **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 21, 2015

In accordance with PA 44 of 2010 and PA 276 of 2012, all city level candidate filing deadlines are now governed under State law. The Public Acts supersede the City of Northville's Code of Ordinances and City Charter deadlines for filing for local office. As such, the Code of Ordinances and City Charter's language pertaining to the deadline to file nominating petitions for Mayor and City Council is no longer applicable.

Per Michigan election law amendments, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 3, 2015 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., July 21, 2015. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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### Schoolcraft bachelor's degree receives approval

The Higher Learning Commission has made it official - Schoolcraft College will begin offering a bachelor's degree for the first time in its history. College officials recently received word from the HLC that its new program was approved. The bachelor of science in culinary and dietary operations management will be available to qualified applicants starting in August 2015.

The culinary and dietary operations management program is designed for experienced culinary students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree that will lead to positions of increasing responsibility in culinary and dietary operations. This degree program combines business and science courses to provide the culinarian with knowledge and expertise in management, food science and nutrition. Completion of the degree requirements will also help students prepare to successfully complete exams for the Certified Dietary Manager credential from the Association of Nutrition and Food Service Professionals, an important credential for students interested in food service operations.

Prospective students can find more information at www.schoolcraft.edu/major/culinaryarts and are encouraged to confer with a Schoolcraft College counselor or adviser to discuss admissions requirements.

### Host families needed in Novi

Novi School District participates through Oakland Schools in a Foreign Exchange Program with Educatius International for a select group of international students to join Novi

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

High School for the 2015-16 school year. There is a need of host families for these students that can provide a private room, three meals a day and a supportive home environment.

To ensure that this initiative is a success, **Educatius International** is providing a monthly stipend to host families to offset the costs for hosting international student(s) into your home; depending on how many students, a referral bonus of \$100 to any individual that refers a family that hosts; an orientation program for the international students, host families and the school; access to a local residential coordinator who will be available 24 hours a day; support as needed from Educatius International staff; and 24/7 emergency line.

Contact Melanie Smith at Melanie.smith@ educatius.org or 602-820-6642 or Susan Reinhardt at susan.reinhardt@ educatius.org or 312-206-8749 for more information.

### Summer C.A.M.P.

Students entering grades second through fourth this fall will celebrate their writing skills through writers' workshop mini-lessons, mentor text investigations and will utilize a writer's notebook to collect author's craft techniques and learn strategies for more structured writing tasks that may be used in assessment.

C.A.M.P. (Creative Authors Meeting Place) will be team taught by credentialed Novi teachers. These teachers are committed to providing an exciting, challenging and rewarding learning experience for all participants.

Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Aug. 10-14, at Orchard Hills Media Center. The fees are \$159 resident; \$164 non-resident. Make checks payable to Novi Community Education. Register online at www.novicommunityed.org.

### Cheer clinic

The Novi varsity cheerleaders are hosting a three-day cheer clinic for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **July 13-15** at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive.

Learn chants, gymnastics, stunts, dance, stretches, jumps and flexibility. T-shirts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but are not included in the price of the clinic. The fee \$100 for all three days (includes lunches and snacks; pizza first and third day, Subway second day).

To register, go to http://www.novi. k12.mi.us/ and click the Athletics tab; select Sports Camp for the Summer Cheer Clinic link. Email coach Ashley Karinen with any questions: AKarinen07@gmail.com.

### WLCSD offers summer meal program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program through Friday, Aug. 21 (except July 3). This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults ages 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physicallv disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency.

Breakfast will be served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail.

For more information,

## **Together again**



Five members of the Novi High School Class of 2011 recently graduated from Kalamazoo College: (from left) Alan Mencer, Madeline Sinkovich, Lauren Drew, Sean Bolourchi and Ben Abreu.

call 248-956-3080.

### Northville accepting kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at http:// www.northvilleschools.org/node/584.

# Developmentally delayed students

If you have a child that will be under the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2015-16 school year and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays, call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

### Preschool programs

Northville Public Schools is currently assessing the need within the community for a no-cost or reduced-cost preschool program. Recruitment has begun for a preschool program to be funded through the Great Start Readiness Program. The district is recruiting 4-year-old children for a state-funded preschool class it hopes to offer in the fall. Income eligibility and admission criteria applies.

See the website link at www.earlychildhood. northvilleschools.org for more information.

# Novi kindergarten roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300.

### Novi offering Great Start Readiness Program

The Novi Community Education Preschool will again be offering the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting in September.

To qualify for this state funded program, children must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and meet two of seven criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation. The all-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and follow the Novi School District calendar.

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### LOCAL NEWS



This car crashed late night June 23 into a ravine off of Griswold Road.

# Two hurt in Northville automobile accident

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Two people were knocked unconscious and laid in a ravine outside of downtown Northville for eight hours after their car crashed late June 23.

According to Northville Township Police, at 6:35 a.m. June 24, the Northville Township Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a female who stated that she had been involved in an accident sometime during the night. Officers located the caller and a male passenger in the area of Eight Mile and Griswold roads

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth said their vehicle left the roadway in a heavily wooded area and struck a tree.

Police said the 40year-old male passenger from Ferndale was unresponsive at the scene and was immediately airlifted to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. The 40-year-old female driver from Northville was transported to Botsford Hospital by Northville Township Fire Department.

The two people involved have not been named by police at this time.

Werth said the acci-

dent investigation is ongoing by officers from the Northville Township Police Department and Michigan State Police.

"There is evidence to believe that alcohol was a factor in this crash,' Werth said.

As of June 25, the female driver was still in Botsford Hospital, but may be released at any time. The man is still in St. Joseph Hospital in serious condition, but is expected to survive his injuries, according to police.

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# Police seek hit-and-run driver who struck bicyclist

The Northville Township Police need help finding a hit-and-run perpetrator.

At approximately 5:15 p.m. June 26, the Northville Township police and fire departments responded to a bicyclist who had been struck by a vehicle in the area of Cross Road and Six Mile Road, near the entrance to the Barnes & Noble

bookstore

According to Northville Township Police, the vehicle involved in the incident was described by witnesses as a black Ford Edge, which fled the scene through the shopping center parking lot. The vehicle should have damage in the area of the driver's door. The bicyclist was

transported to St. Mary's

Hospital in Livonia, with serious but non-lifethreatening injuries.

The Northville Township Police Detective Bureau is seeking assistance in identifying the vehicle and driver related to this incident.

Anyone with any information can reach the police at 248-349-9400 or stop by the station at 41600 Six Mile Road.

his shorts onto the

ground. The police report identified it as heroin and

a needle was later found

in the car. Some prescrip-

tion pills were also found

on the man. The woman

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A Novi resident's Siri-

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parked outside her resi-

dence on Pheasant Run.

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– By Lonnie Huhman

board.

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Police said it appeared as

if the GPS/radio had been

the apartment complex

The woman reported

from her car while

was later able to talk

man had injected her

with the drug.

**GPS** stolen

### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

### **Thong stolen**

Two women were arrested by Novi Police for pocketing a handful of items, including thong underwear and a push-up bra, without paying for them at the JC Penney store.

The attempted thefts happened May 28. The suspects were spotted on camera by store security grabbing items like jewelry and clothing and then entering a fitting room. They reportedly exited the room, but the items were not left behind and not visible in their hands.

Store security stopped them as they left the store, with the items later found in their purses.

### Cash stolen

A woman had \$1,000 in cash stolen from her vehicle while it was parked outside Twelve Oaks Mall The woman told Novi

Police that May 22 she

parked outside Nordstrom's and left the cash hidden under some papers on the seat. She was not sure if she had locked the doors and police reported to sign of forced entry. The mall security cameras did not capture the theft, so there is no

### **Heroin possession**

A man was arrested for heroin possession after Novi Police responded to Rotary Park and then sent for medical help for a possible over-

Novi Police reported that May 22 they were called about a suspicious car parked at park on Ashbury Drive. Police made contact with two people, a male driver and female passenger. The man responded to questions, but the woman was non-responsive. The man said she may have used heroin, so the police called for medical help. As the man exited the

car, a baggie fell out of

### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Speeding leads to arrest

A Southfield woman was arrested on a felony warrant after being stopped by Northville City Police for driving too fast June 15 at North Center and Randolph streets. Police clocked the 28-year-old woman going 43 mph in a 25 zone. She did not have a valid license and, after a background check, it was revealed that she had a warrant out for her arrest.

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drunk, so he was asked to had left work at all that step out of the vehicle for day, which he reportedly did. Police also found field sobriety tests. During the tests, he had troudamage on the man's car ble counting. He refused fitting that of a rear-end a preliminary breathalyzcrash. The man also had a misdemeanor warrant er test and was was arrested on suspicion of out for his arrest.

### Drunken accident

A Howell man was arrested for drunken driving after getting into an accident with a semitruck at the entrance of the Meijer store at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. The incident happened June 23 during a rain storm. Novi Police initially responded to the scene, but Northville Township Police quickly arrived thereafter to find the man's car blocking an entrance. Police reported smelling marijuana on the man, as well as alcohol on his breath. He was arrested after his preliminary breathalyzer registered a 0.10 percent blood-alcohol content.



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### **Drunken driving**

A customer at a downtown Northville eatery called police to report a drunken man leaving the location June 23 and driving away. Northville City Police

caught up with a Novi man fitting the description and stopped him after observing him speeding at Wing and Cady streets. The police reported the man was exhibiting signs of being accident and driving on a suspended license.

**Crash leads to arrest** 

A Dearborn Heights

man was arrested for

leaving the scene of an

drunken driving.

A woman reported to the Northville Township Police that June 26 she had been rear ended on Haggerty Road by a car that quickly left the scene after passing her. She snapped a photo of the license plate of the car. Police were able to trace the car to a residence in Dearborn Heights, but the 25-yearold man denied being involved with the accident and said he had been at work during that day.

A follow-up by police had them asking the man's supervisor if he

– By Lonnie Huhman

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# **Rusty Bucket opens at Northville Park Place**

The third location of the popular Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern in Michigan and the 18th in the country opened this past week in Northville.

'We are excited to open our third Rusty Bucket location and further expand our roots in the Michigan community," said Gary Callicoat, president and founder of Rusty Bucket. "We've become a true 'meet you there' neighborhood restaurant and our team can't wait to develop relationships with more guests and make regulars out of business leaders, community members and families."

Proceeds of \$1,668 from Rusty Bucket's grand opening are benefiting the Northville **Educational Foundation** to support enrichment programs for Northville students.

Rusty Bucket's Northville Park Place location is 4,970 square feet, with seating for more than 60 guests in the main dining room and a bar area, which seats 54 guests. There is also a private



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Rusty Bucket executive chef Nate Macheske (left) teams with cook Dan Duwerkerk on the grill at the chain's newest location at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

dining room, which can accommodate up to 24 guests. The restaurant also has a patio with a stonewall fireplace, which seats 62 guests

and features garage-style doors that open to the dining room for an openair ambiance.

The restaurant delivers familiar favorites as a classic chef-driven American restaurant and tavern. Serving every dish with fresh ingredients, Rusty Bucket offers guests comfort food like



A Rusty Bucket cheeseburger with grilled onions, melted

cheese is paired with herb-flavored fries.

Lunch and dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through

Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Happy hour specials can also be enjoyed in the bar area 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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It's located at 18785 Traditions Drive, which is at the corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile roads.

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### Ponder honored

Northville resident Dan Ponder, CEO of **Detroit-based Franco** Public Relations Group, was recognized as Michigan State University Broad College of Business Executive MBA Program's Alumni of the Decade.

The Alumni of the Decade honor is bestowed upon distinguished alumni who have made a significant and lasting impact on the program, their industry or in their communities. Ponder was one of 10 alumni from throughout the MBA program's 50year history to be recog-



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tion Foundation with the Corporate Hero Award for his support of Metro Detroit Youth Day and was named one of 2015's Most Valuable Professionals by Corp! magazine for his leading work at Franco.

Ponder is a driving force behind Franco's business development and operations. He has also dedicated his time

### and talents to a number of civic and charitable causes over the years, including the Detroit Regional Chamber, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, St. John Providence Health System, Crime Stoppers of Division and the U.S. Army-SE MI Advisory

Ponder holds a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University and an executive MBA from MSU's Broad College of Business.

He and his wife Cathy reside in Northville.



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**Blues @ The Elks** 

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**Bizarre Bazaar** 

### Miss Novi Teen USA

Miss Novi Teen USA, Jasmina Cunmulaj of Novi, will compete for



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The winner will be announced claiming the title and prize list which includes, travel, wardrobe, college scholarships and, most importantly, the honor to represent the state of Michigan in the Miss Teen USA pageant, which is scheduled to take place in summer 2016.

### Werth to lead association

John Werth, Northville Township's director of public safety, will be sworn in as the 89th president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

The MACP was founded in 1924; it is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors representing all geographical areas of the state. The purpose of the association is to advance the science and art of police administration and crime prevention.

