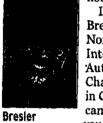


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Look for Bill at charity preview

The Novi News is dedicated to being "all about you" and our readers are "celebrities" in our



hometowns. Look for Bill Bresler at Friday's North American International Auto Show Charity Preview in Cobo Hall so he can photograph

you in front of your favorite car, with your special date or wearing that special tux or gown.

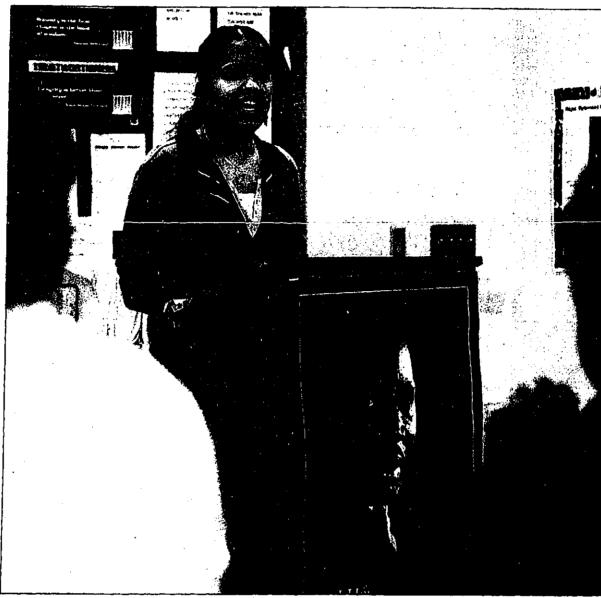
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Dine with Doc

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Each month, Providence Park Hospital hosts a free dinner presentation about a current health topic. The public is welcome to attend this casual dinner, health presentation and Q & A. There is no charge to attend.

Upcoming topics include Dr. Peter Bono discussing the back pain of lumbar spinal stenosis,



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Novi High School student P.J. Antony was one of many Novi students districtwide who gave speeches on the subject of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in front of a panel of judges on Jan. 7. Some of the speeches will be presented at the Unity in the Community event on Jan. 18.

District is spared \$127 cut

Higher revenue made proration unnecessary

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi Community Schools District Superintendent Peter Dion's reaction was more relief than excitement when he found out the district wasn't going to be cut an additional \$127 per-pupil this school year.

The fact that the district still this year is facing a total cut of \$445 per pupil, or \$2.8 million, is the likely reason behind his lack of joy.

"Obviously, it's huge we didn't get cut that money," he said. "But are we supposed to be happy we are still being cut \$445 (per-pupil)?"

Novi is seeing a \$165 per-pupil cut and \$280 categorical (20j) cut this year, and the \$127 perpupil would have put the total cuts at \$527 per pupil. However, in December Gov. Jennifer Granholm paused the \$127 perpupil cut because school districts were spending less than authorized in 2009 and because of

innovative treatments and the latest technology used to treat this painful and debilitating condition on Thursday, Jan. 21. Dr. Nisha Chellam will discuss

managing stress effectively Jan. 28. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 7-8 p.m. with questions and answers immediately following. To register, call 1-866-501-DOCS.

Dance classes

Are you a fan of "Dancing with the Stars"? Have you ever wanted to learn the fox trot, rumba, samba or jive? From the stepby-step basics of Slow Ballroom for Absolute Beginners to the dance packed sessions of Rhythm Ballroom, Novi Parks offers a class for everyone. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org for sessions stating in January.

Bill Schuster, a Ballroom competitor and instructor for over 26 years, who has taught for both the Arthur Murray and Fred Astaire Dance Studios, will lead the classes.

The Ballroom classes will be held at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads.

For more information, contact Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (248) 347-0400. To register, visit cityofnovi.org.

Community invited to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Student performances highlight fourth annual event

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Students throughout Novi will be echoing the message of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday at the fourth annual Unity in the Community event.

The program, which starts at 7 p.m. in the Fuerst Auditorium at the high school and is open to the public, will feature students celebrating King's life through drama performances, songs, dance and the spoken word. It is organized by the Students Promoting Unity and Diversity group. The ultimate goal is to not just make it a one-day thing but a year-long celebration.

"Dr. King has affected all our lives whether we know it or not ... We must keep his story alive," said teacher and coordinator of the event Korey Nuckolls. The day is a very special one for

the Calhoun family, as the three siblings gave speeches for the oratorical



contest.

The oldest, Brooke, 13, said when she heard King's speech for the first time several years ago it made her "heart sing" and she wanted to change the way she treated people. She also believes students should be in school on Jan. 18 to learn about King and what he did because many people just see it as a day off school and do not fully comprehend the importance of the day.

Philip Andrew, 10, said he hopes that people come to the program and learn that everyone is "equal no matter what."

."Martin Luther King Jr. is a very important person. If it were not for him I wouldn't be here right now," he said.

One thing that has stood out to Nuckolls thus far is the number of young students that are eager to participate. Two of the top three contestants in the oratorical contest were elementary school students, Rithika Vedamuthu and Lauren Calhoun. The first place winner was high school student Teena Antony.

"I'm extremely excited about the future," he said.

Food and refreshments also will be served following the program.

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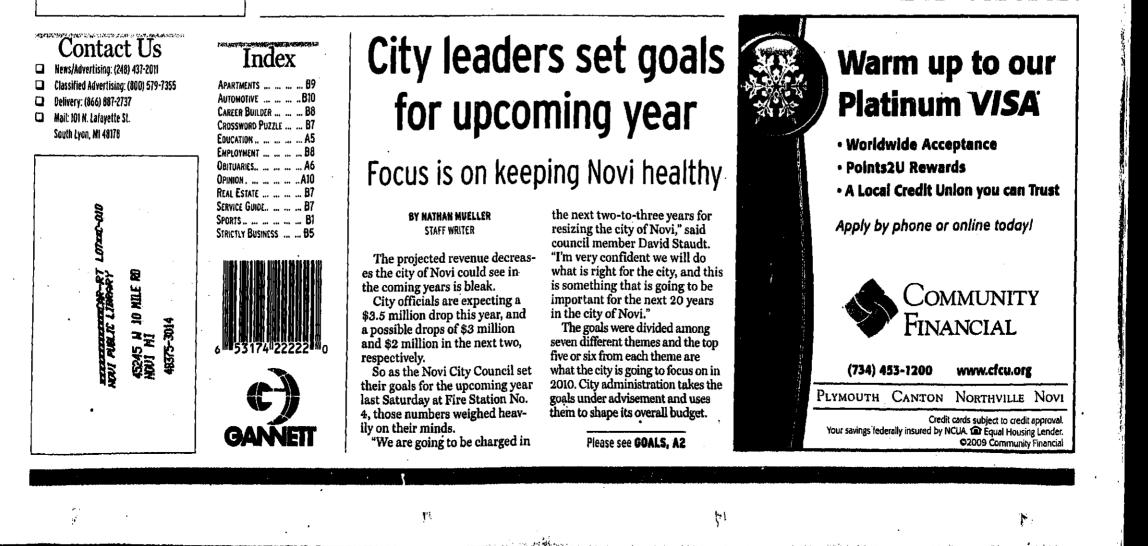
an unexpected increase in nonhomestead property tax values. Following Monday's Revenue **Estimating Conference it was** determined the \$127 per-pupil cut was no longer necessary. The lack of a cut means Novi will have an estimated \$790.000 it previously thought it wasn't going to receive.

Dion said it still doesn't change how the administration and board of education are going to attack the funding issue. The district is in the process of rolling out a program called Focus on the Future. which has to do with the budget development process.

"We are looking at next year and also looking at this year to see if there are ways we can continue to be diligent throughout the rest of this year," he said. "We are not happy with the situation and as a result we are being careful with any kind of expenditures we have."

'Obviously, it's huge we didn't get cut that money. But are we supposed to be happy we are still being cut \$445 (per-pupil)?'

PETER DION, superintendent, Novi **Community Schools District**



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GOALS

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training center.

One general consensus the

council came to was highlight-

ing the importance of econom-

"We cannot cut one ounce of

effort from (that)," said Mayor

Across the board there were

David Landry. "That is really

several goals similar to ones

In the public safety theme,

council members wanted to

continue the appropriate rec-

and responsiveness to commu-

nity needs, find ways to reduce

overtime and continue to look

for ways to rent the firearms

Under infrastructure, the

main goal was to find money

Avenue. Also under that theme

were goals to close sidewalk

gaps, prioritize road/public

right-of-way enhancements

based on determination of top

to improve Grand River

ommendations of the ICMA

study to increase efficiency

that were suggested at this

the life-blood of any city."

DETAILS

The goals were divided among seven different themes and the top five or six from each theme are what the city is going to focus on in 2010. The themes were: public safety; improve infrastructure, roads, water and sewer; encourage economic development to maximize city revenue and job growth; develop government structure and staff skills for effective delivery of customer service and communication with community; be a community that values national areas and natural features: maintain a fiscally responsible government; and enhance park, recreation

10 Novi destinations, pursue federal funding for Novi Road Link project, find specific projects and accumulate funding over time and focus on neighborhood road funding using in-house PASER pro-

and cultural services.

cess. The economic development theme focused on continuing to assist existing businesses and aggressively marketing to new businesses, develop a master plan for Main Street and Town Center area, develop a strategic plan for benefiting from the redevelopment of the Wixom Plant and continue the focus on making Novi business friendly

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ment structure, council wants to continue to invest in staff skills, education and training using local opportunities when possible, develop a plan for engaging more citizens, continue participation in citizen survey and actively explore opportunities to share services

with other cities. The goal with the natural areas are to focus on incorporating the natural features of the Fuerst/Library properties, review city-wide recycling for residents and city buildings, continue branding efforts, continue focus on code enforcement and collaborate with schools that have some

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Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt noted that for the first time in seven years there were no goals that would provide additions to the workforce or supple base. And he said having a balanced budget that does not cut core services in any way is the ultimate goal. "In the end, I firmly believe all our employees of our won-

the solution," he said. nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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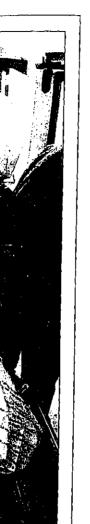
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Basements



The outdoor patio that looks out onto Fuerst Park has been completed and is awaiting furniture.

Lyon, Lyon Township and Wixom to name a few) to ensure Novi's patrons are taken care of.

Six months remain until doors open to public

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BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

Library director Julie

Farkas said she is in "count-

down mode" as construction

on the new facility is expect-

ed to commence in the next

The entire building is

enclosed, the patio complet-

ed, tile and carpet is coming

the woodwork and mill work

Myrtle Walker" Novi Public

Library was installed recent-

"I have excitement every

because something new has

still a little nervous though

still to accomplish to make

it that amazing library when

The library will be closed

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because we have so much

we open in June."

been done," Farkas said. "I'm

ly, and the grand opening

festivities are in the plan-

day when I go over there

in the next few weeks and

is currently taking place.

The name "Charles and

six months.

ning stages.

A few months ago Farkas also started the Library Neighborhood Association Group to increase collaboration among the nearby libraries. She said her hope is that they can work together next year to provide more for their respective communities.