Werth's election demonstrates his tremendous commitment and adherence to the highest professional standards within the police profession. He will lead more than 1,000 law enforcement executives representing municipal, township and state agencies.

### **Garden Walk**

The annual Garden Walk, hosted by the Country Garden Club of Northville, will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. Proceeds from this major fundraising event will go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to scholarships for local high school seniors who will be going into college science careers. Seven private gardens in and around Northville city and township will be featured this year. The club has maintained ticket prices at \$10 once again and that includes the options to experience a garden market, live music, a member plant sale and a stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill Race Village in downtown Northville (215 Griswold Street).

tickets are currently available at Gardenviews Garden Gallery (117 E. Main Street; 248-330-8881), and can also be purchased the day of the walk at the Mill Race Village gate.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Palette & Brush Club display

City of Novi Parks, **Recreation and Cultural** Services presents the works of the Palette & Brush Club in the Novi **Civic Center Atrium** Gallery, 45175 10 Mile Road, through July 31. More than 20 metro Detroit artists will display their pieces, ranging from oil and watercolor to glass and mixed media as part of the exhibit. Pieces from the exhibit will be available for purchase through the Novi Parks' office.

For more information about the upcoming show, contact Rochelle Vallance, recreation supervisor-cultural arts, at 248-347-0509.

### NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

In its second season, the NoviParksRX program promotes healthy, active lifestyles for community members and visitors by allowing health care and recreation professionals to write a "prescription" for activities in Novi's parks and on the Providence Park Hospital Campus. The city of Novi Parks, **Recreation and Cultural** Services Department has partnered with St. John Providence Health System to offer the program through Sept. 30.

Prescriptions include swimming or biking at Lakeshore Park; climbing on the playground at Rotary Park; fishing at Pavilion Shore Park; biking, running or walking on the Providence Park Hospital Campus; and many more. Prescriptions are provided at Novi Parks programs, in the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center and at the Providence Park Hospital main lobby information desk. Additionally, a select number of Providence Park Hospital physicians are issuing the activity prescriptions.

Road at Wixom Road). Market.

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to www.novichoralalires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

### Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (4517510 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. For more information. call 248-347-0414.

### **Northville Farmers** Market

Bright colors, summer smells and delicious treats are all part of the Northville Farmers Market with more than 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants and flowers available for purchase each Thursday through the end of October.

The market is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street and is open rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free parking.

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

### **Novi Farmers** Markets

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm are partnering to host two farmers markets per week at two locations.

The Novi All Seasons Market (formerly the

## **Camp Invention**



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Carson Lloyd, 9, displays his invention, a robot dog that dispenses medication, during the finale of the week-long Camp Invention gathering at Novi Middle School.



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Amelia Maresh, 6, is pulled around the Novi Middle School gym by Colin Lloyd, also 6, on a sled they and their fellow Camp Invention campers created during a week-long session that ended June 26. The young inventors got the chance to create things using scavenged electronic devices, electrical wire, rolls of duct tape and hundreds of other donated spare parts.

recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such as kitchen ware and tools. Residents who live in

communities not serviced by the Simple Re-

cycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRA-SOC website at www.rrrasoc.org.



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### Shredding Days

Shredding is available from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River Avenue. The fee for Novi residents is \$5 up to 300 pounds.

### Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 season, September through December, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15 in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile

Novi Farmers Market) will take place on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 24 at the Novi Civic Center Campus (45175 10 Mile Road).

The mid-week market at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm will be 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 21. The farm is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

For more information regarding the Novi All Seasons Market, vendor or sponsor opportunities call 248-347-0588, email rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org or go to facebook.com/NoviFarmers-

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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, July 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider <u>MAGNA SEATING OF AMERICA, SITE PLAN NUMBER</u> 15-46, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLANDS PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 1 NORTH OF THIRTEEN MILE ROAD AND EAST SIDE OF CABOT **DRIVE.** The subject property is approximately 11.68 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct a 3-story office building, consisting of 130,000 square foot office space, 35,000 square foot laboratory space and 15,000 high bay space and associated site improvements to house Magna Seating headquarters.



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, July 8 2015

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary Published: July 2, 2015

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**Christian Fellowship** 

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi

**Dominion Church** 

Location: P.O. Box 605. Novi

Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.

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**Emmanuel Lutheran** 

Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

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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

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org **Celebrate Recovery** 

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday 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, Novi Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule: 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

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday Web: www.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.

Vacation Bible School: Fun Run! 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24. Parents in the Novi community as well as throughout metro Detroit are encouraged to bring their children from ages 5 years through completion of sixth grade.For more information or to pre-register, you may call

**Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Monday --"WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday -- "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

### Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 Web: www.faithcommunitynovi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday -"Christianity - The First Three Centuries" Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

VBS: Aug.10-14

### **First Baptist Church** of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-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. Tuesday Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

### **First Church of the** Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 Web: www,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.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

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

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study - the Books of Ruth and Esther

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifthand sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age

Sunday Services: 9:30 (classic) and 11 a.m. (contemporary) Sunday School: 9:30 and 11

a.m.

**Children and Teen Sunday** Worship at 11 a.m. Summer FAMILY VBS: July 7-9; register at www.dfcnazarene-

.org Bible Study: Thursdays at 6 a.m. -- Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study; and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (through the summer) in

Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church

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

### **Grace Immanuel Bible Church**

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Pastor: Charles Sexton Contact: 248-344-4465

### **Holy Cross Episcopal**

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com Web: www.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

### Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

### Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

### Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Web: 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.

### Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 Web: www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.

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 and community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind: 248-790-6075: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com Web: www.novijewishcenter-.com

### Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-2652 Web: www.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

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

### **OakPointe 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

### **Oakland Baptist** Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi

Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptistnovi.ora

### **Orchard Grove Community Church**

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-926-6584 Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Author Donald Miller speaking: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Nationally known author Donald Miller will be the featured speaker at both services. Miller authored several New York Times bestsellers, including "Blue Like Jazz", "A Million Miles in a



Nancy L. Oliver, age 82, longresident of Northville, time passed away peacefully June 24, 2015. She was born March 15, 1933 in Bellaire, Ohio, to Darrell and Katherine (nee McClain) Beveridge. While in school, she was always an honor student and was captain of the basketball team. Nan received a Bachelor of Arts from Bethany College in West Virginia, graduating with a double major in Biology and Physical Education. She was an employee with Northville Public Schools for many years; most of her career was spent as the secretary to the Principal of Northville High School. Nan was a member of First United Methodist Church in Northville. She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed playing in multiple groups in Northville. She also enjoyed music. Nan, a supporter of the Diane Fossey Gorilla Fund International, traveled to Africa on a three week safari and gorilla trek. One of her favorite places to visit and spend time was Leelanau Peninsula. She loved dogs; one of her hobbies included trimming dogs for the Westminster Dog Show. She always had a positive attitude, a wonderful sense of humor, and a dry wit. Nan had a great sense of adventure and was always willing to try new things. She cherished the time she spent with her family and her experiences with them were always grand; she appreciated each day as a true blessing. Her daughters describe her as a kind, compassionate, patient, fun, strong, confident, optimistic, intelligent woman who had high standards and did everything well. Nan is survived by her loving daughters, Lynne (Greg) Gochanour, Leslie (Scott) Stoner, and Lauren (Scott) Dayton; and her grandchildren, Cooper, Cameron, Colin, Kyle, Amanda, and Alyssa. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Joyce Kady. A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Rev. Monica William from First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated the service. Ms. Oliver was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Arthritis Foundation, 1050 Wilshire Drive, Ste. 302, Troy, MI 48084 or American Heart Association 40 Oak Hollow St., Ste. 200, Southfield, MI 48033.



### **CRAMER, DANIEL L.**

Age 65, passed away peacefully on Saturday the 20th of June, 2015 in

the loving care of his family. Daniel was the loving husband of Linda (Fawcett) Cramer; father of Evan Cramer and Elaine Cramer. Besides his immediate family, Dan is survived by his brother, Michael (Dulce Ramos) Cramer of San Francisco; sister Virginia (Edward) Virt of Summerfield, Virginia Florida; brothers-in-law David (Gayle) Fawcett of West Bloomfield, MI, Kim (Diana Huang) Fawcett of Chicago, Illinois; and sister-in-law Janis (Timothy) Casai of Bloomfield Hills, MI. He is also survived by

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### **BREVIK, JOHN**

64, of Northville left this earth to back home to God on June 22, 2015. It is now time to say, see you later and to wish him well on this new journey with God. He was a practicing Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. John was born Feb 27, 1951. He grew up in Detroit and moved with his parents to Northville in the 1950s where he has since resided. He was an avid classic car lover and would frequently tell stories of racing his Chevy Nova on the drag strips. John was also famously known for his dry humor, witty one liners, and paying it forward. His face would light up every time he would see his grandkids and family. He was preceded in death by his parents Merton and Cecelia Brevik. He is survived by his loving wife, Jeannette (nee Marino) Brevik; his children, Erica Brevik and Eric (Erin) Brevik II; his grandchil-dren, Maia and Nathaniel; his sister Joan Ward; his niece Christina (Russ) Kennedy; and other loving family many members and friends. A funeral mass was held Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to National The Parkinson Foundation and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. www.parkinson.org www.a fsp.org Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



### **OLIVER, NANCY LEE**

### WATERS, **DOUGLAS R.**

Age 77, formerly of Salem Twp., passed away June 28, 2015. He was born on February 9, 1938 in Dearborn, son of the late Jesse Flora Waters. Douglas loved being outdoors and for many years had a small farm in Salem Township. He loved to hunt and never passed up the chance to go fishing. Douglas was a gifted gardener and enjoyed canning vegetables that grew in his garden. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Beverly; his loving children: Lisa Waters, Christine Waters and Daniel (Michelle) Waters; his brother Gill (Sue) Waters; and his sister, Nancy (Tim) Southwick. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews and many loving extended family members. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 1 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FUNERAL PHILLIPS HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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### FREDERICKS, **ROBERT ERIC**

Age 56, passed away June 26, 2015. He is survived by his wife Suzanne, his children: Erik. Jennifer, Jessica and Jack; his granddaughter Zoe and brothers: Tom, Jim and Ron. He is preceded in death by his parents Arnold and Adeline. A memorial gathering will take place on Friday, July 3rd from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Robert's name to Sarcomafighters.org. Please visit www.phillipsfuneral.com to leave a special memory or story of Robert.

many nieces, nephews, and friends. Memorial service and interment of ashes will take place on July 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford, Holly. Donations may be made to the veterans organization of your choice. For further information please call, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirector s.com.

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### CHAPMAN, JEANNE "HONEY"

A longtime resident of Milford passed away in the loving care of her family on June 26, 2015 at the age of 95. Honey was preceded in death by her beloved "Wilf" Wilfrid husband, Chapman; her daughter, Marian Woith and son, Lee Cunningham. Chapman Lee Richard Honey is survived by her son, Charles William (Cherie) Chapman and daughter, Pamela Rae Chapman (Michael) Polcyn; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren and one on the way! She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Shultz. Funeral Service was held from St. George Episcopal Church, Milford with burial at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials encouraged to: Hospice of Michigan. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit

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### SCHRAMKE, ROBERT

BOB "DOC" SCHRAMKE Age 81, June 22, 2015. Beloved husband of Elaine for 61 and half years. Dear father of Roni (Bob) Travis and the late Jane Popeney and Judy Zammit. Proud grand-father of David, Kelly, Erik and Benjamin. Great- grandfather of Dylan and Robert. Dr. Schramke was the principal at Redford Union High School for 21 years. Arrangements entrusted to the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Services were held on June St. Genevieve-St 26th at Maurice, Livonia. Interment Sepulchre Cemetery. Holy Donations in memory of Bob can be made to St Jude Childrens Hospital. www.stjude.org



### SORONEN, DOROTHY J.

Age 91 of Plymouth, June 23, 2015. Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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### **Everest Vacation Bible**

School: Family VBS is about kids and their grownups experiencing God's Power together. Children must be registered with at least one adult who will accompany them on this adventure. A preschool experience is offered for 2- and 3-year-olds. Childcare is available for children under 2 years. Little ones are also welcome to stay with their families in the main event. Times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 7-9; doors open at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required at www.dfcnazarene.org/kidventure. Attendance will be capped to maximize the experience for participants. The first 20 get a free Everest sound track.

### **First Free Will Baptist Church**

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: 248-348-2380

### **First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville Contact: 248-349-0911 Web: 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 Street, 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 Web: www.fumcnorthville.org.

### Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: 810-599-7392 Web: www.FrankTurner.org Wednesday 7 p.m.

### Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

Web: www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Vacation Bible School: Come to Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School -- an exciting celebration of God's love filled with amazing Bible stories, exciting games, wonderful crafts, tasty snacks and toe-tapping music. VBS runs from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, July 12 through Thursday, July 16. Sign up today by calling 248-348-7757 or email cfoster@mbccc.org. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

### **Memorial Church of** Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia Minister: Mark McGilvrey Web: www.5milechurch.org Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

### NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

### Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030 Web: www.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.

Thousand Years", and "Scary Close." He co-wrote the major motion picture "Blue Like Jazz", which was listed by USA Today as one of the top movies to help incoming college students get through their freshman year.

### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic** Church

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

### **Our Lady of Victory**

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 Web: www.olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

### **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.

### **Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 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

### Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 Web: www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

### **Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190. ext. 16 Web: www.stjohnsplymouth-.org

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# **CHURCH**

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### **Praise Baptist** Church

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

### **Prince of Peace** Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Phone: 248-553-3380 Web:

www.princeofpeacefhills.org Fall Support Groups: Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer

### strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to preregister or for more information.

### **Fine Arts Camp/Vacation**

Bible School: for ages 3 (pottytrained) through 12, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 6-10; music, art, and Bible time around the theme of "God's SUPER Heroes." Registration forms (with fees listed) are now available on-line at www.princeofpeacefhills.org or by calling the church office. **Third Annual Classic Car** Show: noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Enjoy a large variety of vintage cars, doo wop music, refreshments, and 50/50 raffle The registration form to register a classic car or truck is now available on the church website. Admission is free; proceeds will support Another Way Pregnancy Center. Please contact Ron Donoghue at 248-892-7201 for more information.

### **Book-Face**



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With the help of Madeleine Grossi, 14, (left), Hailey Gross has her photo taken June 19 as part of the Northville District Library's Book-Face craft day. Readers took their favorite books and blended their faces into the cover illustrations. Teen Services librarian Suzanne Schimanski-Gross then had the photos printed onto T-shirts for the young readers. The photographer is library employee Lisa Bachman.

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44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 A "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

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

### ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374

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# **OPINION**

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

### **OUR VIEW**

# **Remind your neighbors to lock doors, hide goods**

There are plenty of seasonal stories running in this newspaper. Whether it's covering the various parades through downtown, summer sports or the schedule of events for the next festival.

Not everything, however, is something to look forward to.

We've published several stories this spring of missing wallets and purses, cellphones and laptops, loose change and more. It's happened near downtown and in subdivisions. Even along the dirt roads crisscrossing the community, you're not completely immune.

Reports of thefts from cars climb with the temperature. With spring, there's a jump in police reports. As June arrives and school lets out for the summer, the larcenies come in fits and waves.

Stealing from cars is easy. Anyone can do it (although we have our doubts people reading this would actually do so). It's quick and windows on all four sides reveal to a would-be



An easy way to dissuade would-be thieves is to lock your car doors

thief just what potential fortune waits inside.

Sometimes the culprits are drug users looking for anything to sell to get their next fix. Other times, it's juveniles rebelling or just plain bored. There's not one set profile for the suspect, but usually there are similarities in the circumstances.

It appears those unlawfully

taking items from cars in the area are opportunists. Police officers and sheriff's deputies aren't noting on the police reports that the suspect broke a window to gain access. The car was left unlocked - sometimes on the street, but usually parked on the driveway.

Most would-be criminals are looking for the easy target. A locked door usually is deterrent enough. Why risk breaking a window and having someone hear that distinctive sound and coming out to investigate? Better off to move along to see if that next car poses a better opportunity to take quietly what you want.

"People going into un-locked cars is nothing new," Oakland County Sheriff's Sgt. Matt Snyder said. "Don't keep your valuables in the car and keep your car doors locked and your garage door closed at night."

Pretty simple advice. And obvious, we think. But, unfortunately, people aren't taking heed, as we continue to see similar reports.

We're sure you already double-check to make sure your car doors are locked and garage door is closed before you go to bed. But do us a favor. Ask your neighbors to do the same thing. And remind them a week later. After all, they might not have the common sense you do. Or the memory to do it every day.

And while you're at it, suggest they pull out the golf clubs sitting on the back seat or remove the GPS affixed to the front windshield. Or anything else of value like a wallet, purse, cellphone or laptop commonly left out in the open. Those things can also encourage such crimes now and in the future. It's a non-verbal indication homeowners consider the street or neighborhood safe and that more unlawful opportunities may be a drive-

way or two away. Luckily, we live in safe communities, which allows more time to worry about the small stuff. No one wants that to change.

Preventing theft is good for neighborhoods. It helps reduce insurance rates, builds home values and enforces the sense of community. You should be keeping an eye on your neighbors' homes - and they yours - in case anything appears to be amiss. And if something is wrong, make sure you call 9-1-1.

### LETTERS

### Gas station could've been improved

Last year, I had a client that was in negotiations to buy the Asher's CITGO gas station. He is a Northville resident who wanted to make a positive contribution to the community. He owned many businesses and did not need to have this business for any form of income, he just wanted to plant roots in the town he was now living in. His intentions were to try to keep the business as close to the original as possible, ride the coat tails of Mr. Asher's legacy, but also cater more to the surrounding neighborhood. He talked about having his kids work there, sharing in the history of Northville. He proposed to change very little, but modify the building to accommodate a small convenient store, along with the original gas and repair services

Going through the planning process, we put together all the required plans, paperwork and fees to get this project into the city for site plan approval. Upon public notice of our plans, there was nothing but backlash that was insolent and just short of discriminating My client pulled the plug on his plans, feeling he could never get through the gauntlet of heretics. We all know who was the leader most vocal of this proposal. Well, I hope he is happy, having to go by what looks like a junk yard. Dilapidated cars, barrels of grease, parts strewn all over the parking lot, greasy mechanics hanging out the front smoking. Yeah, this is a huge improvement to what could have been. There is no resemblance of what Mr. Asher's establishment used to look like. All my client wanted to do was add an area where somebody could buy some milk, a soda or a candy bar, keeping the business as close to the original as possible. I sure will

miss the hanging baskets and the antiquated charm that corner used to have. Mr. Asher would be rolling in his grave if he could see it now. Shame on the neighbors that opposed the proposed change.

Stephan M. Hoffman, AIA Northville

### Stop the negative campaigning

A few days ago, I learned about several "robo phone calls," which are push poll calls asking Novi residents if they would vote for Mayor Bob Gatt if they knew that he was deliberately trying to change Novi's Master Plan and cave in to developers.

Of course, for those who know our mayor, it's no secret that Bob Gatt caves in to no one. During his 40 years of service to the community, Bob Gatt has always done, and will always do, what, in his opinion, is the very best thing for all of Novi.

Mayor Gatt knows that the Master Plan is an important document created to help pla Novi's future. However, it also is something that learned people call a "living, breathing document," meaning that it can be changed, when appropriate, to enhance our great communi-



What is a "push poll"?

Webster's dictionary defines a push poll this way: "noun ... an ostensible opinion poll in which the true objective is to sway voters using loaded or manipulative questions.3

Wikipedia says: "In a push poll, large numbers of voters are contacted briefly (often less than 60 seconds), and little or no effort is made to collect and analyze response data. Instead, the push poll is a form of telemarketing-based propaganda and rumor mongering, masquerading as a poll. ... Push polls may rely on innuendo or knowledge gleaned from opposition research on an opponent.

"Push polls are generally

viewed as a form of negative campaigning ... the pollster asks leading questions or suggestive questions that 'push' the interviewee towards adopting an unfavorable response vated.<sup>2</sup> towards the political candi-

date.' The person who paid for the push poll has ignited negative campaigning. And I, as a Novi resident, know and understand that the people of Novi will never embrace negative campaigning.

District Library.

During Mayor Gatt's 40 years of service to the Novi community, he has never known us to be politically motivated by anything. On the contrary, we always have been "Novi Motivated" on every issue.

The person who paid for and authorized the recent push poll to try to sully our mayor's name is engaged in something other than being "Novi Moti-

Novi residents and voters will not support this type of negative behavior. **Dennis O'Connor** 

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### Pack up party puffs

Another Mackinac Policy Conference has come to a conclusion and it is time to pack up the balloons, the party puffs, the togas and cheese curls. For a week we heard talk about Detroit schools, roads, race relations, Presidential aspirations or the lack thereof, the Wayne County budget

struggle, the future of the automobile industry in Michigan and something called "recalibrating how our government works.'

A successful conference or meeting has measurable results that are quantified and given completion time frames along with weekly or monthly updates. Let's hope the Detroit Chamber, the sponsor of the event, comes up with such a plan and then publishes it for the attendees and all of us the "unwashed" who did not attend the Conference. Of course that would be a stretch and it would be more productive and fun to just stop at exit No. 326 and wrestle with the giant clam! **Bill Kalmar** 

Lake Orion

### **GUEST COLUMN**

# Safety on a motorcycle is paramount for drivers, riders

hen I was a kid, I would often get on my dirt bike, put on my brother's sunglasses, throw some baseball cards in the spokes and ride my "motorcvcle." I use to pretend I was one of the police officer's on the show CHIPs (if you remember). My friend and I would patrol our neighborhood looking for criminal activity. Yep, just me and my pedal bicycle - I mean motorcycle. Now, to ride a motorcycle in my neighborhood, you had to have a proper license, equipment and training. Thank goodness I did



or I might not have survived the "Great Tomato Fight of Otto Road."

I made my license with **Michigan State Police stickers** my dad brought home. Did you know in Michigan, half of all motorcycle fatalities involve riders not properly licensed? Michigan law requires a motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license to legally ride a motorcycle on state roadways. It is a misdemeanor to ride a motorcycle without that endorsement and it can result in points on a driving record with fines up to \$300.

When I was riding, I always had proper safety gear. I used an old snowmobile helmet with chin strap, yellow in color, with more MSP stickers (and one Snoopy sticker). As I also mentioned, I used my brother's sunglasses to protect my eyes and I wore my brown Toughskins pants and an old leather coat I found in our garage.

Proper riding gear helps protects riders in the event of a crash. You should wear a Michigan Department of Transportation-compliant helmet that allows you to see as far to the sides as necessary. Make sure it fits and has no defects. Use a plastic face shield or goggles to protect your eyes. Make sure the eye protection is free of scratches, made of material that does not shatter and gives a clear view to either side. Wear protective riding gear, including long sleeves, pants, gloves and overthe-ankle boots. Wear brightly colored clothes as well to increase visibility.

Now, you have to be careful when riding into a neighborhood "tomato fight." It takes great skill and awareness to avoid getting smucked. You have to know how to handle your bike and be alert.

Riding a motorcycle is a demanding and complex task. Riders need to pay attention to the riding environment to identity potential hazards and execute decisions quickly and skillfully. Alcohol and drugs, more than any other factor, degrade a rider's ability to think clearly and to ride safely. In Michigan, alcohol was involved in 35 percent of all fatal motorcycle crashes in 2012.

Before I ever left the station (my friend's garage), I always

checked to make sure my engine (bike chain) was properly oiled, the baseball cards were evenly spaced, tires were properly pumped and the kickstand was up.

A motorcycle needs frequent attention. A minor technical failure in a car is seldom more than an inconvenience for that driver. The same failure on a motorcycle could result in a crash. Riders should conduct an inspection before every ride.

Yep, all these things were done pre-patrol every day for a few weeks, before I started watching another show called The Dukes of Hazard.

Oh well, someday the mountains might get me, but the law never will.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@ amail.com. or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

# Senseless gun violence is killing our nation

n act of domestic terror. Nine people gunned down in a church. When is enough enough? A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within.

Yet another sad and tragic day in America. The country is in mourning.

We are also angry these mass murders continue, with little or no response to prevent them going forward.

With a burst of gunfire in Charleston, S.C., the nation's innocence is once again shattered and nine people lie in their own blood dead, in their place of worship. Yet another twisted young man snuffed out innocent lives with a handgun.

If this mass murder of people of God in a church is not a wake-up call and shakes our moral sensibilities to our core, I am uncertain what will.

Today and for eternity,



we are stuck with the memory of this unimaginable massacre of innocence, as they prayed to their God.

As a nation, what will be our response?

Hopefully, doing nothing will no longer be tolerated.

Before the tears have dried, the dead are buried and the family and friends have had the time to absorb the magnitude of their loss, let alone grieve, the politicians are debating who is at fault. Let me make it easy on them – we all are at fault!

When will enough be enough of the senseless gun violence – be it on the streets of Detroit, L.A., Chicago, our nation's capital or the similar Newtown and Charleston massacres that have become all to common?

Our national pain should not fade until our nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this horror in our midst.

If we do not come together now to address this madness, we our giving up on the very soul from which this great nation sprang.

### A call to action

Our response needs to be grander than shrugging our shoulders. We need a collective call to stop the lunacy!

We need to de-claw the National Riffle Association with its nonsensical response that "People kill people – guns don't pull the trigger!" Assault riffles are meant to assault.

Guns do kill. *New York Times* columnist Nicholas D. Kristof points out that, according to David Hemenway, a public health specialist at Harvard who has written a book on gun violence, "Children ages 5-14 in America are 13 times more likely to be murdered with guns as children in other industrialized countries."

Finding a sensible policy, law or regulation that keeps these weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people is not a violation of the Second Amendment and does not interfere with the rights of any legitimate gun owner. It would stop people from hunting other people within our communities.

Legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes is not at issue. Making it easy for anyone to obtain assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of highpowered bullets in seconds is pure lunacy. Sensible people can

develop laws that can

help reduce, if not prevent, these senseless mass killing while protecting Second Amendment rights.

We need to challenge and eliminate the culture of violence we tolerate in movies and video games that is corrosive to a healthy society.

## When is enough enough?

When are we willing to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, strong gun ownership laws and a demand that violence is not sold as entertainment?

President Obama has been the relegated to "Commander In Grief" in yet another aftermath of a senseless slaughter of innocent life after a disturbed person had access to guns. He expressed "sadness and anger" at the continued violence, as well as impatience with the refusal of lawmakers to tighten the nation's gun laws.

Our national response must address easy access to guns and appropriate treatment for people with mental illness, at a minimum.

More deaths, more talk. Where is the out-rage and action?

Congress and Mr. President – stop allowing people to die in vain. The innocence of our nation was gunned down in Charleston at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest black churches in the nation.

For God's sake – do something!

Northville resident Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as both state mental health director and state superintendent of schools. He is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. Follow him on Twitter at tdwatkins88.

# Our very lives depend on addressing racism in our country

www.ewere never meant to survive." That was my first thought when I heard about the attack at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Then I thought about Sept. 16, 1963, when four children – Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley – were killed when a bomb exploded at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

And also July 1, 1974, when Alberta King, the mother of Martin Luther King Jr., was shot as she played the Lord's Prayer on the organ during Sunday service at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

And 1996, when Congress held hearings after more than 70 black



churches were set on fire

across the south.

And Nov. 4, 2008, when The Macedonia Church of God in Christ in Springfield, Mass., was torched with gasoline as a response to the election of President Barack Obama.

That phrase, "We were never meant to survive," which is part of Audre Lorde's *Litany for Survival*, was the recognition that hate crimes and terrorist attacks have targeted our places of worship since slavery when black churches were often forbidden or dismantled, sometimes burned — and stretches over generations to the brutal killing of nine people that happened last week.

Although we know that this type of tragic incident has played out over and over again since the founding of this nation, we are angry, we are mournful, but we are dedicated to moving forward.

We know that we will never end the phenomenon of racist violence if we keep waiting until a tragedy occurs to acknowledge and deal with our history of oppression. We know that racism is built into the very fabric of this nation and that does not go away by denying what lies in front of us. Racism is the birth defect of our nation and we consent to its existence every time we turn a blind eye and remain silent when we hear a racist joke or a comment about "those people" or accept the very stereotypes that seek to separate us rather than bring us together.

When this tragic incident occurred, we immediately said that the murderer who committed this atrocity needed to be brought to justice and he was arrested within 24 hours.

Although the perpetrator of this crime has been caught, the killer remains at large.

Where is the accountability for those who taught this man to harbor such a serious hatred for black people, for those who made him believe that he needed to take his country back from the black people who were taking it over? Where is the accountability for a nation that has racism in its very DNA?

We know that racism exists; it is an epidemic that plagues our existence. The choice we have to make as a community is whether or not we are willing to take it on in a real way.

I hope we are, because our lives, quite literally, depend on it.

Sommer Foster is legislative director of Equality Michigan, co-founder of The Beloved Community and a Canton resident.





### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 3, North Country Flyers Details: Music will fill the air all summer long at the Friday Night Concert Series in downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square, presented by Tom Holzer Ford and managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. All concerts in the series are free to attend. Early arrival for the concerts is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

For more information, contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department at 248-349-0203 or go to www.downtownnorthville.com or www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

### Summer heats up with Novi's Sizzling Summer Art Series

Time/Date: July 8, Crazy Craig (juggler)

Details: Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is turning up the heat with family friendly entertainment all summer long. Eleven events are scheduled throughout the summer at Fuerst Park, Spend each Wednesday morning enjoying free children's entertainment and select Friday nights with a family-friendly band and movie. The Sizzling Summer Arts Series is presented in partnership with Community Financial Credit Union and sponsored in part by St. John Providence Health System, Novi Public Library, Michigan State Fair, Town and Country Eyecare, Novi Youth Assistance and Menchie's Frozen Yogurt.

Fuerst Park is located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. In the case of inclement weather, call the Novi Parks hotline at 248-347-0473 for updates. For more information about the Sizzling Summer Art Series and family-friendly summer happenings, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

### **Garden Walk**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 Details: All are invited to enjoy the Country Garden Club of Northville's 22nd annual Garden Walk, featuring seven private gardens in and around the citv of Northville and Northville Township. Included in the ticket price are the options to experience a garden market, live music, a member plant sale and a stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill

Race Village. Non-refundable tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Gardenviews Garden Gallery (117 E. Main Street) and on the day of the walk at the gate at Mill Race Village

Proceeds from this major fundraising event will go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to scholarships for local high school seniors who will be going into college science careers.

### **Colbeck office hours**

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. Friday, July

Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold his monthly office hours for July in Northville at the George's Senate Coney Island (39430 Dun Rovin Drive) and will be open to the public. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary. Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrickColbeck-.com or call 517-373-5713.

### Novi Summer Luau

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16 Details: Oakland County Parks and Recreation will hold the Novi Summer Luau for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center (45175 W. Ten Mile). The event will include Hawaiian pizza, music, dancing and a limbo contest The cost is \$8; no charge for caregiver. Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid by July 10. Contact 248-424-7081 or adaptive@oakgov.com for more information. Registration form is available at DestinationOakland-.com.

### **Ann Arbor** Symphony **Orchestra goes to** market

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16 Details: Join in on a Taste of Music -- a program of the Ann

# **Tunes on Tuesday**



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Emma-Kate Stewart, 2, points to the Northville Town Square stage June 16 at the kickoff Tunes on Tuesday concert featuring the Gemini Twins. Katherine Stewart, Emma-Kate's mom, is at left. Tunes on Tuesday continues through early August at Town Square, weather permitting, at 10:30 a.m.



Arbor Symphony Orchestra that includes a small ensemble performance and an Instrument Petting Zoo at the Northville Farmers' Market with an ensemble performance at 11 a.m.

The market is located corner of Seven Mile and Center Street. The A2SO Instrument Petting Zoo will be held for the duration of the market. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to try out real violins, cellos, trumpets and clarinets. Childsized instruments, along with trained "zookeepers", ensure that even the smallest child will have a successful first instru-

### 52/1 Specialty Court

Sizzlin' Steaks & Sports Grill, Claddagh Irish Pub, Edward's Cafe & Caterers, George's Senate Restaurant, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Tavern and Village Workshop, with more to come. A grand prize drawing for a barbecue gas grill is courtesy of Home Depot.

Tickets are \$30 (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. New this year submit a ticket order form and

Road. For more information or to learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or go to www.cityofnovi.org.

### Wildcats '95 reunion

Date: Saturday, Aug. 22 Details: The Novi High School Class of 1995 will have its 20-year reunion at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Contact melissacohn8@ gmail.com for more information or go to facebook.com/groups/



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Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday,

Details: The 52-1 Specialty Court's ninth annual golf outing will be at Brentwood Golf Club, White Lake. The four-person scramble cost \$100 per player (\$350 per foursome) and includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner and chance to win various prizes.

Make all checks payable to Sobriety Court Advisory. To register, contact Justin Barnett, P.O. Box 1235, Clarkston, MI 48347 (jbarnettlaw@ hotmail.com). Event and sponsorship money must be in by July 17. Please be advised that this is a sober event.

### **Grub** Crawl

Details: The Northville Chamber presents the 10th annual Northville Grub Crawl. Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Participating restaurants include Brann's

the chamber will mail you your tickets. The order form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org.

### **Novi Older Adult** Services

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m.Thursday, Aug. 20 - "Celebrating 85 Years and Beyond" Birthday Celebration; Meadowbrook Activity Center; no cost for participants 85-plus years old (pre-registration still required); \$3 for Novi residents and \$4 for non-residents; deadline is Aug. 14. Birthday celebrants are asked to submit a personal history form that will be compiled into a keepsake booklet. Forms are due by Aug. 6. Details: Join Novi Older Adult

Services to stay active, celebrate and socialize with friends at a variety of special events designed especially for those 55 vears and above. Tickets are required and are available now at the Older Adult Services Office, 45175 10 Mile Road, and the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook

### **Get Pop-Cultured at Barnes and Noble**

Dates: Throughout July

Details: Barnes & Noble (17111 Haggerty Road, Northville) is launching the second annual Get Pop-Cultured celebration, a month-long series of events was first established in 2014 to bring to life customers' favorite books. characters, movies, artists, illustrators and pop-culture icons with themed events, author signings, panel discussions, contests, exclusive content, giveaways and prizes, sneak peeks, activities, and more. This year it continues and features an even more expansive lineup of events, appearances, giveaways and more, including weekly Throwback Thursdays celebrating a different decade every week from the '50s through the '90s, a Minions Fun event, Manga Mania, Fan Girl Friday, Vinyl Day, James Patterson Day a Dr. Seuss Spectacular and many more unique events and promotions all throughout July.

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### **NFL TRAINING CAMP**

# Novi to host Lions training camp practice Aug. 5

### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Megatron is coming to a high school near vou.

The Detroit Lions announced Monday they will stage their third practice of training camp, which will be open to the public, during the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Novi High School.

"The Lions contacted us regarding possibly doing this and what we might need to do for this thing to happen for the community," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "They like the idea that our facility has a new surface. The surrounding area and the parking area is very good. And the proximity of Novi and Allen Park would enable them, if they needed to, to go back and forth,

get things that they need and whatever they may be."

The Lions have also scheduled another practice later in the preseason at Dearborn Edsel Ford High School.

There will be crowd control measures in place for the free practice at Novi's Wildcat Stadium, which can accommodate anywhere from 3,500-4,000 fans for seating (not including standing room).

Last November, Novi hosted a Divi-sion 2 state semifinal playoff football game between Warren DeLaSalle and Southfield.

"Novi has proximity to the expressways and those things and is a great place for this to happen," Gordon said. "They also understood that we've run

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Novi's Wildcat Stadium will host a Detroit Lions training camp practice the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 5.

### **COLLEGE CLUB LACROSSE**

# Novi's Mikkelsen stalwart for MSU

### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Although his four years flew by quickly, Joe Mikkelsen believes his collegiate lacrosse career served the best of both worlds.

The 2011 Novi grad was a high school All-American, only the second Wildcats athlete in school history to gain that honor, but he took a slightly different path, opting to play club lacrosse at his dream school - Mich gan State – where he earned Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association 1 All-America honors four straight seasons and ranked No. 1 nationally as a face-off specialist. Mikkelsen also helped MSU capture four straight Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association 1 championships and earn four consecutive MCLA 1 tourney berths. In his final season, the Spartans finished 6-1 in the CCLA 1, which consisted of club teams from Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Davenport, Toledo and Pittsburgh. MSU, ranked 21st overall, posted an 8-7 record before being eliminated in the national tourney May 11 in Irvine, Calif., by Chapman (Calif.) College, 16-2. The team captain capped his senior season by earning several honors, including first team all-Central Collegiate, Encore National Player of the Month and team MVP. "It was really a great time. I made a lot of friendships, had a lot of great experiences traveling the country, great group of guys," Mikkelsen said. "It was definitely something where I wanted to take my lacrosse career to the next level and it was great to be able to continue at Michigan State at such a big college and where they had a great team before. It was just a different dynamic than a lot of sports, rather than playing at a (NCAA) Division III school or something like that. You really go and play Arizona State, Colorado, all across the country. You



**COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

# Shamrocks' **Tibbits on** comeback trail again

CC graduate playing in Southern Collegiate circuit

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

With a chance to play this summer in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League, Madonna University outfielder Mike Tibbits hopes to prove he can literally shoulder more of a load.

The Plymouth native and 2011 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad is trying to bounce back from a pair of surgeries performed on his right shoulder, which kept him out for a majority of the 2014 season with the Crusaders. Tibbits

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MARIANNE MIKKELSEN Novi's Joe Mikkelsen was a four-time club lacrosse All-American at Michigan State.



Two separate surgeries were performed by Dr. Sean Bak at Novi's Providence Hospital, the first in March 2013 for a torn labrum and partial rotator cuff tear, followed another in May 2014 to repair the same labrum.

Tibbits returned this spring to appear in 42 games (33 starts), batting .253 as MU made the NAIA national tourney after going 37-17 overall and 26-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"This spring it was a little sore; it was tight," Tibbits said. "There were some days where I had to take throwing off, just get back into throwing every day, just trying to strengthen it. It was pretty sore, but it's a lot better now.