"It gives directors a chance technology bid still to come. to talk about what programs

we are doing and how can we coordinate and maybe put a series together and travel to the different libraries," she said. "We are looking at our resources and budget and seeing how we can continue to provide high caliber services and increase that." Farkas said financially the project is below the targeted bid of \$12.5 million. The furniture bid was recently completed with the second

Paula Buran, who was at

NAME THE CAFE CONTEST Only three names remain in

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the Name the New Library Café Contest, and it's up to the public to decide the winner. Through the month of January, people can vote for their favorite name at the library or online at www.novilibrary.org. The three remaining names

are: "Books and Bites Café," "Chapters Café" and "Read-A-Latte Café." The winner will be announced in

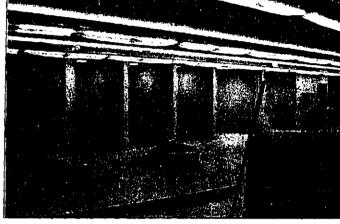
early February. The new café will feature high-quality coffee specialties, smoothies, frult juices and many other beverages. In addition, homemade soups, sandwiches, baked goods, macaroni and cheese and a variety of snacks will be available daily for patrons to enjoy.

the library Monday with her daughter Amy, said "it's about time" Novi is getting a new library after the millage was shot down by voters several time before. Buran lived in Novi for

seven years but now lives in Northville and still comes to the Novi library "We are very happy (about

the new library)," she said.







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Significant reforms were signed into law in 2009

legislation that I sponsored were signed into law. For example, my legislation adding accountability and transparency to the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) credits was signed by the governor in October.

Lealslative Update

Nancy Cassis measuring the effectiveness of state programs – especially

My initiatives, Public Acts 124 and 125 of 2009, open up the MEGA credits and the tax certificates to legislative oversight. Without compromising the important principle of taxpayer privacy and confidentiality, this legislation would require the Michigan Department of Treasury to provide aggregate tax information by business category to the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee and the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies. Information now required to be shared with policymakers includes the actual amounts for the number of jobs created or retained and the actual value of the MEGA refundable tax credits claimed. A third bill of mine, PA 126, place an annual \$95 million cap on the growth of the MEGA credits beginning this year. Both the public and law-

makers have the right to know where state tax dollars are going. Other states adopted transparency with outstanding results. I am proud we finally brought that accountability and openness to Michigan and look forward to bringing transparency to all of state

astated more than any other state by the collapse of the domestic automobile industry - resulting in more than 700,000 lost auto industryrelated jobs over the past few years. By waiving the local match requirement for two years, thousands of new road and bridge construction jobs will be created - assisting our ailing local governments and improving our critical state

Senate Resolution 92 was adopted in October to recognize the month as National Window Covering Safety Month in an effort to raise awareness of the hidden danger of window blind cords.

ory of Isabela Grace Nagara, who was unfortunately and so sadly strangled by a window blind cord in June 2009 while taking a nap. She had just turned two years old. While remembering Isabela, I intro-

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n 2009, several pieces of The groundbreaking reforms are the first of their kind

in Michigan. The historic action is a positive step oward ensurng lawmakers will have the factual, reli-

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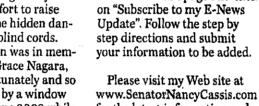
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government. THREE RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE SENATE The state Senate approved three resolutions I introduced in 2009. The first one,

Senate Resolution 70, was adopted to urge the governor to implore President Obama to grant Michigan a two-year waiver from federal matching requirements for bridge and highway projects. Good roads support economic development and jobs.

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infrastructure. The resolution was in mem-



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to this overlooked source of harm to help protect Michigan children from suffering a simi-Isabela's parents, Wes and Beth Nagara of Commerce

duced SR 92 to bring attention

lar tragedy.

approved.

Township, and her uncle, Ron Nagara, were in the Senate gallery when SR 92 was My third resolution, Senate Resolution 93, proclaimed

November 9-13 of 2009 as "School Psychology Week in Michigan." As a former school psychologist, I know that a child's mental health is closely linked to their successful learning and development. School psychologists are an important resource to school

staff, parents, and students. SIGN UP FOR 2010 UPDATES Continued effort to improve

contact in 2010, I will step up my contact with the constituents of the 15th district my increasing contact via my E-blast Updates. I will notify those on the list not only with periodic updates on what is happening in Lansing but also when I send out a press release, do media interviews and release my cable show

which can all be viewed on my To sign up for my E-blast Updates please contact my office or go to my web site at www.SenatorNancyCassis. com. Move down to the bottom of the main page and click

for the latest information and updates on issues in Lansing. Or contact me toll free at 1-

with much success. The bottles **BY NATHAN MUELLER** are collected every Friday and taken to a larger bin where Parkview Elementary fourth they are then sent off to be grader Brendan Roberts is a

STAFF WRITER

plastic recycling machine.

ages children to protect the

his own one-man recycling

It was an idea that didn't

bode well with mom at first.

but now has translated into a

"I just want the Earth to be

school-wide recycling effort.

a better place for people in

everything," he said.

the garbage.

the future instead of trashing

The 9-year-old started the

recycling program by himself,

mates that they should bring

announcing to fellow class-

their plastic bottles to him

instead of throwing them in

He then put the bottles in

"She was like, 'What are you

Instead of continuing to try

to recycle all the school's plas-

tic on his own, Roberts met

with principal Jenifer Michos

who encouraged him to pitch

the idea to the whole school.

With the help of several

classmates and teacher Connie

Dye, the plastic recycling pro-

gram kicked off in November

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his backpack and took them

home to a surprised mother.

doing?" he said. "She didn't

want me getting sick."

program at the school.

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Inspired by Disney's Friends ers and a box for each grade level, kindergarten through fourth grade, and they make "green" initiative that encourannouncements every week environment, Roberts started to let the school know which grade recycled the most plas-

> started it," said Blake King, 10. Dye said she also had another student bring a recycling bin to class prior to the start of the program and she was taking

them herself. "What stood out to me was their passion for saving the Earth," she said. "The leadership they have is so impres-

On the heels of the plastic recycling push, teacher Jacqueline Ukrop and her class have started to recycle glue bottles. Parkview now recycles paper, plastic and glue bottles, and is seeking to become a Michigan Emerald

School this year. "It's important to recycle because it helps our environment and we can reuse things and not waste," said Cooper Wujczyk, 9.

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country is facing.

of \$50,000 in cash prizes for the competition. Bright House Networks also announced that they will award an additional \$12,000 to local entrants in the competition, working with judges in each of its six divisions to select a winning video and reward a total of \$2,000 per division to students and teachers.

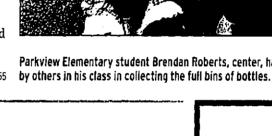
entries into the StudentCam competition by Wednesday. Winners will be announced in March 2010, with winning videos to air on C-SPAN beginning in April of that year. We're getting down to

SPAN StudentCam competi-

tion, so get your entries in today," said Bob McCann. Bright House Networks of Michigan President. "Bright House Networks is pleased to continue to support this worthwhile program - it provides a wonderful opportunity for students to further educate themselves on issues of national importance, and also try their hand at documentary

filmmaking. Competition guidelines and further details are available at www.brighthouse.com/studentcam.

StudentCam is sponsored by C-SPAN Classroom, www. c-spanclassroom.org, a free membership service dedicated to support educators' use of C-SPAN programming in their classes or for research.



Parkview student spearheads plastic recycling program

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recycled. Roberts' class created post-"Everyone is really happy we

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sive. They wanted to lead the school."

Said Albi Popaj, 9: "We need to do it so we can be healthy." nmueller@gannett.com] (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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the wire for students to participate in this year's C-



Parkview Elementary student Brendan Roberts, center, has begun a schoolwide plastic bottle recycling program (the 'Bottle Squad') - and has been helped



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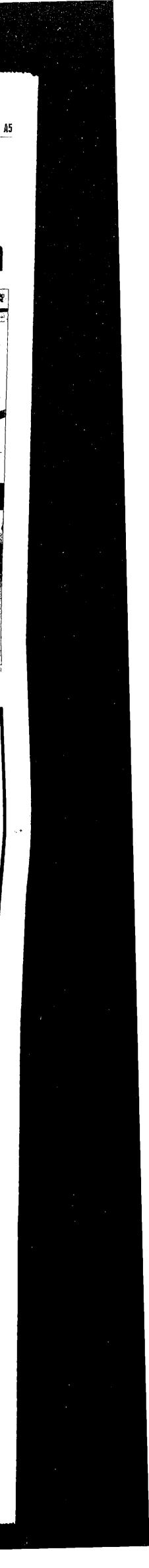
Community service For a community service project, fourth-graders at Novi Woods after Halloween donated their 'extra' candy. The

students made candy gift bags to give to kids in foster homes to brighten their holiday. Santa delivered the candy at their holiday party. Pictured are Anna Dixon, Keith Bush, Graham Schock, Dominic Gatson, Dana Harris, Sam Feig, Bella Jablonski and Mikayla.

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(SELLERS) BALCH Ade 94. of Northville, formerly of Detroit, passed away January 5 2010. Loving mother of Shirley ed to Angela Hospice or the National Cuny of Northville and Sarah (Frank) Kidney Foundation. Arrangements Kalivoda of Florida. Adored grand-by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Maryland, Karla (Joe) Myers of Florida, and Kristen (Harvey) Helgemo of West Bloomfield. Cherished great-grandmother of Age 78, of Salem Township, former-Parker, Cole, Arielle, and Connor. A ly of Chicago, passed away, January service was held last Friday at 9, 2010 at home surrounded by his Christian Memorial Cemetery. The loving family. He was born on Anter Ant Northville Civic Concern, attn: Illinois, son of the late Arvid and ly on January 9, 2010, after a battle Donation for Helen Balch, PO Box 323, Northville, MI 48167. Edith (Berggren) Larson, Gilbert is survived by: his loving wife Ruth; his beloved husband, Leonard; sons, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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late Thomas for 30 years. Mother of Riley; and his brother Kenneth (Mary Pietryga, numerous in-laws, nieces, Robert (Janice), Mark (Patty) and Ann) Larson. Visitation was held on nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Kevin. Grandmother of Thomas, Mon., January 11th, from 3:00 p.m.- Liturgy was held at Church of the Evan, Chelsea, Nick and Kent, A 9:00 p.m. Funeral services were Holy Spirit, Highland, on memorial service will be held at a conducted on Tues., January 12th, at Wednesday, January 13th, 2009 later date. A.J. Desmond & Sons,

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FRANCIS J. BUDDE Jan. 5, 2010, Age 87, Funeral was Jan. 12, 2010 at Holy Family Church. Novi, Donations to Holy Family Church Christian Service or St John's Health Foundation. Condolences:

ALAN HENRY CICCI

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Age 54, of New Hudson, passed away January 9, 2010. A funeral service was held on January 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

WILLIAM COURTNEY FAY

January 7, 2010 age 88 Beloved husband of the late Mary Lee. Loving father of Jane (Ken) Hilbert and William (Jean) Fay. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Courtney), Vail, Ashley, Kelsey and Robert and great-grandfather of Sophia and Anais. Brother of Arthur (Dee) Fav and the late David and A resident of Highland Township was a member of the American Jean. Dear friend of Lucille "Lou" since 1980, passed away at her home Legion Post 0338, the Shriner's Gilbertson. William was a Captain on January 6, 2010. She was preced- Motor Corp of Southfield, and the and Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Air Force ed in death by husbands, Lloyd Masonic Lodge #172 in Dearborn during WWII in the European Theater. Spangler and Lavern Mochl, a son, Bill was a very generous person with Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Richard (Sheila) Spangler, and a wonderful sense of humor. He is Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi brother, Robert George (Nathalie) survived by his children Chery (248) 348-1800 Friday 3-9 PM. Lechner. She is survived by her son. (William) Holmberg, Randy (Phyllis) Funeral Liturgy at St. James Church, Donald David Spangler of Lakeville, Rosebrook, and Larry Rosebrook; 7 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, Saturday 11 MN; daughter, Donna Marie (Larry) grandchildren; and 8 great grandchil-AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial con- Smigelski of Grand Blanc; grandchil- dren. He was preceded in death by tributions may be made to the dren. Michelle Stournaras, Mike his parents his wife and his daugh-Disabled American Veterans or to the Laursen, Monique (Keith) Shorr, ter Michelle Rosebrook. A funeral charity of your choice.