In 21 games (through Monday), the 6-foot-2, 170-pound Tibbits is batting .313, while alternating between right and center field for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls, who lead the Northern Division of the SCBL with a 10-11 record.

There are total of six teams in the Southern Collegiate, which attracts some of the top college players from across the country.

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# **BOYS HOCKEY** Northville-Novi to stage outdoor hockey game

### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It's not to early to start thinking about the upcoming high school boys hockey season

At least not in the eves of Northville athletic director Bryan Masi and his Novi counterpart Brian Gordon.

The two have teamed up to take one of their two rivalry games on the road as the KLAA Central Division rivals will stage their own Winter Classic-style outdoor game Saturday, Jan. 16, at Detroit's Clark Park

"I had the idea when the Winter Classic was in town a couple of years ago and we were hoping to get one of those games at Comerica Park, but we didn't get it, so I had kind of a desire to do an outdoor



Novi athletic director Brian Gordon (left) and Northville A.D. Bryan Masi helped put together a winter hockey game Jan. 16, 2016, at Detroit's Clark Park.

game," Masi said. "I thought it would be really cool and Clark Park is the only one around that is outdoor. I thought we could kind of tie it in with doing something in their community, too."

Masi and Gordon, along with head coaches Clint Robert (Northville) and Mark Vellucci (Novi), met last week in Detroit to go over the details.

The coaches are running with it, too," Masi said. "It was originally my idea, but all four are really excited about it and working together. All four went down there (June 25) and checked out that everything was good as far as planning and what we need to do. We're going to have to bring some bleachers in. Kind of excited about it and I think the whole atmosphere is going to be cool."

Novi Detroit Catholic Central and University of Detroit-Jesuit played an outdoor game four years ago at Clark Park, which is located in southwest Detroit.

"Bryan and I are always looking for ideas to try to spice up the rivalry between our two schools and provide a really nice experience for teams, kids and families," Gordon said. "Jokingly, we entertained the idea of putting it on a football field, but the price is just ridiculous.

The two schools normally meet twice during the regular season, with the Novi Ice Arena as their home venue.

"It was (Masi's) idea and I give him the credit," Gordon said. "We decided to take it down there on the road and play in the cold and, hopefully, it's cold. We always look for different ideas in all the sports to try to make the whole Novi-Northville thing a special thing.<sup>2</sup>

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### JUNIOR TENNIS

# Wang's run in Midwest Closed ends in quarters

### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi High graduating senior Tim Wang, the MHSAA Division 1 singles state champion, reached the quarterfinals of last week's U.S. Tennis Association Midwest Closed Boys 18 singles tournament in Indianapolis before falling to second seed Martin Joyce of Hinsdale, Ill., in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2

Wang, the 15th seed, reached the quarters with a 6-2, 6-2 round of 16 victory over Franklin Brzovich (Fort Gratiot). Ninth-seed Eddie Grabill (Hinsdale, Ill.) then ousted Wang in the consolation quarterfinal.

Wang, headed to Columbia University this fall, finished 4-2 overall in singles and 1-1 in doubles.

Northville's Connor Johnston, the MHSAA Division 1 runner-up in singles to Wang last fall, teamed with doubles partner Daniel Boussom (Goshen, Ind.) to reach the semifinals of the Boys 18s before falling to second seeds Sameer Kumar (Carmel, Ind.) and Vincent Lin (Schaumburg, Ill.), 7-5, 6-2.

Johnston and Boussom, the 13th seeds, went 4-1 overall. Also in the Boys 18s, Novi's



his openinground doubles

Wang

Maxx Anderson finished 1-2 in singles and lost

towec, Wis.).

In the Girls 18s, Novi's Reeshma Kumar fell in a pair of three-set matches in singles, while Northville's Emma Worley finished 1-1 in singles and 1-1 in doubles.

### Hurley goes 5-2

Novi's Marybeth Hurley reached the round of 16 in the Girls 16s singles draw before falling to top seed and eventual champion Meg Kowalski (La Grange, Ill.) in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

Hurley, who captured five of seven singles matches during her week in Indianapolis,

went 2-1 in the back draw before being ousted by Lauren Gillinov (Moreland Hills, Ill.) in a three-set super-breaker, 6-3, 1-6, 1-0 (11-9)

The 10th-seeded Hurley also defeated Gabriela Schoenberg (Ingleside, Ill.), 6-2, 6-4, and Madison Tattini (Lexington, Ill.), 6-2, 6-0, in the consolation round.

Hurley and doubles partner Zoe Taylor (Long Grove, Ill.), the second seeds, were ousted in the round of 16 by Briana Crowley (Battle Ground, Ind.) and Peyton Stearns (Mason, Ohio), the ninth seeds, 6-4, 6-1.

Also in the Girls 16s, Novi's Shanoli Kumar went 3-2 in singles and lost her first-round doubles match with partner Joanne Gao, also of Novi, 6-4, 6-1, to eighth seeds Erika Oku (Hinsdale, Ill.) and Lahri Yelamanchill (Burr Ridge, Ill.).

Gao, meanwhile, finished 1-2 in singles.

### Kim makes charge

Milford's Aidan Kim got plenty of action in last week's USTA Midwest Closed Boys and Girls 14s and 12s tournament, held in Okemos.

Following a 1-1 start in the main draw of the Boys 12 singles, the 14th-seeded Kim captured seven straight matches before falling in the consolation semifinals to third-seeded Nishesh Basavareddy (Carmel, Ind.), 6-0, 7-5

Kim, who finished 8-2 overall in singles, also went 2-1 in doubles with partner Michael Ross (Winnetka, Ill.) before losing to top seeds Joseph Stafford (Livonia) and Eric Perkowski (Lincolnshire, Ill.) in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Novi's Daniel Stojanov went 0-2 in the Boys 12 singles draw.

In the Girls 12s singles draw, Novi's Isabelle Kouzmanov, the 14th seed, went 4-2 reaching the round of 16 before falling to seventh-seed Eleana Yu (Mason, Ohio), 7-5, 6-0.

Also in the Girls 14s, Northville's Victoria Mady posted a 1-2 singles mark, while losing her doubles opener with partner Allison O'Connell (Westland).

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

### **Maybury Classic**

The 10th annual 2015 Road Runner Classic will be Saturday, July 25, at Maybury State Park (use the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck).

The event, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will benefit the Friends of Maybury. A recreation passport is required for entrance (passes also available at the gate for \$11).

The one-mile run-walk will start at 5 p.m., followed by the 8K run-walk (half-paved, half-trail) at 5:30 p.m. and the new 5K (paved course) at 5:45 p.m.

Entry fees are \$5 (onemile) and \$20 (5K and 8K) by July 1. Race fees (through July 23) are \$6 and \$25, respectively, while race day fees are \$7 and \$27

The family fun event includes pizza, beer, raffle and homemade baked goods. Male and female overall race winners will receive \$75 Running Fit gift cards. Masters male and female winners will receive \$50 gift cards.

For more information, go to www.northvilleroadrunners.org or call Gary Haf at 248-231-6114.

### Novi cheer clinic

The Novi High varsity cheerleaders will stage a three-day summer cheer clinic (girls ages 5-12) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 13-15, at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive, Novi.

The \$100 fee includes all three days, including lunches and snacks (cost does not include T-shirt).

To register, go to www.novi.k12.mi.us (click on athletics tab and select sports camp).

For more information, email coach Ashley Karinen at AKarinen07@gmail.com.



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# ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE South Lyon's Burczyk Player of the Year

## Versatile midfielder first team all-stater after big senior year

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

South Lyon United's Hannah Burczyk proved this season she had an all-around game.

The stats bore it out as the senior midfielder finished with a team-best 67 goals and 45 ground balls to go along with 25 assists, 42 draw controls and seven caused turnovers.

The two-year captain, named girls lacrosse All-Area Player of the Year, also earned all-KLAA, first team Division 1 all-state and U.S. Lacrosse All-America honorable mention honors.

Burczyk is on her way to play next year to play for NCAA Division II University of Indianapolis for coach Jillian Howley.

"Hannah is a fantastic player with some excellent stick skills," South Lyon coach Aaron Skomial said. "She has been awesome all year for us and helped some of our other players shine at times by sharing the ball. She will do well at Indianapolis and we look forward to seeing her grow as a person and a player in the coming years."

### First team Audrey Tatge, C-MF Northville

The senior captain, bound for NCAA Division I Stetson (Fla.) University, finished with 38 goals and 15 assists en route to team MVP, all-KLAA and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

"Audrey knows the game inside and out, really understands where to go, what pass to make and was the quarterback of the midfield," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "She was the team's center and truly did it all on the offensive and defensive ends. Audrey was outstanding on draw controls, directing the ball to the midfielders, and often coming up with possession herself." **Gina Salemi, F** 

### Novi

The junior scored a teambest 57 goals while earning all-KLAA and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

Salemi, who is committed to play at NCAA Division 1 school LaSalle (Pa.) University, is also a member of the Israeli Under-19 national team that will play two tournaments later this month in Scotland. "Gina has incredible change of speed and quickness," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said. "She has a lethal shot; it's incredibly hard and deceptive. She's got a lot of experience, both locally and nationally, as well as internationally."



HAL GOULD ISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER South Lyon United's Hannah Burczyk was named All-Area Player of the Year.

the team in draw controls (45) and assists (26) to go along with 35 goals, 30 ground balls and 11 caused turnovers.

"Natalie continues to grow as a player and her lacrosse IQ is growing with each year," Skomial said. "She has been good for us on the draw and she was a key piece to our offense and transition offense this season. We look to her to return next season and lead the team to more success." **Grace Guibord, F Northville** 

The senior attack led the Mustangs with a team-high 53 goals to go along with 13 assists as she earned all-KLAA accolades.

Grace was never afraid to go to the goal and this is the mind-set you need to have as an attacker," Asher said. "While Grace was a great goal scorer, she was also second on the team in assists and was great at causing turnovers. Grace was very consistent in her goal-scoring output and could always be counted on for multiple goals each game." Amanda Tuckey, D South Lyon United The first-time junior captain and all-KLAA pick anchored a defense that allowed just 6.8 goals per match. Tuckey finished with 36 draw controls and 10 caused turnovers while twice. "Amanda is a not only a fantastic defender, she's a leader on our defense," Skomial said. 'She was critical to our success by directing our players and it showed in the amount of goals we allowed this season."

### Alanna Clark, MF Novi

The senior racked up 42 goals, while earning Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA honors.

"Alanna is steady, athletic and strong leader," Kilgore said. "The team looks to her and she can set the pace for an entire game. She has exceptional athleticism." Emma Dietrich, MF Northville

The sophomore tallied 35 goals and contributed five assists on her way to all-KLAA recognition for the Mustangs.

Emma only knows one way to play - 100 percent," Asher said. "She has unbelievable speed, stamina and love for the game. As talented as she is, she is even more coachable and has a great attitude. She was extremely important to Northville's team's success through her ability on draw controls and as a great two-way player in the midfield. Emma had some big scoring games this vear, but even if she wasn't scoring goals, she always found ways to impact the game."

### ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** Hannah Burczyk, South Lyon United

**FIRST TEAM** 

Audrey Tatge, Northville Gina Salemi, Novi Natalie Williams, South Lyon United Grace Guibord, Northville Amanda Tuckey, South Lyon United Alanna Clark, Novi Emma Dietrich, Northville Morgan Statetzny, Novi Shayla Croteau, Northville C.J. Perry, South Lyon United Mariah Smythe, Novi

HONORABLE MENTION Northville: Liz Hansell, sr.; Sarah Chase, soph.; Charlotte Beaudoin, fr.; Paige Chapman, sr.; Gabby Goree, sr.; Ally Blough, soph.; Erin Scott, jr.; Brianna Carr, fr.; Novi: Megan Yarberry, sr.; Willow Guenther, jr.; Jenna Mikkelsen, sr.; South Lyon United: Sam Lefevere, sr.; Jordan Paugh, jr.; Huron Valley: McKenna Miesclier, jr.; Jenna Taylor, sr.

play club lacrosse at Michigan State, was a defensive ace, finishing with 28 ground balls and 10 turnovers while earning all-KLAA honors.

"Shay is really the perfect defender," Asher said. "She was always in position on the ball - cutting off driving angles, off the ball, always picking up the right assignment and her teammates could always rely on her to be in the right place. Shay's ability to stop a fast break is remarkable. She also led the team in interceptions. And when she forced turnovers, she was excellent at pushing the ball to our midfielders with strong passes to trigger the break." Caroline Perry, MF South Lyon United

The sophomore, an all-KLAA selection, paced the team in caused turnovers (19), contributing adding 26 goals, five assists, 38 ground balls and 10 draw controls.