Online condolences:



WILLIAM C. HIGGINS, JR. Age 97, longtime resident of of the Holy Spirit Building Fund. Northville, passed away January 9, 2010. He was born December 4,

1912 in Amherst, Nova Scotia to William and Grace (Lloyd) Higgins. At age 10, William moved to the U.S. and became a naturalized citizen at age 18. A graduate of Cass Tech in (Green) Higgins on December 28, book: www.phillipsfuneral.com 1942; they spent 49 loving years together until her death in 1992. He retired as a District Manager with the a member of Our Lady of Victory, where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He was also a member of Komen for the Cure, PO Box 650309, Komen for the Cure, PO Bo Knights of Columbus. William's cup Dallas, TX 75265. Condolences: service. Arrangements entrusted to was always half full; he was very www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. cheerful and always had a kind word for everyone. He loved dancing music, and playing the plano. He is survived by his children William (Janice) Higgins III, Patricia (Alan) Hughes, and Mary (James) Hoose; his grandchildren Jennifer Hughes Ryan Hughes, Sara Higgins, Maria (Tim) Spangler, Michael (Gwendolyn) Hoose, and Jenna Hoose; his great grandson Ethan Spangler; and hi loving companion Clarice Hovt and her family. He was preceded in death by his wife, his son Thomas Higgins, his grandson Matthew Hughes, and 5 brothers and sisters. A funeral mass was held Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery, where he received Military Honors rendered by the U.S.

Navy Honor Guard. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to OLV. attention: Music Program, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

email: oeobits@hometownlife.com View Passages Online: www.hometownlife.com MARY JANE KUZILA Age 81, of Northville, passed away Jan. 7, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held Mon., Jan. 11, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory. Contributions appreciat-

BEVERLY H. PIETRYGA

Age 77 and a resident of Highland, Michigan since 1974, passed away

Cemetery in Bay City. Memorials

SAMUEL W. RESSLER

Age 94, passed away Jan. 8, 2010.

A Funeral service was held on Jan.

12 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME,

South Lyon. Online guestbook

WILLIAM D. ROSEBROOK

born August 21, 1927 in Detroit,

Michigan to William and Frma

(Bartlett) Rosebrook. He was united

in marriage to Geraldine J. Samoly

on April 12, 1947; they spent 62 lo

ing years together until her death on

June 1, 2009. Bill served in the US

Navy during WWII. He worked as a

Computer Operations Manager

Ford Motor Co. for over 30 years. Bill

WILMA F. SHARP

Fri, Jan. 8, 2010 at Casterline

MARJORIE Z. SIMS

Age 88, a longtime resident of

Northville, passed away on January

9, 2010. She was born on Decembe

Age 82, of South Lyon,

passed away peacefully

January 10, 2010. He was

www.phillipsfuneral.com

GILBERT E. LARSON

beloved children: Jeanette (Stephen) Michael (Susan) and Matthew; Goldman, Darlene (Keith) Southwick: daughter, Mary (James) Ogle; 4 grandchildren: Matthew, Brennan, grandchildren, Eric, Sarah, and Derek (Amy),and Dawn (Bret; 2 Emily Pietryga, Zackary, Cameron lanuary 5, 2010, Age 79. Wife of the great-grandchildren: Reagan and Mackenzie Ogle, and Mason 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, with burial at St. Stanislaw South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Church of the Holy Spirit Building Association or the American Cancer Fund. For further information please Society. Funeral arrangements have phone 248-684-6645 or visit FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



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VIRGINIA MARIE MEEHL

Melanie (Tom) Jennings, Ronald service was held at Casterline Funeral (Francine) Nesheim, Kenneth Home, Inc. of South Lyon. The famiwww.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com Nesheim, Matthew (Amy) Spangler, ly would appreciate memorial contrififteen great grandchildren, and many butions to the Michigan Humane nieces and nephews and dear Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. friends. Virginia was a long time 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit Women's Club, the Blue Army, served as a Eucharistic helped prepare luncheons for gather- Age 89, of Northville, formerly o Farmington Hills, passed away Jan. 5, 2010. Funeral Service was held ings at the church for over twentyfive years. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 Funeral Home, Inc. She was laid to with Fr. Leo Lulko officiating. Burial rest at Michigan Memorial Park. Contributions to Angela Hospice. at Highland Cemetery Memorials may be made in her name to the Church

> For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford. 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuner/Directors.com

John W. Melise

TONY PASCUCCI

15, 1921 to John S. and Ada (DeHaven) Snell. She was united in marriage to Tom Sims and they spent Detroit, William proudly served with Age 69, died January 6, 2010. A many loving years together until his the U.S. Navy during WWII as an Funeral was held January 8th, Friday death in 1978. Marjorie is survived Aviation Chief Radio Technician. He at 12 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL by her children Thomas L. Sims and was united in marriage to Rosemary HOME, South Lyon. Online guest- Zo (Jerry) Chisnell; 3 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, he husband, and 7 brothers and sisters A funeral service was held Tues Detroit News after 45 years. He was December 30, 2009, Age 71, Funeral January 12, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Pastor James

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Liz Keiser 586-977-7538 The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line. You may place a photo of your loved one for an additional cost of \$25 Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

Deadline; Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

LOCAL NEWS

online at hometownlife.com



Learning the ropes

Fourth-graders from Parkview Elementary went on a field trip to the state capitol in Lansing on Jan. 5 and Jan. 11 to learn about the state's government by participating in a guided tour of the capitol building, including the House and Senate galleries. Pictured is Jacqueline Ukrop's class.

CALENDAR

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, Mi 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb 8 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street Details: Social time and garden lecture - Posture & Posies; guest will be physical therapist Renee Cottrell. The public is welcome. Contact: gardenersnorthville-novi.org or Renee (248)

231-2334

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River

Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join

these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841

or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

BUSINESS

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. **Contact:** For more information, contact Julie

Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail. com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.

State of The City Address and Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 Location: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand

River Ave., Novi Details: Presented by the City of Novi in partnership

with the Novi Chamber of Commerce: \$25 per person. RSVP at www.cityofnovi.org or call (248) 735-5627. **Business to Business Breakfast**

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 Location:Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Dr., Novi

• Details: Join in networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door. Novi Toastmasters Club

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also

have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend! Visit www.novi.freetoathost.us. Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907.

Novi Rotary Club

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.

org.

NIGHTLIFE

Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater

Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Andlamo Lounge: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Andiamo Theater: Kwame-A-River 2 The Wrath of

Conyers 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 5 p.m. Sunday Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday; DJ Whip 10 p.m. Friday; Paul Martindale 10 p.m. Saturday.

Liquor Store Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 305.8135

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk. 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 374-3420

Bar Louie Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44375 12 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 662-1100 The Grapevine of Novi

Location: 43155 Market Street, Novi Contact: (248) 344-4044; www.thegrapevineofnovi.

Live music Saturdays: 8:30-midnight Jan. 16 - Michael May & The Messarounds

The Post Bar Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" &

mr Jevon Hallywood Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon

Hollywood Mixx Lounge

Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com Thursday-Saturday: DJ

LIBRARY LINES Novi Public Library

at the Library.

Tech Time

Contact: (248) 349-0720

time brochure for details.

Website: www.novilibrary.org

InkWeavers Young Writers' Group

welcome all kinds of writing!

Piease see CALENDAR, A9

Kiddie Crafts

is required.

Library Hours Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5; p.m. (September-May). The Library will be closed Monday. Jan, 18, Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place

Story Times: Please see the Library website or story Time/Date: 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14, 21 and

28; 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Jan. 26. Details: One-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Registration required. Time/Date: 10 a.m. noon Saturday, Jan. 16.

Details: A monthly writers' group for tweens in 7th-8th grades. Read a piece of your writing (age appropriate, please) and receive constructive feedback from your peers. Please email your piece by the Wednesday before the meeting to Alexana Steck (asteck@novi.k12. mi.us) or Phyllis Weeks (pweeks@novilibrary.org. We

Time/Date: 10:30-11:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration

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Whitmore Lake High School 43D Whilmore Lake Rd. + Whitmore Lake, Mi 48189

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Pill splitting: When it's safe, and when it isn't

Dear Savvy Senior. Is pill splitting safe? I have several friends who split their prescription pills to save money, and several who don't because strength dose and cutting it in half may they don't think it's safe. What can you tell me? Split Decision

Dear Decision,

Splitting your pills - literally cutting them in half - is a simple way to save money on your prescription drugs but be sure you talk to your doctor first, because not all pills can be split. Here's what you should know.

SAVINGS AND SAFETY The reason pill splitting is such a cost cutter is because of a quirk in the way

pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a doubleallow you to get two months worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.

WHAT TO DO

If you're interested in pill splitting, the first step is to talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle. The pills that are easiest to split

However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split include: · Cholesterol lowering drugs, like Crestor, Lipitor, and Pravachol

 Antidepressants, like Celexa, Paxil, and Zoloft High blood pressure medicines like,

Monopril, Prinivil, Univasc, Zestril, Avapro and Cozaar. · Erectile dysfunction pills, like Viagra

Cialis and Levitra Having the right equipment helps too. Don't use a knife to cut your pills in half. It can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter. They only cost around \$5 to \$10 and are available

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But medication over time in your body. check with your doctor first. It's possible that exposing the interior of the pills to the stomach. air could reduce their effectiveness. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

UNSAFE SPLITTING Many medicines, because of their ingredients or design, cannot be split safely. Here's a list of pills that should not be split:

· Blood thinners (Coumadin, warfarin). Chemotherapy drugs.