"C.J. is a great young player that plays very hard," Skomial said. "She had a breakout year on offense and is looking to improve. She is an exciting player for our program. She brings size, speed and a willingness to get better. We see C.J. getting better and being a force on the field for us next season."

# MIKKELSEN

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really just get the whole experience at a very competitive level."

At Novi, Mikkelsen was a two-sport captain, playing football as a 6-foot-2, 245pound lineman, while also playing midfield in lacrosse.

A slimmed down Mikkelsen, who lost 20 pounds, then became a face-off specialist at MSU, where he won 75 percent of his draws during his career.

"It's definitely being fast and light with your hands," Mikkelsen said regarding the key to his success.

Although Mikkelsen drew interest from several colleges in lacrosse and football, he always had his sights set on East Lansing, where both of his parents, Bill and Marianne, are alums.

"I talked to some different schools, but really didn't express any interest other than going to Michigan State," Mikkelsen said. "I've always been up at State with my parents and I've always been in love with it. It was an easy decision for me."

And Mikkelsen was pleasantly surprised with the caliber of play in club lacrosse when he arrived at MSU. He was first exposed to the MSU club program by his coach Dwayne Hicks of Total Team Lacrosse in Wixom.

"Not enough people know how competitive club lacrosse is and I was very shocked when I came in to see," Mikkelsen said. "I went to their games before and saw the players that they had. There's a lot of Division I guys that transfer in. They transfer in to bigger schools from smaller Division I schools or Division III schools."

And being a club player at MSU provided plenty of benefits.

"There's still that Big Ten (football) Saturdays and what not," Mikkelsen said. "You become more of a well-rounded college student. It's just not lacrosse, lacrosse, lacrosse. You still go to school and get a job outside of that and you do a lot of other things."

And for the second straight summer, Mikkelsen is doing an internship with Ford Motor Co. before he graduates in December with a degree in packaging engineering.

Mikkelsen is helping out

### Natalie Williams, MF South Lyon United

The first-year junior captain, who made all-KLAA and second team all-state, paced

### Morgan Statetzny, MF Novi

The senior racked up 49 goals, while earning a spot on the all-KLAA team.

"Morgan is a fiery competitor and she has a great shot and a nose for the goal," Kilgore said. "She is incredibly hard-working and leads for example. She also had great athleticism." Shayla Croteau, D

### Northville

The senior captain, who will

### Mariah Smythe, G Novi

The sophomore stood out, leading the Wildcats to a 12-5-1 overall record while making the all-KLAA squad.

"Mariah is fearless in the goal cage," Kilgore said. "She's gritty and tough. She's one of our hardest workers, puts in tons of time and, really, not only for lacrosse, but lacrosse goalkeeping and it really shows through in her the way she approaches the game." at the Novi Parks and Recreation summer youth camps and teaches private lessons. He wants to become a coach as well and plans to apply for the recently vacated varsity boys position at Novi H.S.

"That would be my ultimate goal, to be the coach at Novi," he said. "Beyond that, just stay involved – summer camps, summer teams – whatever I can get into and just stay involved in the sport."

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# Skating champ



JUDY WOLAK

South Lyon's Emma Wolak, 14, recently captured the Novice Ladies skating title with 120.44 points in the Broadmoor Open held at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. Wolak placed first in both the short and long programs with personal-best scores of 42.57 and 77.87, respectively. She also placed first in the Novice Ladies C initial round.

# HIGH SCHOOL Hoffman won't return as Novi boys lacrosse coach

Wildcats search for new hire after three seasons

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Eric Hoffman, who played on Novi's first varsity boys lacrosse team in 1993, will not be returning for a fourth season as the school's head coach.

Hoffman, 37, who guided the Wildcats to a 35-18 record in three seasons, confirmed recently that he will not be retained.

As of Monday, the job vacancy had not been posted yet on the Novi Community Schools district website.

Novi athletic director Brian Gordon declined to elaborate on the reasons why Hoffman will not return for the 2016 season.

"It's a personnel issue which I'm not a liberty to discuss," Gordon said. "Our coaches don't have year-toyear contracts. They don't sign anything. Coaches go through an evaluation process every year at the end of the season ... and then our head coaches evaluate our sub-varsity coaches. Right there, during the evaluation process, is when we determine if they will be returning. And that's kind of how it works."

After spending three seasons as Salem's head coach, Hoffman returned to his alma mater in 2013, guiding the Wildcats to an 11-6 record, which included Kensington Lakes Acitivites Association and Kensington Division crowns.

In 2014, Novi went 12-6 and shared the Kensington Division title with Northville and South Lyon Unified, all at 5-1.

This season, Novi finished 12-6 again, falling to Grosse Pointe South, 13-6, in the first round of the MHSAA Division 1 regional.

"I guess it was time for a different view for Novi lacrosse, I guess, at least for Mr. Gordon," said Hoffman, who teaches at Hamilton Academy, a charter school in Detroit. "It was a school that I started the program with. I played for the first team at Novi and I grew up in Novi. That was nice to come back to my alma mater and coach my team."

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# Northville Broncos win LCB Summer Bash title



LAURA BREEN

The under-12 Northville Broncos baseball team bounced back June 28 from an 4-2 opening-round pool play loss to the Michigan Red Sox to capture the LCB Summer Bash in Commerce Township. The Broncos defeated the Western Wayne Crush for the title, 11-5, after downing the LCB Legends, 7-6, in the semifinals thanks to a final inning diving catch by right fielder Henry Chen. The Broncos return to action this weekend in a tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. Other members of the Broncos include: Collin Breen, Carson Breen, Chris Bogenhagen, Brett Rudolph, Brett Rankin, Cole Patterson, Billy Shields, Danny Cape, Josh Lutz and Tommy Ryding.

# **ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER** Maresh proved to be game-saver for Mustangs

Northville goalie honored as area Player of the Year after banner senior season

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It would be hard to argue against Northville senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh as the girls soccer All-Area Player of the Year.

With ton of statistical evidence in her favor, it can only be categorized as pretty much an open-and-shut case.

Maresh earned first team Division 1 all-state honors for the second straight year after going 15-3-4 while leading the Mustangs to a co-KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference, KLAA Association and district titles.

The all-district, all-region and all-KLAA selection allowed just 10 goals, while recording 130 saves and 15 shutouts. Three different times, she made penalty kick saves in a shootout to win games, as well while being voted the team's outstanding defender.

A four-year varsity player, Maresh played in 60 matches, going 50-4-6 overall with only 23 goals against and 41 shutouts

As a junior, she helped the Mustangs capture the MHSAA Division 1 state championship with a perfect 23-0 record, highlighted by just four goals against with 116 saves and 18 shutouts.

Maresh was also a three-year varsity player in basketball.

"Emily is an amazing athlete and even better person," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "She makes every team better. She likes to keep everything loose and fun, but is a fierce competitor. She was the heart of our defense. She is going to do great things at Grand Valley State."

### **First team** Sydney O'Donnell, MF South Lyon East

The junior, who tallied 24 goals and six assists, set both career and singleseason goal records for the district champion Cougars as she earned All-KLAA honors and second team Division 2 all-state honors.

O'Donnell, committed to Vanderbilt, tallied four goals in a 6-1 district semifinal win over Dexter.

'Sydney was our offensive engine all season," East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "She is amazing with the ball on her feet and is able to create shots and goal-scoring opportunities whenever she gets the ball. She continuously scored huge goals for us when we needed them and, for the second year in a row, scored the game-winning goal in district finals.<sup>2</sup>

### Chloe Allen, F

### Novi

The junior finished with 12 goals and ive assists while making all-KLAA all-district, all-region and third team Division 1 all-state honors. "Chloe was our biggest offensive weapon this season, which is why she found herself constantly being manmarked by her opponents," Novi in-terim coach Todd Pheiffer said. "Chloe is not only incredibly fast and technical, she reads the game very well and is consistently putting herself in a position to help her team create offense.' Tara Pawloski, D

Northville senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh earned All-Area Player of the Year honors.

### **ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER**

### **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** Emily Maresh, Northville

**FIRST TEAM** 

Sydney O'Donnell, South Lyon East Chloe Allen, Novi Tara Pawloski, Northville Megan Riley, Novi Kelly McHugh, Northville Maddy Westenberg, Northville Amanda Minissale, Novi Jenna Baughman, Northville Christina MacMillian, Novi Alyssa Sawyer, South Lyon East

### SECOND TEAM

Devon Powers, Novi Amber Hamers, South Lyon East **Riely Schultz**, Novi Alissa Moore, Northville Sydney Schembri, Northville Kendall Dillon, Northville Sydney Zeese, Milford Renee Cloeter, South Lyon Morgan Gozdor, Northville Amanda Berci, Lakeland Hannah Emerson, Lakeland

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Northville: Erica Gumkowski, sr.; Alana Dorfstatter, sr.; Novi: Jacalyn Schubring, soph.; Gracie Backus, soph.; Aastha Dharia, jr.; South Lyon: Rachael Sweigard, fr.; Megan Pfile, fr.; Caylin Sullivan, sr.; Sarah Ash, fr.; Mackenzie Flannery, jr.; Kendall Skore, fr.; South Lyon East: Jenny Caudill, sr.; Lauren Kuznicki, fr., Alex Callan, jr.; Milford: Jenna Smith, jr.; players around her. Her unselfishness was shown with 10 assists on the season.'

### Maddy Westenberg, MF Northville

The three-year varsity player finished her senior season with five goals and one assist while earning all-KLAA honorable mention honors.

"Maddy continues to grow on the soccer field," Brucker said. "Her presence in the midfield brings control and feistiness. Her distribution of the ball is excellent and (her) quick shot generated five goals. Amanda Minissale, D

### Novi

The senior, committed to Saginaw Valley State, earned all-KLAA, all-district and all-region honors while contributing two goals and a team-best eight assists.

"Even though her main focus is shutting down the other team's attack, Amanda was also a vital part of our offense, frequently making runs out of the back and setting up many scoring opportunities for the team," Pheiffer said. "As the only returning starter from last year's back line, Amanda was instrumental in helping lead the team to their co-divisional championship." Jenna Baughman, MF Northville

The senior all-KLAA pick controlled the midfield, where she picked up one goal and one assist. Headed to MSU, Baughman also earned scholar-athlete honors with a 3.86 GPA.

"Jenna is a great example of growth and maturity through the program," Brucker said. "As a senior, she led our midfield. Her ball control helped to transition out of our defensive third and she looked to switch the field of play as much as possible. A very heady player with a hidden mean streak.' Christina MacMillian, MF Novi

### calming element for a back line that had two freshman starters.'

### Second team **Devon Powers, MF** Novi

The hard-working senior, headed to Schoolcraft College, won the Wildcats' Teamwork Award while also being named all-KLAA and honorable mention all-district

### Amber Hamers, F South Lyon East

The junior, who scored six goals and added nine assists, earned all-district, all-region and Division 2 honorable mention all-state recognition. **Riely Schultz, D** 

### Novi

The freshman, who had a goal and assist, played beyond her years while making honorable mention all-KLAA and all-district.

### Alissa Moore, MF Northville

The all-district and all-KLAA honorable mention pick showed her versatility throughout her junior season scoring four goals and adding two assists. Sydney Schembri, F Northville

The first-year varsity starter as a sophomore finished with three goals, including the game-winner in the district final, along with four assists, while earning all-district and all-KLAA honorable mention honors. Kendall Dillon, MF

### Northville

The freshman starter finished the year with four goals and three assists while earning a spot on the all-KLAA squad.

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### Northville

The senior, headed to Oakland University, was named the team's MVP while also earning all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

Carrying a 3.65 grade-point average, Pawloski was also a KLAA and MHSSCA scholar-athlete honoree.

"Tara was the leader of our defense," Brucker said of the three-year varsity player. "She has an outstanding soccer IQ and plays the game with a quiet confidence. She is not afraid of contact and always looked at the best interest of the team first. Her anticipation and quick thinking set her apart.' **Megan Riley**, MF

### Novi

The junior, who has committed to Central Michigan, wound up with seven Lakeland: Marie Haney, sr.; Kelsey Lechner, sr.; Cailin Shalman, sr.

goals and five assists en route to all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

"Megan was our most versatile player on our team, filling many roles this season on the field," Pheiffer said. "When we needed offense, she played as our attacking center midfielder, where she kept the offense organized and helped generate and build up our attack. She has great field vision and has a knack for finding the best option on the field to help us keep possession and create scoring opportunities." Kelly McHugh, F-MF Northville

The senior played and started in every game, scoring four goals and adding 10 assists en route to all-KLAA and all-district honors.

McHugh, bound for Michigan State, was also named a scholar-athlete with a 3.86 GPA.

"Kelly's intensity and never-quit attitude is what sets her apart from other players," Brucker said. "She plays every game with the same energy. Her high effort is infectious to the

The senior, who had four goals and three assists, was named all-KLAA and honorable mention all-district.