 Anti-seizure medicines. Birth control pills. Capsules of any kind that contain pow-

 Pills with a hard outside coating · Extended-release pills that deliver Pills that are coated to protect your

 Pills that crumble easily, irritate your mouth, or taste bitter. Again, your doctor or pharmacist will

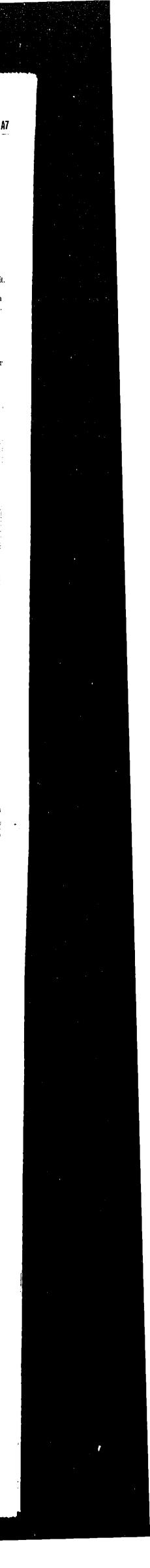
know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting and saving, safely

Send your senior questions to: Savy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show 'book

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810-227-3113 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sundøy School Rev. Dale Hodblad, Pastor	520 General Motors Rid., Millord Church office: (248) 684-0895 Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Monday Evening 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor	GOOD SHEPHERD	NOVI UNITED METHODIST
HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC	FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD	9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will resume September 13	CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, Mi 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
CHURCH & SCHOOL www.hsrcc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199 Er. John Bocus, Pastor	133 Detroit St., Milford + 684-5895 Pastor Steve Swayze Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 e.m. Sunday Workbin - 11 a.m.	Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565	248-349-2652 www.umcnovi.com 'Loung God, koung each other and loung our core vail
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Please risit our Spreud of furin Display and Book & Gift Stop	Wedneedays 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Awana for 3 yrs, old - 5th grade (begins Sept. 16) Middle School Group	ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 4837
Earmington Lilla	SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C. 1250 South Hill Ad. Just south of downtown Millord (248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com	NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd, • Novi, Mi 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.	Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanis Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p. Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
Farmington Hills	Sunday School 9:15 a.m. KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Childron and Youth Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.	Reverend George Charnley, Pastor Parish Office: 347-7778	Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pasto Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.c
Farmington Hills • 23225 Gill Rd. • 248-474-0584 Between Grand River & Freedom Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship & Sunday School	Call about our current small group studies.	FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W, 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345	HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Maggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m. o	BAPTIST CHURCH 11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380 248-887-1218	1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"	Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist • Sunday School 8 Nursery 10 a.m. Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector
	Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m. Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.		www.churchoftheholycross.com
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2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556. Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays Saturday Hight Service 6:00 p.m.	Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade © 10:00 a.m. Nursery care available © 10:00 a.m. g R. John Harris, Pastor g	Cuenday Manuhin 40 a va	Bhone (248) 912-0042
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Bible Study Wed, 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Danny Milutin 889-7253 or 887-4566	Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 e.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopouu.org	Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.n Senior Pastor. Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor. Randy Wea Website: wnw.fbcsouthlyon.com • Email: fbcsouthlyon.Stscglobal net
HIGHLAND UNITED	Northville	Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church	CROSSROADS COMMUNITY
680 W. Livingston Rd. + Highland, Mi 48357 248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Kida Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Experience Life Each Week	Presbyterian Ghurch 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon Routh of Mile Roug Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.	CHURCH 28900 Pontiac Trail (Across from Erwin's Orchard) Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. Family Service 11:00 a.m.
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Rev. Leo T. Luiko, Pastor Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. & 1 i. a.m.; M-T W-F 9 a.m. Holy Day, 9 a.m. & To,m.; First Saturday 0 a.m. Contessions - Saturday 11 a.m. & 6:16 p.m.	CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE (248) 349-1144 8 Mile & Taft Roads	248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship	640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0750 Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Nursery Provided
or by appointment organization	Worship: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Rav. Dr. Stave Buck www.fumcnorthville.org	Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m. Rob Callicott, Pastor	Reverend Sondra Willobee southiyonfirstumc.org
Livonia	WARD EVANGELICAL	FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2682	SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH 22183 Pontiac Trail (behind Jazzercise and Gym) 10 a.m. Sunday Celebration
FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville 240-374-7400 Sunday Worthip: Traditional: 8 a.m. 0:300 a.m. 8 11 a.m. Contemporary 8:30 a.m. 4 11 a.m. Nurwy 5 Sunda Young the EXP am. 4 11 a.m. www.marchurch.org Service Stroadcast Sunday 11 a.m. WRGT-AN 600. The WMULLY Word Station.	Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.	Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (Busch's Shopping Center) (Nursory & Childron's programs) as Office 248-486-4400
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	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 133 Orchard Dr., Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.	(U.S.A.) or SOUTH LYON Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care Provided Check us out on the web: www.tpcsov/bityon.org §	Gathering in Jesus Name 601 S. Lafayette St. • South Lyon, Mi 48178 * Sunday 10:30 and 1;30 Thursday 7:00 p.m.
White Lake	Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Church 349-2821, School 349-3810 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor	Check us out on the web: www.tpcsouthiyon.org & 248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) • § Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor	Mike Ragan, Pastor 734-347-1983 pastor cell Old fashioned preaching KJV
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LOCAL NEWS

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White Lake center helps track region's weather

BY PHILIP ALLMEN STAFF WRITER

Hometown Weeklies) Thuisday, January 14, 2010

Wondering what the weath er looks like heading into the weekend? Those charged with collecting every imaginable bit of data related to weather are

just next door in White Lake Township. Nestled in one of the few remaining rural spots in the community — close to Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area and Indian Springs Metropark on White Lake Road - the National Weather Service station in White Lake Township is the source for weather in the southeast Michigan region.

WHAT IS IT? The National Weather Service provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts and warnings for the entire country. Run by the federal government, the office works with airports, media and the public whenever

weather may play a factor. The White Lake station is one of 125 stations in the United States. Its responsibilities stretch from Bay and Midland counties south to the Ohio border, said Rich Pollman, a warning coordination meteorologist stationed in White Lake. That station was built in the early 1990s as part of the department's modernization plans. A more centralized location assisted with installing the Doppler radar.

The White Lake location combined offices in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Flint. Other regional stations in operation include Grand Rapids, Gaylord, Marquette, Cleveland and northern Indiana. "This is a great location,"

Pollman said. "We're right in the middle of things, and we're at a higher elevation, which helps a lot."

OLD TECHNOLOGY If you want to see how National Weather Service meteorologists get some of their most detailed informetion about weather throughout the world? Stop by at 6 a.m. or 6 p.m. White Lake is one of about 70 locations in the country that launch weather balloons into the upper atmosphere to collect information to process. Those launches are coordinated worldwide with thousands of other weather

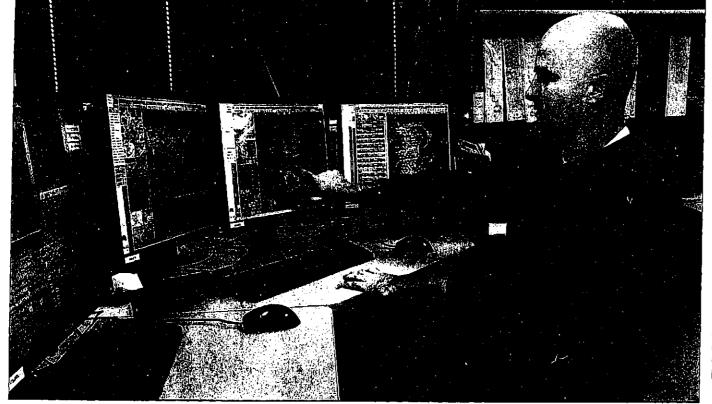
"It gives us a snapshot of what the atmosphere is doing," Pollman said. "What we see will affect the weather on the ground."

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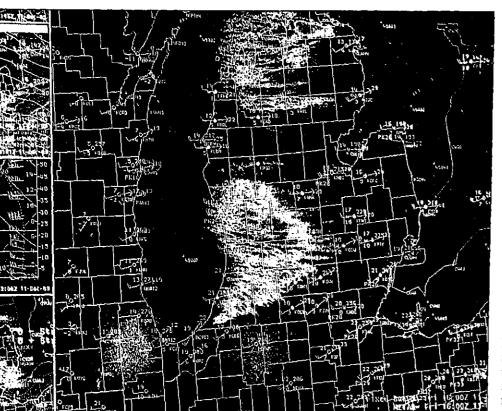
Each weather balloon is filled with hydrogen, then connected to an instrument to collect information like temperature moisture and air pressure. Using trigonometry, that information can also determine wind speed and direction.

Those balloons, connected to a GPS device, soar into the air to about 100,000 feet above the troposphere and into the stratosphere. Once the balloon reaches that level, it pops and the instruments parachute back to the ground with instructions for anyone who finds the equipment.

Pollman said it's up to the individual to decide what to do with a National Weather Service weather data collector. Some return them, Pollman said, and others keep them as souvenirs. Depending on the season, those balloons and



Dave Kook at the National Weather Service station in White Lake checks out the different radar maps for the region.



the White Lake station balloons launched in fall or spring are found in northern Ohio, southern Canada or in Lake Erie. Summer balloons typically go straight up and down. Pollman said that a few balloons launched during winter in Green Bay, Wisc., were found in Lapeer.

It's not the most advanced of technologies, Pollman admitted, but the balloons can do on their own what satellites and radar can't. If there's heavy cloud cover, that can disrupt

newer technologies. "But that's about the only thing we use from the '30s and '40s," Pollman said.

DAY-TO-DAY

There's always two or three people stationed at the White Lake station to collect data, issue forecasts and warnings and anything else that needs taken care of. With about two dozen employees on staff. including meteorologists, hydrologists, technicians and administrative staff.

Those looking at the weather data are focusing on different things, too. One person will deal with the short-term forecasts, issuing warnings or rapid weather alerts. Others working any given shift focus more on the long-term forecast, which is days 2-7. They will analyze the information from the weather balloons. Those analyzing all that

weather-related data have the



National Weather Service is located at 9200 White Lake Road in White Lake.

latest in technology to do so. area The satellite system keeps the entire country covered, and

meteorologists have plenty of expanding." tools they can use to mix and match to get the information Those familiar with television weather reports are accustomed to seeing the

Weather information can be found online at www.weather.gov.

infrared images, which measures the temperature of the earth, either the ground or the clouds above it. But in winter the air mass can be so cold that it gives the appearance of

they need.

clouds," Pollman said. The visible satellite can provide decent detail of what the ground actually looks like, especially during sunny days.

"We can see snow on the ground, trees," said Pollman. "Each satellite has its pluses and minuses.'

They can also call up water vapor imagery, which shows the planet's jet streams and

"The atmosphere is very fluid," Pollman said. "It's constantly constricting and

> When looking at weather patterns, officials can pull up any number of items - like where lightning is currently striking - so they can relate everything they're seeing to make the best determination

on weather. Pollman aid the information is so sensitive, they can distinguish between snow storms and snow flurries. He said they can detect storms at least a day in advance, which helps when issuing alerts.

ROUGH WEATHER

If it looks like some more severe weather is on the way, staffing levels will often increase by a few more staffers. During severe events like tornadoes, there may be as many as 10 weather experts at

ntensity of storm clouds. PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER location And it's not just staff that pitches in. Amateur radio operators have an area in the main room to pull spot reports from other radio operators in the region. Pollman said the Weather Service receives a

number of field reports during storms, with about half coming over the radio and the other half by phones from the public and public safety personnel In the past when a problem

prompted issuing a warning, someone had to type up the information and pass it along. With advanced technology, Pollman said the time between deciding to issue a warning and seeing it crawl across the bottom of the television screen has dropped dramatically. Setting the parameters for the warning take less than a ninute. Publishing it is even

"Now, it's automated," he d. "We've watched it. It takes like 5 seconds."

faster

The weather forecaster can ighlight a geographic area on the map - previously warnings were issued for entire counties - set the severity and duration of the warning and send it off. The computers will urn it into text form and send the warning to various media outlets

Doppler radar has made a ig impact in severe weather, as well, said Pollman. The Doppler detects motion in clouds. Specifically, it detects whether the clouds are moving toward or away from the Doppler, as well as the speed. During thunderstorms, those clouds tend to swirl. The formation tightens in on itself as it gains power. Pollman said that's the first sign of possible tornados.

Now, about 75 percent of tornado warnings are issued before any touch the ground, something that didn't happen in the past.

SOLID FORECASTS The National Weather

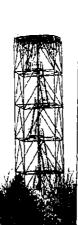
Service uses supercomputers to process all the data it collects. It uses two main weather forecasting models and also has access to models created in other countries. Pollman said, particularly because of the Great Lakes' effect on Michigan weather, the White Lake staff runs some of its own local models, as well. Depending on which model is used, meteorologists could



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amount of energy in any given



National Weather Service in White Lake was built in 1992-1993 as part of the department's modernization effort. It combined offices in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Flint. Part of the modernization including adding Doppler radar (right structure) which measures the

forecast weather conditions to within about a mile of any And while a common joke revolves around the success

rate of a weather forecaster, Pollman said the forecasts issued by the National Weather Service are as dependable as can be. "We're about 95 percent

accurate on day 1," Pollman said. Because they focus on such a large area, he added that things like the temperature may be off a degree or two, but that's acceptable. People's bodies can't tell the difference of about 3 degrees he said. Temperature fluctuates by the topography of the land and other environmental

Pollman said the long-range forecast can be trusted, too. He said he thinks that forecast is about 70 percent accurate, a number equated to the two- or three-day forecast about 20

features

years ago.

low temperatures.

site," said Pollman.

specific alerts.

weather radio."

general stores.

"There's a little blend of science and experience and art to forecasting," Pollman said.

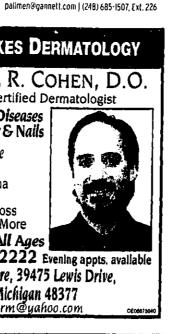
GETTING INFORMATION Most information collected by the National Weather Service can be found online at www.weather.gov, Individuals can click on the interactive map to get the forecast, including images, hourly reports and the day's high and

"It gives almost everything the public needs on the Web People can also use weather radios to get information,

something Pollman said every one should do. A weather radio provides the best solution, he said. The radio is set to go off like an alarm clock — when weather-related warnings are issued. Most weather radios can be set to receive warnings from specific counties or for

"It only goes off when you want it to," said Pollman. "The only way to get that warning is through the

Tornado sirens, he said are designed to be heard outside. The television or radio needs to be turned on to get alerts from the media. And cell phones need to be on and enable to get text alerts. A programmable weather radio costs about \$30, but more advanced machines can cost even more. Most can be found at electronics stores or most of the national chain





Ashley Anger, with dad Kevin close by, holds Kendall, the last baby of the year born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in **Commerce** Township

online at hometownlife.com

Hospital and H&R Block celebrate last baby of year

It may be the first baby of the year who grabs the media headlines, but, according to H&R Block, it's the last baby of the year who yields the tax savings. Babies that were born before the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve saved their parents thousands on their 2009 returns.

The last baby of 2009 born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township was the daughter of the lucky mother, Ashley Anger of Westland. The baby arrived at 2:34 p.m.

CALENDAR FROM PAGE A6

Parent-Child Book Discussion Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Details: Who cares if the weather is dreary? Join a group of readers in 2nd-4th grades and their parents or significant adults to discuss a book whose title will be announced soon. Besides the book discussion there will be a snack and a craft or game. Tell us about one other good book you've read lately -- and bring a friend! Registration required. English Conversation Group Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, and Wednesday, Jan. 27. Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and

conversation skills. No need to register. Library Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Details: General meetings of the entire Library Board are usually held the third Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. The public is welcome. You and Your Digital Camera

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. Details: Crescent Rose Photography returns with a captivating and

informative explanation on how you can get the most out of your digital camera. Please register. High School Open Study Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Monday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 26. 2-4:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22.

Details: High schoolers are welcome to study for upcoming exams in the library meeting room, where light snacks will be provided. Winter Wonderland Story Time (Preschool)

Time/Date: 1-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

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SWEET ADELINES

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on Dec. 31. She weighed in at 3 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21.5 inches. The proud new parents and baby received an H&R Block baby tote bag filled with baby essentials and a certificate for a free 2009 Tax Preparation at H&R Block.

"Timing is everything," said Brian Paris, H&R Block Novi district manager. "Babies that were born on Dec. 31 provide parents with a \$3,650 tax exemption for all of 2009. To get that same tax break, parents of babies born after mid-

Details: The weather outside might be frightful, but venture out of the cold to listen to cozy winter stories read by a Novi librarian. Sing songs, play instruments, and curl up with some good books! Leao Club

Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

Details: Join us once a month fo Lego show-and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. **Tuesday Evening Book Discussion**

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. Details: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion. This month's selection to be discussed is Little

Heathens by Mildred Armstrong Kalish Early Surveyors of Michigan Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan.

Details: Morris Thomas, Professor of Geography at Michigan State University, will discuss the early surveyors of Michigan and the significance of the survey and the Baseline to the development of Michigan and Novi. Please register. Reference USA: Database

Instruction Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Details: Learn about this fantastic database from a pro! A representative from RefUSA will offer instruction on all the ins & outs and how to get the most out of your search. Whether you are doing career or

company research, direct marketing or industry exploration, you will be sure to learn something new. Please register. Wixom Public Library Location: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom

Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

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night on Jan. 1, will have to wait until they file their 2010

taxes - in 2011." In addition to the exemption, new parents may qualify for two credits that could reduce their tax liability even more: Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit. New parents also can look forward to other tax benefits, such as college savings plans and the Child Care tax credit. For more information about the tax benefits of having a child, visit www.hrblock.com/ lastbaby

Contact: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org Museum Adventure Pass Details: Card holders can check out

free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information. ESL Cafe Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. every

Thursday Details: Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free. Contact: Karin at the Information

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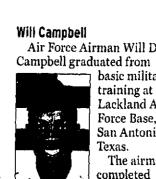
Novi Senior Center Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-0414 Panera Bread

Time/Dates: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Dayl-Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and conversation! No charge.

Fridays Details: Try your luck and get those cards filled up. A great way to socialize and meet new people. Price: \$.50 per card at the door. Blood Pressure Checks Time/Dates: 11-11:45 a.m.

Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you



an intensive. eight-week program that included training in military



Sorrows is planned.





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from Northville in Nov. 2009. Bill's children, Dr. Aliisa with her husband, Erik. Dr. Bodker received her O.D. from

Vernal, Utah, is preparing for an advanced degree and is a 2002 Northville graduate. He received his undergraduate degree in 2002 from University of Michigan. Barbara and Bill will wed Barbara's home on Feb. 14 in Midland

Pettijohn & Anderson David and Melissa Pettijohr of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Martha Pettijohn, to Michael Anderson, son of Ralph and Carole Anderson of White Lake

bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University and a master's in social work from Wayne State University (2009). She is employed by the Area Agency on Aging in Battle Creek The groom-elect earned a bachelor's degree in supply chain management from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University.



IN THE SERVICE

discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science

degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Tonya Campbell of Novi, and Will Rhodes of Detroit.

Campbell is a 2008 graduate of Oak Park High School.



Midland, Mich. for the last 20 years. She came to Midland in 1989 as department chair of language arts at H. H.

ticipated in hospice and 11th Hour activities; she is a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bill was graduated from Purdue University with a legree in mechanical engineering and then attained a master's in management from Central Michigan University.

Barnes & Krueger

Barbara (Grundy) Barnes and Bill Krueger are pleased to

announce the joining of their

lives in holy matrimony. Bill is pre-deceased by his parents

and brother, David. Barbara's

Barbara's hometown. Barbara

s pre-deceased by her father.

the University of Oklahoma

with a degree in English and

then attended Northwestern

University in Evanston, Ill.

for a master's in English.

Now a retired administra-

tor with the Midland Public

Dow High School. Since her

retirement, Barbara has par-

Schools, Barbara has lived in

Barbara was graduated from

mother, Morene Morris,

resides in Waurika, Okla,

Arthur Grundy.



Brandis & Wolven Joseph and Linda Brandis of

Illinois College of Optometry

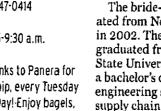
courses. Bill moved to Midland Bodker and Jon, reside in Michigan. Dr. Bodker, a 1997 Northville graduate is a Pearl Vision optometrist and lives in Superior Township

in 2006. Jon, previously of in a private ceremony at

The bride-to-be earned a

He is employed by Chase Plastics in Clarkston.

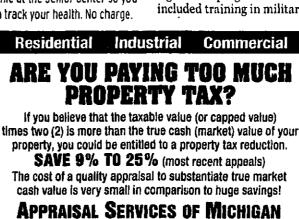




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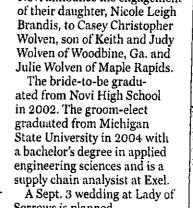
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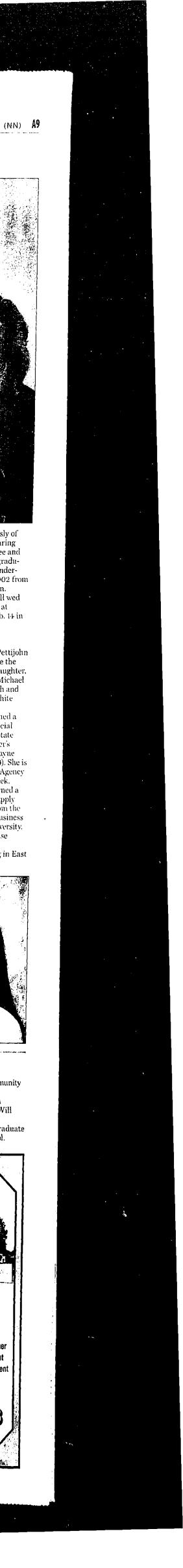
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OUR VIEWS Learn where Novi's been and where it's going

Our leaders at all levels of government speak to us annually, recalling the year past and providing a look into the future. Whether it's the president's state of the union, the governor's state of the state, or the executive's state of the county - we've come to expect an honest look at where we've been and where we're going.