'Christina is one of the most competitive players on the field, which is why she is constantly pushing herself and her teammates to work as hard as they can when they step on the field, Pheiffer said. "As one of the two starting defensive central midfielders, she was usually tasked with marking the other team's best player and, when you play in the KLAA, that is no easy task.' Alyssa Sawyer, G

### South Lyon East

The senior, who allowed just 12 goals in 12 games, posted seven shutouts for the district champions while earning all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and third team Division 2 all-state honors.

"Alyssa is one of the best teammates and players that you could ask for," Cadwallader said. "She came up with huge saves game after game and was a

### Sydney Zeese, D Milford

The senior reaped all-KLAA and honorable mention accolades in her final season for the Mavericks. **Renee Cloeter, F** 

### South Lyon

The senior, headed to Grand Valley State, made both the all-KLAA and all-district teams, scoring three goals and adding five assists. Cloeter also excels in the classroom with a 4.2 grade-point average. Morgan Gozdor, D

### Northville

The senior third-year varsity player and two-year starter, bound for MSU, earned all-KLAA honors while also making scholar-athlete laurels both in the KLAA and MHSSCA (3.82 GPA) Amanda Berci, MF

### Lakeland

The senior and team captain was the Eagles' assist leader and also earned all-KLAA honors.

### Hannah Emerson, G Lakeland

The senior and team captain proved to be an outstanding leader for the Eagles while earning all-KLAA honors.

## Bronze medalist



Livonia's Nick Joseph (right), an rising senior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, captured a bronze medal June 20 in the IFJ Division (ages 18-20) at the USA Judo National Championships in Irving, Tex. The 17-year-old Joseph, who trains under coach Noboru Saito out of the Birmingham YMCA, posted a 3-2 record, including three ippons (major wins). Last year, Joseph was ranked No. 1 in the Junior B Division (ages 15-17) at 66 kilograms before moving up to the 73-kilogram class. Joseph is also a member of CC's varsity wrestling team.

## **USSSA** champions



RICHARD CUMMINGS

The Madness '02 girls softball team capped a 6-0 tourney run with a 13-4 victory over the Michigan Sabercats to repeat as USSSA 12-and-under champion, June 25-28, in Canton. It was the second consecutive crown for Madness '02 after winning the NSA crown the previous weekend. Members of the Madness '02, who outscored their opponents 67-7, include (front row, from left) Abbey Barta, Grace Nieto, Cassidy Brendtke, Kylie Millhorn and Gaby Cummings and (back row, from left) McKenna King, Chelsea Collins, Angela Schmidt, Olivia Vitale, Maggie Murphy, Stephanie Schmunk and Sierra Kersten.

# LIONS

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some pretty big events in the past. This year, we hosted state semifinals for football. We host a lot of MHSAA events each and every year that usually brings some pretty big crowds. But more importantly, I think this is a supportive community when it comes to athletics and our facility is one of the best. And I think that's the reason they chose Novi."

Last year, a Lions training camp practice drew approximately 9,000 fans at Wayne State University. Gordon said there will be a voucher the Detroit Lions website. "They'll staff it and they'll be scanning people as they go in and out," he said. "The (ticket) procedure is still in the makings. It's a free event that's open to the public, but it will be through them, not Novi

system used to distribute

the free tickets through

athletics." It's also an opportunity for area fans to get a closer look at an NFL team and players like Calvin Johnson, which makes the event that much more attractive.

"It's training camp, which will be kind of cool," Gordon said.

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### TIBBITS

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"The caliber is real good," Tibbits said. "We just played a couple of kids from (University of North Carolina), Alabama and Clemson. We faced the Mississippi State closer two weeks ago. I'm seeing some really good pitching and a high-caliber player."

Tibbits has also had to make a big adjustment to the wood bat-only league.

"Hitting with the wood bats is a lot different," he said. "You definitely have to hit it on the sweet spot for it to go anywhere. I think overall, coming into the next (Madonna) season, it will make me be a better hitter."

The seven-week league consists of nineinning games each Monday and Wednesday, followed by a pair of seven-inning doubleheader Friday and Saturday.

Tibbits lives with a host family in Statesville (population 24,633), located about 50 miles north of Charlotte. It's the hometown of NASCAR driver Ryan Newman.

"It's a small town, kind of everybody knows each other," Tibbits said. "They have a nice downtown area of southern food with barbecue. It's a nice area. They get around 150-200 people, so it's a lot of fun to play in front a couple hundred people like that in a summer league game." Haeger (of Madonna) saw me play a couple of times and saw what he liked, kind of gave me an offer that was hard to refuse. It also helped that Madonna was a better program and had a chance to win an (NAIA) national championship."

After red-shirting his first season (2012) at Madonna, Tibbits appeared in 41 games, making 12 starts, in 2013 as he hit .333 in spot duty, while specializing as a base stealer, going 21for-23.

But after just five games in 2014, his season was cut short by the re-occurring shoulder injury. He underwent the knife in May that season before coming back this spring.

"It was frustrating, for sure, not seeing pitching for almost two years," Tibbits said. "Trying to compete at that level is really tough. It was a frustrating season (2015), but I think I grew as a player and it definitely helped my mental game, that's for sure, so hopefully this year help me as well."

And although his baseball career had been curtailed. Tibbits didn't let it affect his standing in the classroom. The criminal justice and theology major was one of five MU baseball players and among 354 nationally who received the 2015 **Daktronics Baseball** Scholar-Athletes award for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale)And with one more season of eligibility left, Tibbits sees better days ahead at MU going into 2016. "It was kind of tough having two shoulder surgeries and trying to stay up on my strength and conditioning and everything," he said. "I'd say, overall, I'm the same player as I was before the surgery. It's starting to feel a lot better and hopefully I'm improving as well.' And with his shoulder close to 100 percent, Tibbits feels he can shoulder more responsibility.

## **Mustangs frosh excel**



The Northville High freshman baseball team recently finished with 24-9-1 record, including 22 wins in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. "We were a very strong defensive team, which usually translates into a successful season at the high school freshman level," coach Tim Cain said. "Our pitching was outstanding for the entire season, no matter which player took the mound." Team members include (front row, from left) Robbie Yanagi, second base; Evan Carson catcher; Brendan Rudolph, catcher; Jackson Stegmeyer, second base; and Owen Finkbeiner, outfield; (second row, from left) Ben Brady, pitcher; Janak Mukherji, second base; Jake Moody, third base; Joe Tobon, third base; Nick Broda, outfield; Ryan Perkins, shortstop; and Matt Weber, catcher; (third row, from left) Jack Sargent, pitcher; Christian Aulepp, outfield; assistant coach Jeremy Kucera; head coach Tim Cain; assistant coach Nick Grosz; Ben Schmidt, outfield; and Jason Hesse, pitcher; and (back row, from left) Tyler Troyer, pitcher; Cole Smith, first base; Erik Sparschu, first base; and Alex Garbacik, shortstop.

# **Rebels victorious**



KATHY KRAMAR

Huron Valley's 12-and-under Rebels captured the Duck Lake Shoot Out for Lakeland-Milford travel baseball during Memorial Day weekend at Milford High School. Team members include (front row, from left) Sam Colone, Erik Kramar, Brendan Shaw, Jacob Hughes and Dawson McBride and (back row, from left) Matt Zaremba, Logan Shindorf, Donny Hilla, Nate Rand, Ben Morgridge, Dustin Cummins and Matt Brown, along with coaches Chris McBride, Brian Rand and Mike Shaw.



# Thunder reign

PATTLI FWIS The South Lyon Th 10-and-under baseball team, defeated the Michigan Warriors, 5-3, to capture the FAAST End of June Classic Tournament, June 27-28, in Whitmore Lake. Team members include (front row, from left) Kyle Mitchell, Braden Fracassi, Owen Mitchell, A.J. Galardi and Ben Anderson, (middle row, from left) Brady D'Angelo, Luke Lassan, Cameron Lewis, Jacob Grace and Cameron Korpil and (back row, from left) coaches Todd Fracassi, Mark Galardi and Todd Korpi.Also on the team were Tommy Donovan and coach Ed Donovan.

Tibbits is currently residing with team owner Brian Suarez.

"My host family has a pond in the back, so I'll go fishing," he said. "On Thursdays, I'm coaching a baseball team for an organization, Power Cross (Ministries), for underprivileged kids. Just trying to fill my time with that and, I guess, fishing."

After lettering in three sports at Catholic Central, Tibbits went on to play for Holy Cross (Ind.) College, an NAIA school, where he hit .281 as a freshman starting 31 games before deciding to transfer and come back home.

"There was a coaching change," Tibbits said. "I was fine with that, but never really heard back from the new coach at Holy Cross. Coach (Greg) "It feels great, actually the best it ever felt," he said. 'I think I can throw the ball a lot harder now. It's not sore anymore. It feels good."

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MADONNA ATHLETICS Madonna University and Catholic Central grad Michael Tibbits is playing outfield this summer for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League. B6 (NNNR)

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# ZF North America expanding operations in Northville Township

ZF North America is expanding its Michigan tech center operations in Northville Township, investing up to \$71 million to add almost 210,000 square feet and create 571 jobs.

The company will receive a Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant through the Michigan Strategic Fund, approved June 23.

"ZF is a global leader in the automotive space, one that is long-known for its top-tier transmissions," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "This new expansion



adds to Michigan's standing as the automotive leader of North America. This decision speaks to Michigan's greatly improved business climate and our focus on improving our state's skilled trades capabilities for the

next generation of the auto industry."

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved the MBDP incentive of up to \$4 million to support the expansion in Michigan rather than South Carolina. The move was announced by the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Corp. "This is an exciting development," said Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "I'm grateful for the partnership between ZF North America and the township of Northville and I thank the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and Michigan Strategic Fund for seeing the great value in this hard-working American community."

ZF North America, Inc., a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG headquartered in Friedrichshafen, Germany, is a worldwide leader in drive line and chassis technology. The company has more than 8,300 employees in 20 facilities throughout North America and plans to expand its technical center in the Northville Township to allow for additional research and development

services to design, develop and test new vehicle components and systems.

"The ZF North America expansion will add significantly to the company's base of more than 1,200 Michiganders and signals once more that Michigan is the place for serious automotive in-vestment," MEDC CEO Steve Arwood said. "Gov. Snyder met with ZF executives in Germany and easily sold them on Michigan's reinvention and our commitment to building our state's world-class workforce.' The project will generate a total capital investment of nearly \$71.2 million and create 571 jobs. Northville Township has offered support in the form of property tax abatement. People interested in career opportunities with ZF should visit the company's website.

"Michigan has been home to ZF's North American headquarters for more than 15 years and we are excited to continue our growth in the state and in the industries we serve," said Julio Caspari, president, ZF North America, Inc.

### Two new leases at Northville Park Place

Livonia-based Schostak Bros. & Co. has completed leases for two new tenants at Northville Park Place. The joint venture between Schostak and Bloomfield Hillsbased REI Investment Group Inc., a 65,924square-foot mixed-use development located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, is set to welcome:

» Órangetheory Fitness: A fitness studio constructed for individuals who enjoy a group workout in a fun and fast-paced environment.

 » SVS Vision: A vision center that provides customers with a large selection of top designer frames and contact lenses.

Additionally, the Seattle-based MOD Pizza, a



Several new tenants at Northville Park Place will be joining previously announced retailers and restaurants, including Granite City Food & Brewery, Rusty Bucket, Sherwin-Williams, BurgerFi, Chipotle, Jimmy John's, Tom + Chee, Red Olive, Sports Clips and Gazelle Sports.

new restaurant concept introduced by Livoniabased TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, will open one of its first Michigan locations in Northville Park Place this summer. A grand opening celebration for Northville Park Place will be held at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 29.

### Fresh Thyme coming

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market is set to rock metro Detroit July 22 with three store locations

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staging grand opening celebrations and bringing grocery giveaways, live entertainment and fun activities for the whole family. Fresh Thyme will support local charitable organizations by donating a total of \$15,000 during check presentations and ribboncutting ceremonies just prior to the scheduled 7 a.m. door openings.

Three Detroit area locations include 901 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy; 2025 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; and 15480 Sheldon Road, Northville.

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market reusable shopping bags packed full with healthy groceries valued at \$50 will be given to the first 250 shoppers through the doors at each store. Throughout the day, attendees will be treated to live entertainment, face-painting, food sampling and other activities.

# Kroger supporting autism research

Novi-based Kroger customers can help fight autism during Kroger's seventh annual Puzzle Pieces fundraising campaign through July 28. Customers can help solve the autism puzzle by purchasing an autism puzzle piece for \$1, \$5, and \$10. They can also donate spare change in a coin box at any Kroger register through July 25, with all proceeds benefiting the Ted Lindsay Foundation.

Autism is a developmental disorder that appears during the first three years of life, affecting the brain's normal development of social and communication skills. About one in 68 children has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, with ASD occurring in all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups.

# INNO-VATOR of the Year nominations

Michigan-based businesses and organizations have a chance at \$10,000 in cash and services as nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Medical Main Street INNO-VATOR of the Year.

The award, now in its fourth year, recognizes a Michigan business or organization that has created a device, technology or process which significantly impacts the medical device, biotech or life science fields.

The deadline to submit an entry is Aug. 31. Application instructions and reception registration can be found at MedicalMainStreet.com.

### Avoid layoffs under Work Share program

Michigan's Work Share program, administered by the Unemployment Insurance Agency, offers businesses an alternative to layoffs. An employer can reduce the hours of at least two full-time employees, who can then collect partial unemployment benefits to replace a portion of their lost wages.

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# Local sales representative among Avon's top American sellers

South Lyon resident Kayla Barduca has been recognized by Avon Products, Inc., as one of the beauty company's top representative in the United States.

Barduca owns the Avon Beauty Center in West Oaks Shopping Center in Novi.

In honor of this recognition, the company recently rewarded Barduca, along with other top Avon representatives at the company, a trip to Los Angeles to celebrate their success during the annual President's Recognition Program Celebration.

Barduca just completed her 15th year as an Avon representative. She studied for a bachelor's degree in business, but says degrees are not needed to succeed in direct sales.

"I wish I knew 20 years ago what I know today about direct selling companies," Barduca said. "The opportunity they offer is limitless and I am in competition with no one except myself. With hard work and dedication, one can achieve their dreams, no matter where they are in life. Everyone has the same playing field; it's what you do to play the game that counts. I have earned more trips, prizes and cash and I feel rewarded for my achievements I love working from home, setting my own schedule and being my own boss. I will remain an entrepreneur and love owning my own business, which also affords me the opportu-



Kayla Barduca of South Lyon (right) is pictured with Avon district sales manager Vicki Miesle after finding out she won trip to California for her business success. Barduca operates an Avon store in Novi.

nity to give back to my community."

Avon's President Recognition Program Celebration is an annual event, bringing together the nation's top Avon representatives who have distinguished themselves as top performers in sales or leadership.

"The extraordinary Avon representatives who have achieved this distinctive honor this year make me extremely proud each day," said Pablo Muñoz, senior vice president, North America. "These individuals embody the entrepreneurial spirit that has been at the heart of Avon since the company's beginning, demonstrating first-hand how Avon representatives can achieve financial empowerment, the flexibility to run their business on their own terms and the opportunity to lead a team and mentor others."

In recognition of their success, the elite group of Avon representatives, including Barduca, celebrated their accomplishments with a five-day, four-night trip to Los Angeles. During the trip, they enjoyed a guided tour of Hollywood from Rodeo Drive to the Sunset Strip, as well as a day of fun in the sun at Santa Monica Beach. They were also recognized for their achievements with a dinner, hosted by Avon executives.

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# Realtor explains Aug. 1 pre-approval change, hails better local market

### **By Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Local Realtors are pleased with the upswing in the housing market.

'The market is picking up,' said Tony Schippa of Remer-ica United Realty in Novi. "Right now, we do have a shortage of inventory."

Schippa, a Plymouth resident, has seen homes sell in one to two weeks. "We're definitely seeing an upswing," said Schippa, in the field since December 2000 and having grown up in Milford.

New construction of homes is also improving, Schippa noted.

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the West Bloomfield-based Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said a total of 373 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in May 2015. Activity in May fell by 7 percent compared to a revised April 2015 total of 400 permits. Oakland County still led the way with 173 permits in May, but that total was down 14 percent from April and down 23 percent compared to May 2014 (225). Stoskopf, a resident of

Williamston, Mich., noted a decline in Macomb County building, specifically Shelby Township, but said Oakland has boom areas such as Lyon Township and Novi and western Wayne such as Canton Township.

Schippa cited a trend toward smaller homes, some in urban downtown areas like Detroit.

'I know some of the young Realtors down there who believe in the city," he said, and are aiming to revitalize Detroit. Homes in downtown Plymouth and Northville are also selling fast.

"We're seeing it across the state," including Grand Rapids, Schippa said. On square footage, buyers often now seek 1,200 to 1,600 rather than larger homes.

The city of Plymouth has seen some tear-downs of smaller homes replaced by larger ones, he noted, "I don"



Existing home sales are on an upswing in metro Detroit.

### again."

He works with many seniors who want ranch homes or condos as they downsize and there's a shortage of those locally. Locally, younger mil-lennials are also entering the market, he added.

Schippa urges buyers to get their pre-approval by meeting with their loan officer, noting extensive changes coming Aug. 1. Some local residents have lost jobs that pay in the range of \$25 an hour, he said, and are earning less now as their former employers went out of business.

"We've been doing an awful lot of training on it,' Schippa said of pending preapproval changes, including work with banks and title companies, "to make sure everything is in place and ready to go."

The best thing is to sit down, be truthful, get all your documents in order," he said. A credit check will reveal detailed information. If a potential buyer forgets something, he or she may lose a chance to buy. "That's the hard part, especially if you've found a house

Township, Canton and Novi. "The activity is actually steady (there)," Stoskopf said. Macomb County's Shelby

Township is down 107 permits this year compared to last, he said: "One community has really affected the numbers."

For new homes, 2013 came on strong following the recession, Stoskopf noted, with some subsequent decline, only 25 municipalities with 20 or more permits this year, compared to 35 such municipalities in 2014.

"There's been a contraction in the market of where this is going on," Stoskopf said. "Existing home activity is picking up. We track some of those numbers."

Existing homes are seeing values rise, Stoskopf said, and inventory improve. He noted the housing cycle which encourages some residents now to mull selling a home.

"It sort of goes back and forth," Stoskopf added. Nationwide, the exist

family homes, townhouses, condominiums and co-ops, rose 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million in May from an upwardly revised 5.09 million in April. Sales have now increased year-over-year for eight consecutive months and are 9.2 percent above a year ago (4.90 million), according to the NAR

Total housing inventory at the end of May increased 3.2 percent to 2.29 million existing homes available for sale, which is 1.8 percent higher than a year ago (2.25 million). Unsold inventory is at a 5.1month supply at the current sales pace, down from 5.2 months in April.

The median existing-home price for all housing types in May was \$228,700, 7.9 percent above May 2014. This marks the 39th consecutive month of year-over-year price gains, according to the NAR.

In the Midwest, existingome sales rose 4.1 percent to an annual rate of 1.27 million in May and are 12.4 percent above May 2014. The median price in the Midwest was \$181,900, up 9.4 percent from a year ago, the NAR reports.

# Santa Fe commercial area pricey

Q: I am interested in buying a building on Canyon Road in Santa Fe, N.M., to rent out an art studio. Can you give me some idea of the prospect of being able to secure same?

A: Most every space is taken up on Canyon Road for galleries and a restaurant or two. There are particular areas that are available for purchase with respect to raw land. The price, as you might expect, is extremely high. For example an

area in the downtown riverfront area of Santa Fe of approximately 2138 square feet or .28 of an acre is being offered for \$1,050,000.



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Obviously, the cost of same on Canyon Road would be even greater. It may be possible for you to rent or co-own a place where the gallery is closing out business or wants an additional co-partner. See an experienced real estate broker who specializes in commercial property.

Q: Do you have any resource for determining the real estate market and the cost of buying homes in southwest Colorado, partic-ularly around Durango?

A: Yes, most real estate companies publish their own brochures including a magazine called Homes & Land in SW Colorado located at homeandland.com. While the prices do not command the same premium as in other ski resorts in Colorado, their nearness to New Mexico, plentiful mountain skiing and canoeing areas, and the relatively competitive pricing make this area an ever popular place for retirees as well as families. The rental market is also very strong there because of the amenities including the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

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know if that trend's going to continue," he added, an issue that has raised some local controversy with residents there.

"It's challenging to find stuff," he said of local inventory. "People are starting to get equity in their homes

you like," Schippa said. Stoskopf said the top four municipalities in his area are Macomb Township, Lyon

real estate market is also improving. The National Association of Realtors reports May sales are up regionally and nationwide, with firsttime buyers a major factor.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of March 2-6, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

\$190,000

\$164,000

\$320,000

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\$212,000

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### CANTON

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 9-13, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BIRMINGHAM

391 Ferndale Ave 1776 Maryland Blvd 731 S Bates St 1721 Stanley Blvd 1197 Washington Blvd **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 1052 Stratford Ln 801 W Long Lake Rd # I8 711 Westview Rd **BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** 4251 Derrv Rd 6139 Eastmoor Rd 7119 Lindenmere Dr 211 N Williamsbury Rd 234 Tuckahoe Rd 5615 Wing Lake Rd

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\$90,000	24457 Amanda Ln
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\$260,000	23370 Mystic Forest Dr	\$370,000
\$110,000	41640 Tera Ln	\$207,000
	47200 W 11 Mile Rd	\$335,000
\$140,000	43152 Westchester Ct	\$445,000
	21115 Wheaton Ln	\$417,000
\$211,000	SOUTH LYON	
\$188,000	60511 9 Mile Rd	\$184,000
\$287,000	24811 Brompton Way Ct	\$385,000
\$38,000	517 N Reese St	\$145,000
\$132,000	23473 Spy Glass HI N	\$383,000
<i>4.52,000</i>	21859 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$16,000
\$288,000	SOUTHFIELD	4.0,000
\$455,000	19838 Melrose Ave	\$50,000
\$215,000	23278 Poplar Dr	\$50,000
¥213,000	29145 Rambling Rd	<b>\$</b> 125,000
\$348,000	28551 Sutherland St	\$76,000
\$745,000	27750 Vermont St	\$150,000
\$186,000	WHITE LAKE	¥130,000
\$130,000	8332 Fox Bay Dr	\$170,000
\$105,000	8501 Jamestown Dr	\$310,000
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### **REAL ESTATE** BRIEFS

### **Short sales**

\$50,000

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\$41,000

\$57,000

\$65,000

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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 Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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A difficult relationship with your boss can make every aspect of your work more challenging. It's a tough situation, but it's not necessarily a hopeless one.

Yes, in cases of true ineptitude or incompatibility, it might be best to seek employment elsewhere. But in many others, learning to make the best of the predicament can be the smartest move. Whether your manager is inconsistent, authoritarian or simply doesn't mesh with your personality or work style, the characteristics that make him hard to work with are often the ones that can teach you the most.

### Here are five valuable skills you can learn from having a difficult boss:

**1.** What not to do: Modeling yourself after someone you admire is useful, but there's nothing like a front-row seat on unproductive behavior to help you crystallize your own professional values and style.

Learning what not to do is especially helpful if you currently manage others or hope to do so in the future. Taking note of the effects of the behavior on staff can yield leadership lessons more memorable than any business school could provide.

2. Self-reliance: A manager who doesn't always provide you with adequate resources or direction can force you to become more resourceful and assertive. You may need to learn to gather the information or support you require from others or figure out how to move forward with a project when details are fuzzy.

Similarly, a boss who doesn't adequately recognize or

appreciate your efforts can lead you to develop your own sense of the value of your contributions. The result can be a sturdier sense of satisfaction and confidence.

3. How to choose your battles: When working for a challenging boss, everyday conversations can seem like combat. From requesting feedback to defending a decision you made to explaining why you think a certain course of action is the right one, you know to expect a tense and difficult discussion.

View these interactions as learning opportunities -when it's worth bringing up an issue, when to push back and when to let a matter drop. Being able to distinguish between a garden-variety difference of opinion and a significant concern can help you establish effective working relationships with colleagues.

4. Diplomacy: Some of the most professionally valuable interpersonal skills, such as working toward compromise and building consensus, can be learned only by dealing with difficult people. That's why a little incompatibility with your manager can be a good thing. In an ever-shifting work environment, the ability to communicate with those who see things differently than you is indispensable.

5. Team building: When your supervisor isn't as supportive as you'd like, it can motivate you to seek out and cultivate nurturing professional relationships with others. A mentor, for example, can be especially valuable for those who don't find their boss to be role-model material. The situation might also spur you to form closer relationships with colleagues who may be struggling with some of the same issues you do.

None of this is to suggest that a contentious relationship with your manager is an enviable state of affairs. It's all too easy to let a difficult boss discourage you, cause you to question the value of your work or serve as an excuse not to deliver your best. But by treating the situation as a growth opportunity rather than a hardship, you give yourself a chance to emerge from the experience stronger and better prepared to meet the next challenges your career brings your way.

When that happens, don't be surprised if your opinion of your former boss changes. Years from now, you might realize that a manager who seemed hypercritical or overly demanding was simply trying to bring out your best or force you out of your comfort zone.

That's why it's worthwhile to take a step back from your situation and ask yourself if there are things you can appreciate about your boss now. If so, you might be inspired to work toward a more productive professional relationship. And even if the answer is a resounding "No," you'll know it's not the end of the world.

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