The city level of government is no different, and might even be considered more relevant for Novi residents. Decisions made at city hall directly impact the readers of this newspaper, and that's why we highly encourage you to watch the mayor's upcoming state of the city address. David Landry, who was recently re-elected to

his third two-year mayoral term, will speak during a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 21 at Rock Financial Showplace. There will much to focus on next Thursday

- parks, roads, the library, city staff, budget, housing, development, awards and, of course, goals for 2010. In particular, the mayor is expected to discuss

the economic climate that all cities are facing in the State of Michigan; how portions of state shared revenue have been taken away; how the declining tax base affects revenue for cities and how this affects the City of Novi specifically; what we can expect in declining revenues for the next two years; what efforts the city has taken and will take in the coming year to deal with declining revenues; and Novi's efforts to increase revenues through economic development.

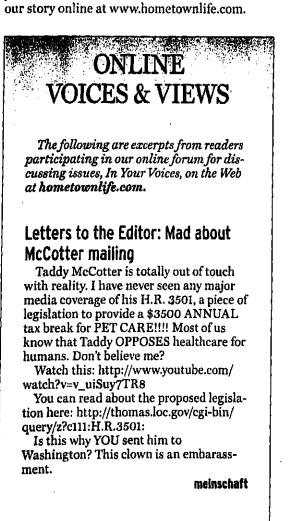
The luncheon is open to anyone, and provides a great opportunity for citizens and business partners alike to meet, reacquaint and, most importantly, realize that we are all part of this community called Novi. We all face similar challenges and we all want Novi to be a top-notch ity to live, work and visit.

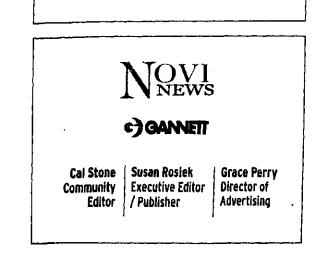
Cost of the luncheon is \$25 (payable by Visa, MasterCard or check); registration deadline is Saturday.

If you can't make the luncheon, you can still hear the mayor's address. Landry will offer it again at the annual Novi Homeowner Association Leader's Breakfast at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Civic Center (10 Mile Road, east of Taft Road). It's free, but registration is required.

And, if that option isn't feasible either, you can watch the address cablecast on City of Novi Television, BrightHouse Channel 13 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 (it will also be archived on cityofnovi.org starting in February).

For more information or to register, visit cityofnovi.org or call Debbie Aubry at (248) 735-5627. So, you've got no excuse for missing Mayor Landry recap 2009 and preview 2010. Of course, you can read about it in the Novi News and catch







"Hanging out with my family and friends. And the presents aren't too bad." Christina Johnson Nevi Hiah

"Getting to hang out with my friends and not having

Shelby Limpert Novi High

Texting, driving don't mix

One in four teens have admitted doing it, and half of all teens have said they've been a passenger while the driver was doing it. It causes a 400-percent increase in time spent with eyes off the road. For every six seconds of drive time, 4.6 of those are spent looking off the road while someone's doing it. What is it? Texting.

It may not seem like a big deal, but it's one of the leading causes of accidents. And it needs to stop

As a high school student, I know how simple and effective texting is. But as secretary of S.A.D.D. at Novi High School, I know how deadly it can be.

My message is simple: Don't text and drive. Please. Your text can wait. Not only does texting endanger you, it puts everyone around you at risk.

Cell phone use while driving diminishes a driver's reaction time in the same manner that having a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent does. That's right. It's the same effect as being legally intoxicated. It's as bad as alcohol, people.

The next time you go to pull out your phone while in the driver's seat, think about it. Is it really worth it to jeopardize countless lives? Evan Nielson, Novi sophomore, secretary Students Against Destructive Decisions

Community adopts those in need

Good things can be accomplished when we work together to reach and even surpass a goal.

That is exactly what happened at Northville Civic Concern during the annual Northville Civic Concern Christmas Adoption Program. This program actually begins in late



COMMUNITY VOICE

to wake up early."

LETTERS

"Hanging out with my

friends, and my brother

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Nick Kuclajea

Novi High

taken with Santa.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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September, with our clients creating a needsbased list. Overall, the lists were conservative with many families asking for only the basics. We then begin the process of making matches for people in our community who want to shop for our clients. (Several of our client families declined the Christmas program to put the families with children first.)

Neighborhood groups, Bible study groups, book groups, businesses, scouts, schools, families and individuals "adopted" our clients and provided them with a Christmas they wouldn't have had if it weren't for this all-out community effort. The Christmas program culminated Friday, Dec. 11, with shoppers dropping off

the wrapped and tagged gifts and Saturday, Dec. 12, with clients picking up the gifts, munching on cookies and having a picture

Green Party -- as long as it comes and actu- survive while a recovery catches up to the pain they are experiencing today.

Kudos to Hillebrand

things started to happen.

utmost gratitude and support.

REAL JOBS FOR REAL PEOPLE So, here is my challenge: Any person who is

offering themselves up as a candidate for governor, state Senate, state House or any political race from dog catcher and above must come forth with their Blanchard jobs, jobs, jobs proposal. If they believe raising taxes is the answer, specify how these will help drop our depression-era unemployment rate.

If you answer is cutting taxes, demonstrate how this will create jobs for the working stiff -- and let me assure you, no one wants to hear about your "trickle down" theories.

Are you a Mackinac Center free market kinda candidate who believes the "modern economic experience demonstrates overwhelmingly that the free-market is a powerful engine of economic prosperity, and nations the world over are clamoring to shed the chains of central planning and unleash the creative energy of free men and women. The principles of the American Revolution -- individual liberty, limited government, the free market, and the rule of law -- have become the dominant paradigm of enlightened society." Wonderful. more power to ya, but explain how these theories will help me find meaningful, decent-paying work?

Real people want real jobs. Far too many people have watched as Wall Street got the goldmine and they got the shaft.

What policies or actions will you take to help the climate to help create jobs? If you have no clue, say so -- but be prepared to explain how folks are supposed to feed their tor of the department of mental health. He can be families, maintain shelter for their kids and reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

Are you an FDR, presidential wannabe type offering a "New Deal?" Look, I am not interested in a fireside chat full of a lots optimism and preaching of economic activism. Yet, if you have some ideas along the lines of the Works Progress Administration and the National Recovery Administration, with the intent of creating new jobs for the unemployed, well, I am all ears. Say what !? You want to raise my taxes?

Tell me again how this is going create jobs. Convince me you have a plan that will get the state working again, and perhaps I will support taxes. However, if you want to raise taxes to perpetuate a status quo government in need of restructuring and reform, the answer is, "Hell no!" No. jobs?

What about meaningful realistic retraining opportunities that will help folks transition from what was to what will be. Look, training to work at a minimum wage job with sub-par benefits is an insult. Many of the unemployed that have fallen off the monthly statistical chart because they have been unemployed or marginally employed are working -- it is just work and wages that are paid under the table.

In 1982, Blanchard was elected governor. He raised taxes, created public works jobs programs, invested in education and was reelected in 1986 on a platform of jobs. jobs, jobs and more jobs. Want to get elected in 2010? Show me the jobs!

Tom Watkins served as Governor Blanchard's deputy campaign manager, deputy chief of staff and direc-

In the year 2010, jobs matter more than ever he year was 1981 and Congressman James Blanchard was fresh off of ally gets people working again. helping to save Chrysler Corporation, securing federal loans to keep the company's doors open and saving hundreds of thousands of good, high-paying, middle-class auto jobs. Jim Blanchard's success in shepherding the Chrysler bailout/loan



through Congress helped propel him into the governor's office in 1982. Blanchard, when asked on the campaign trail in 1981-82 what the top three issues were, would lament -- jobs, jobs, jobs! The Michigan economy then, like today, was in a freefall with record

high unemployment and interest rates toping 12% to boot. Today, you will often hear economists and pundits lament that they have not seen

Michigan economy in such a downward spiral since the deep recession of 1982. Today, like in 1982, the dominant issue is the economy and jobs. Yet, the public doesn't see any political party making job creation a real priority or offering meaningful proposals to get people back to work other than the standard party cheers -- cut taxes, raise taxes. You would think we are a

Miller Lite commercial -- tastes great/less filling; cut taxes/raise taxes -- rather than a year away from electing a new governor. Just when we need government to work the best, polls show that trust in government's handling of virtually any issue is at an all-time low. Someone who has lost their job, be it white collar or blue, does not care if the job-creating idea comes from a

Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or the

Fax: (248) 437-3386.

What was your favorite part of your recent Christmas break from high school?



It was relaxing."

Novi Hiah

That is not the end of the story. Because of the tradition and interest in helping others, we were able to suggest that if all families were "adopted," gift cards to local grocery stores would be accepted and our goal would be to give each client household a card at our last 2009 food distribution, which took place Dec.

18. Guess what? We did it because of you! Tears and hugs along with humble and grateful attitudes were all the thanks needed to know that another successful year was completed because of all the participants in the community who care. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. director of Northville Civic Concern Jan Covert

Christmas coordinator **Jan Catanese** cookie coordinator And all the volunteers

I had been attempting for months to bring some township concerns to the attention of Northville Township officials. After being insulted by Chip Snider, harassed by the police department and ignored by Mr. Abbo, I asked the township clerk for some information. That is when

It is gratifying to know that at least one township leader is keeping a watchful eye on the well-being of Northville Township and its citizens. Thank you, Sue Hillebrand. You have my

> Jerry Smith Northville Township

City

of Novi

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12 Mile Rd.

online at hometownlife.com

Two arrested for possession of pot

A pair of men were arrested

at 10:54 p.m. on Jan. 4 for

ossession of marijuana fol-

According to the report, the

officer pulled the vehicle over

four people were in the vehicle,

The officer asked the driver

because one of the headlights

was not working. A total of

and the driver appeared to

be nervous when the officer

if he could search the car.

to which the driver said no.

When the officer said he was

going to bring out his K-9 to

sniff outside the vehicle, the

All the occupants in the car

said there was nothing illegal

While inside the car, the

officer smelled a strong odor

of marijuana and found two

bags, totaling 13 grams, in a

driver's side back seat passen-

ger who said the drug was not

his but refused to tell who it

A continued search resulted

tional .4 grams of the drug and

in the officer finding an addi-

he also arrested the driver.

The two other passengers

the arrested men were taken

were released at the scene and

to the Novi Police Department

Drunk driver had warrant

7A 45-year-old Hamburg

L man was arrested at 5:31

while intoxicated and driving

with a suspended license after

Ten Mile and Napier roads for

once were dispatched to

the area after another driver

called police about a possible

drunk driver on Taft Road

near Eight Mile. When the

officer found the vchicle, he

observed the vehicle weaving

back and forth in its lane. A

routine computer check also

had been suspended and there

It's easy being green

'green'initiatives and encourage recycling in the

community, a Green section was added to the city

of Novi's website, cityofnovi.org. The pages include

tips for the home, businesses, our environment, a

kids' section, and what the city is doing to reduce our

carbon footprint. To kick off the new GREEN section.

which Novi elementary students can submit a poster

demonstrating what being green means to them.

The posters will be posted to the Green section of cityofnovi.org beginning in March and a scrapbook

of all submissions will be created and used at City

events such as Fall for Novi, Earth Day, Arbor Day

and more. Elementary students must use 8½ x 11 size

white paper. Submission deadline is Feb. 15 and should

the city is hosting an Environmental Poster Program in

In an effort to increase involvement in

was an outstanding warrant

showed the driver's license

p.m. on Jan. 5 for operating

being stopped by police at

The officer arrested the

driver consented to the search.

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Mile and Haggerty roads.

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BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF W. R

Former Detroit Lion wide receiver Charles Rogers was sentenced to 93 days in jail for violating terms of his probation following an arrest Tuesday afternoon at a Novi restaurant.

The former Michigan State star was sentenced Wednesday morning by 52-1 District Court Judge Robert Bondy, one day after he was found slumped over at a table at On the Border restaurant on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road. Novi Deputy Police Chief

Tom Lindberg said they received a phone call around 1:10 p.m. from an employee at the establishment who said a man was passed out in the bar area. When the police officers and emergency personnel arrived, Rogers was "slightly uncooperative" and exhibited several signs of

ntoxication. Lindberg said no one saw him drive a vehicle to the

restaurant, and it is likely he

Woman given three months probation for indecency

The Novi woman charged with indecent exposure after police said she was engaged in a sex act outside a condominium complex with an Oakland County commissioner has been sentenced to three months of probation. Sheila Grogan appeared Thursday before 52-1 District

Court Judge Dennis Powers and entered a no contest plea, according to court officials. The plea was taken under advisement. If Grogan success-

the charge will be dismissed, said Grogan's attorney, Leon Weiss. Attempts to reach the city attorney, Charles Cooper,

Grogan had been scheduled to have a bench trial starting - Compiled by staff writer Monday, but Weiss said this

Roaers

ety court and transported to Providence Hospital. He was released from the hospital later in the day and spent the night at the Novi Police Department because he was unable to post \$50,000 bond.

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into custody

on a warrant

comply with

rules of sobri

for failure to

The 28-year-old was arrested in September in Novi after police found him passed out behind the wheel of a Mercedes at Meadowbrook at Eight Mile roads. He pleaded guilty to operating while impaired, but the case had been delayed so he could ente the sobriety court program. Rogers received credit for 17

days served and will spend the balance from the 93 days at the Oakland County Jail.

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-- even though he felt his client had a good chance of being acquitted "This resolution is accept-

able," Weiss said. "It's fair." The charges against Grogan stem from an April 18 incident in which police said she and Commissioner Kim Capello, R Novi, were found engaged in a sex act by a police officer. Capello was sentenced in

June to two years probation after pleading guilty to indecent exposure. Through Weiss, Grogan declined to comment. Weiss

said his client just wants to nove on with her life "She really wants closure," he said. "She really wants to put this behind her."

Korie Wilkins | Detroit Free Press

for his arrest out of Livingston County The man admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety tests at the scene. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 per-

8 Mile Rd.

He was then taken to the Novi Police Department and released to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department to answer their warrant. Woman arrested for

drunk driving Novi police arrested a 26-Jvear-old woman for operating while intoxicated after being stopped for not wearing a seat belt at 12:54 a.m. on Jan. 9 at Ten Mile Road and Chipmunk Trail. The woman admitted to having one drink but said it did not impact her ability to

drive. She failed field sobrieties and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of 19 percent. She was arrested for OWI and transported to the station

12 Mile Rd.

10 Mile Rd.

9 Mile Rd.

where she was released when sober. Drunk driver caught in parking lot

🖪 A 36-year-old man was arrested 11:09 p.m. on Jan. 10 for operating while intoxicated after driving recklessly in a parking lot of a business at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads.

According to the report, the officer was in the parking lot of the business when he saw a vehicle in the lot going in reverse through the lot at a high rate of speed before turn-

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be dropped off at the Community Relations Office, located in the Novi Clvic Center (45175 West Ten Mile Road). For more information, please contact Tracie Ringle, Communications Specialist, at (248) 735-5613

include name, age, school, and email address and or tringle@cityofnovi.org.

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Be Aware Of Securities Laws When Raising Money

In the current economic climate, while large companies continue to lay off workers, you may discover that there are still opportunities for a new enture to be successful.

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one with a large potential market. You small companies, may have developed a business plan, marketing strategy, operating plan and financial forecasts, and you may have found a perfect location. The only hing you may need to get started is

It is always hard to get a bank ioan for a new venture, and especially so in today's economy. Banks want a Tack record of success before they are willing to loan money.

Instead, you may try to get friends. amily members and business associates to invest. For example, if you need \$250,000 to start your family, do you really have to comply with business, you may be able to find 10 - the securite start way business.

people to invest an average of \$25,000 each. Before going that route, however, make sure to comply

but shares of stock or ownership interests in limited liability companies You may have researched a may be "securities" subject to rederation number of business concepts to find and state securities laws, even for

> If a security is to be sold, the offering must be registered unless an exemption applies. Registration is a complex, expensive process, so it is -important to find an exemption. There be the best option to raise the capital are many exemptions, including several designed for private offerings to a limited number of investors, Even if an expense necessary to investigate and exemption applies, you may have to provide investors with a disclosure document of relevant information, and

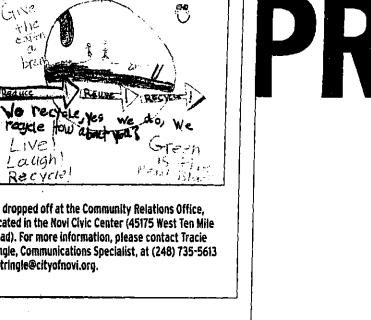
you may have to file forms with government agencies. If the investors are all friends and Mr. Haffey was named one

venture is successful and everyone the November, 2009, issue makes a lot of money, it is unlikely that of dbusiness magazine.

disgruntled investor may be entitled to personally llable. Other consequences

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ing the wheel quickly to do a 180 degree turn. The driver passed nearly hit two parked vehicles before the officer

8 Mile Rd. stopped the car. The man smelled strongly of intoxicants and admitted to being drunk. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .18 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 per-While in transport to the

station, the man told the officer he had to use the restroom. Despite being told he would be fully completes her probation, allowed to use the one at the station the man couldn't hold it any longer and urinated in the back of the patrol car. He was issued a citation for not successful.

OWI and released when sober.

Nathan Mueller solution was amenable to all

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automatic rescission, plus 6%, plus attomey fees, and you may be held may apply as well, including possible criminal sanctions. Failure to comply is not worth the risk.

Soliciting investment from friends, family and business associates may necessary to start a business venture. Just make sure to budget the time and

comply with securities laws. If you have a question about starting a business, feel free to

"] didn't have to work much.

Ben VanZoest



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State of the City

The City of Novi, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, presents the annual State of the City Address Luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Beck and Taft roads in Novi.

City of Novi Mayor David B. Landry will deliver the State of the City Address, providing Novi citizens and ousiness partners an opportunity to reflect on 2009 accomplishments including the addition of several outstanding commercial and health care developments, new initiatives, and several awards bestowed upon the community, as well as learning about the goals Novi will strive towards in 2010. **Registration for the State** of the City Address costs \$25 per person. Attendees can pay with a Visa or MasterCard **Credit Card or by check made**

payable to the City of Novi. The registration deadline is Saturday, Jan. 16. Mayor Landry will also give a State of the City Address in conjunction with the Novi

Homeowner Association Leader's Breakfast, on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center. This event is free of charge, but registration is required. "The Novi tradition of

two deliveries of the State of the City Address provides choices for our residents and businesses to hear firsthand the latest news about the Novi community," said City of Novi City Manager Clay Pearson. "The feedback about the annual State of the City Address has always been positive, not only is it an opportunity to look back at accomplishments but also a venue to hear about exciting new initiatives."

The State of the City Address will be cablecast on City of Novi Television, BrightHouse Channel 13 and AT & T U-Verse Channel 99, and will be archived on cityofnovi.org starting in February. For more information or to register for the State of the City Address please visit cityofnovi.org or call Debbie Aubry at (248) -735 - 5627

Free investment classes at library

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of Better Investing will offer two free investment classes. Learn about excellent stock and mutual fund research tools-both online and paper based -and ways you can improve your selections by utilizing these library resources. On Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 7-8 p.m. "Introduction to Morningstar" and on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7-8 p.m. "Introduction to Value Line" will be presented at the Novi Public Library, 42545 W. 10 Mile Road.

Prior registration is requested. Email registration@semich.betterinvesting. net or call (734) 233-4290.

Novi Coop Preschool open house

Novi Cooperative

Preschool, located at 41671 Ten Mile Road, will host an open house from 10 a.m.noon on Jan. 30 Call (248) 349-3223 for more information, or visit www.novipreschool.com.

Pet psychic visits

Pet psychic Kathleena Katona visits the Walled Lake City Library on Monday Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. to help people connect on a deeper level with their beloved pets, including those that have passed on. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited so please call the library to register at (248) 624-3772 or email admin@walledlakelibrary. org. Participants are encouraged to bring photos or favorite mementos of their pets, but please do not bring live animals to the presentation.

Musical troupe to perform in Novi

Wayne State University's Confucius Institute will be sponsoring the nationally recgnized Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) Musical Troupe on Jan. 29 at the Novi High School Auditorium. The 23member troupe will perform a number of traditional and contemporary Chinese songs and dances.

Influenza vaccinations

Jan. 11-15 is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), a national observance promoting the importance of influenza vaccination after the holiday season into January and beyond. H1N1 flu shots are now available to the general public. Visit one of Oakland County Health Division's three offices to receive a free 2009 HINI flu shot:

* North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N Telegraph Rd, Bldg. 34E, Pontiac * South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Rd,

Southfield * West Oakland Health Center, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake

Office hours are noon-8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. H1N1 flu shots are available

to individuals age 6 months or older. Nasal and injectable vaccine will be available at all Health Division clinic loca-Pre-enrollment is required to receive a 2009 H1N1

shot. Clients can pre-enroll at www.oakgov.com/health anytime or 248-858-1200, 8:30 am - 5:00 p.m.. For more information please call the Oakland County Health Division Nurse-on-Call at (248) 858-1406.

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The program will be held in the Community Room located in the Allen Zieger Administrative & Education Building on the hospital cam-

Hospital.

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at 28050 Grand River

please call (248) 442-0482.

Botsford Hospital is located

Avenue in Farmington Hills

latest in hand surgeries and

On Monday, Jan. 18, Gjeto's Salon and Spa is offering free haircuts to those who have been laid off from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The team of professional stylists will be ready to service as many people as they can in 12 hours. Gjeto's does require current MARVIN paperwork to take advantage of this promotion.

"We are happy to give back to the community," said John (Gieto) Vushaj, owner of Gjeto's. Along with his wife, Etleva, they will team up to give the unemployed a new look (or just shape up the one they have) as they continue

Gjeto's is located in Twelve Mile Crossing near Emagine Theatre and Fusion Health Club. Visit their website at www.gjetosdayspa.com for more information or call (248) 349-9003 for an appointment.

their quest for career stabil-

Vander Ark in Wixom As lead-singer, songwriter, and guitarist for "The

'Spelling Bee'

After performing Les

sold out audiences this fall,

Walled Lake Western High

School announced another

musical, The 25th Annual

to be performed Feb. 4-6 at

performed

Verve Pipe", Brian Vander Ark has sold over 3 million albums. Their 1997 hit "The Freshmen" not only reached **#1** on the Alternative Rock charts it helped to define the 90's sound. In 2005 he

started his Lawn Chairs and Living Rooms tour as a way

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with

Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

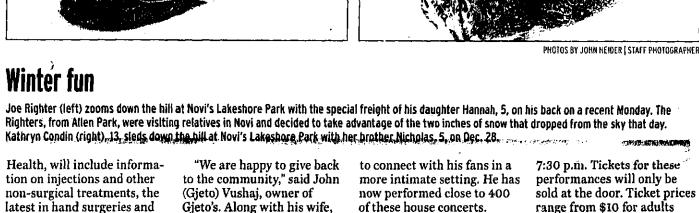
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Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Rob Hayes, Director Department of Public Services



Tom Timmer of South Lyon (left) sits on a Suzuki Boulevard M109R at the Cycle World International Motorcycle Show. Tanner Austin (right), 2, sits on a small Yamaha motorcycle as his dad Glenn looks on. The Cycle World International Motorcycle Show took over Rock Financial for three days beginning on New Year's Day. The Austins, from Las Yegas, were in Michigan for the holidays visiting family.



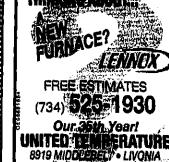
range from \$10 for adults On Saturday Jan. 16, Comfy and \$8 for students and Couch Concerts will host seniors. The one-act musical cen-Brian Vander Ark on his ters around a fictional spellfirst Lawn Chair & Living Rooms concert of 2010. The show will be held at Newport cally ambiguous Putnam Furnishings, 52504 Grand **River Avenue**, Wixom. Tickets the show, six quirky adoare \$15 for adults; \$10 for lescents, in the throes of students ages 8 to 18. Contact (248) 910-4941 or stevenjohnson@michiganfolklive.com for tickets, and visit http:// www.comfycouchconcerts. com for more information. ning isn't everything, and

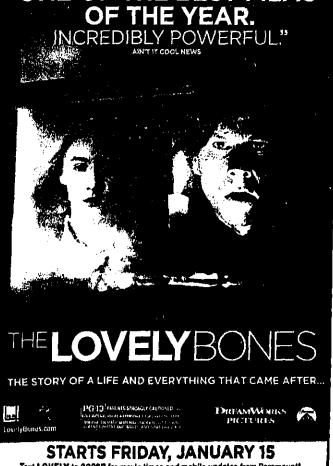
make you a loser. The show's Tony Award winning creative team has created the unlikeli-Miserables-School Edition to est of hit musicals about the unlikeliest of heroes: a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they Putnam County Spelling Bee, can stand out and fit in at the same time.





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Kwon Da Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Bible Study welcomes you to their Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. study of the Book of Exodus. There is Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. a \$15 registration fee, which includes Saturdays or by appointment

interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5. Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday Episcopal Church of the Holy Details: Free, informational meet-Cross ing open to all adoptive families in

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday

> of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 n m Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcp.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship Saturday of every month

Christmas Eve Service: 6 p.m. First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 17 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbapistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month. First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit first-

LOCAL NEWS

presnville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. WALKING IN THE PARK Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road

between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards. Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details

singleplace.org. First United Methodist of Northville A Stephen Ministry church

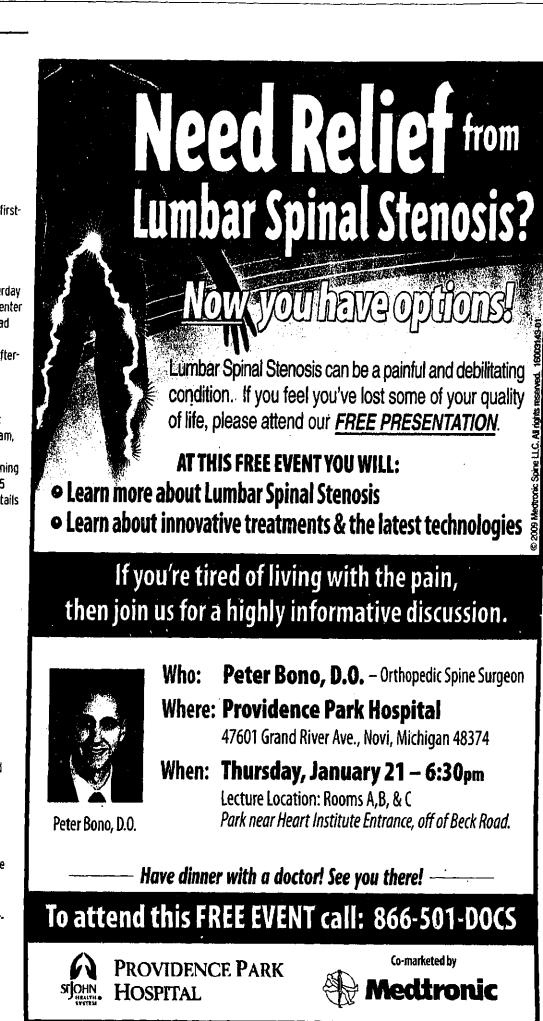
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. **HEALING SERVICE** Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

RADICAL JOY Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church

affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565

SUNDAY SCHEDULE Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and



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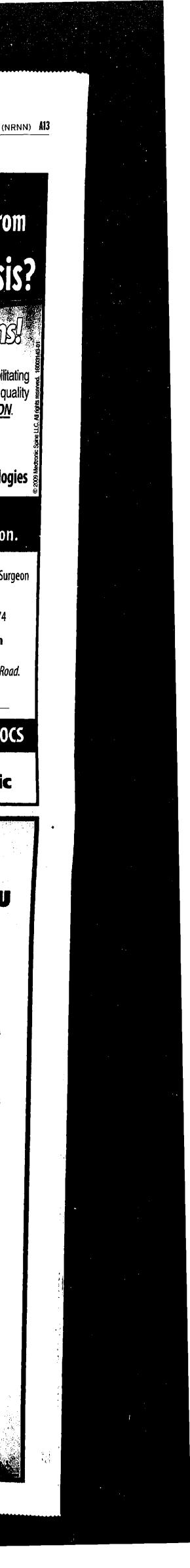
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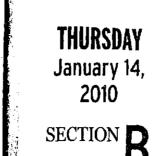


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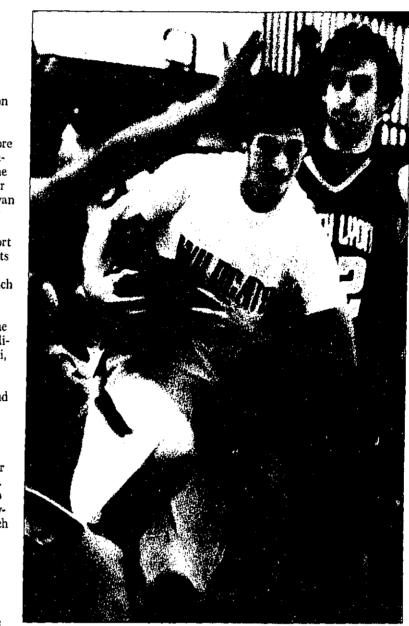












season with win at

Novi's boys swim and dive team got a quick start off the block this season as the Wildcats powered on to defeat five other teams at West

Winning 28 of the 48 events and sweeping the breaststroke events, Novi's swimmers accumulated 256 points, 41 ahead of Monroe Athens, West Bloomfield, North Farmington

I challenged the swimmers with the times I thought they were capable of right now, and told them what they needed to do to achieve those times, and they accepted the challenge and rose

Joon Chung, who qualified for the state meet in the 200-yard individual medley (2:00.31) and the 100-yard breaststroke (59.69 seconds), two events he earned All-State honors

relay team that qualified for states. His teammates were sophomore Jong Min Kim, junior "The team has been working really hard in

the pool and in the weight room and they are seeing the results of their hard work," Lynn Joon Chung was the only one with state cuts. Getting the medley relay qualified this early

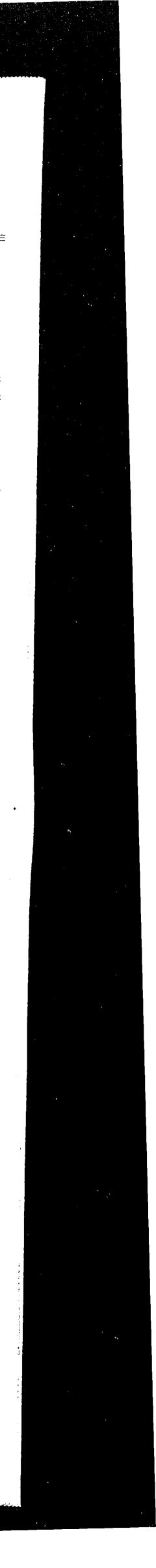
of county meet events. Kim made the cut in the 200-yard individual medley (2:07.56) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:03.97), while Vincent made it in the freestyle events at the 200-yard

John Lu in the 50-yard freestyle (23.58 seconds), freshman Andrew Ao in the 100-yard The Wildcats also qualified their 200-yard

freestyle relay team (Lu, junior Matt Stark, Ao, Groechel) in 1:37.30 and their 400-yard Chung) in 3:26.12, both for the county meet.

qualify for the (state) meet last year and them being this close in the first meet is key to our success this season," Lynn said. "Getting a handful of the Oakland County and state cuts out of the until those meets, rather than tapering to qualify for the meet. It extends the season and gives us

Dennis Kim, Mark Xu, Alex Baumgarten and



part of a two-week trip to the JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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A Novi Wildcat brings the ball upcourt during their Jan. 8 home game against them to come to Michigan and South Lyon.

BASKETBALL

left as Short was going up for a mid-range layup attempt. It proved to be the right call, as Short hit a three pointer from the top right of the arch to give the Lions a 50-49 lead with 11 seconds to go.

Novi called a time out with 8.7 seconds left and put the ball in the hands of Mims. who had made several great shots this season, but wasn't finding the right touch Friday night. Mims went for a pull-up umper in the lane with four seconds left and neither team could recover the rebound before the clock ran out and he Lions headed back to South Lyon with the victory. "We were kicking it all over

the gym," Heitsch said. "Any time we had a chance to get over the hump, we couldn't do Ozeir, whose impact was

minimalized by South Lyon senior Ben Rhoad, finished with 14 points, including 2for-6 shooting on free throws. Batwo had eight points and Rydzewski five points, as Regnier and Jok chipped in

with two points each. Mims had one point and was 1-for-4 on free throws as the Wildcats fell to 4-2 (0-1 KLAA Central). "Hats off to South Lyon for the game they played. Their defense never allowed (us) to get into a rhythm," Heitsch said.

Short dominated for a gamehigh 28 points as the defending Kensington Conference champions improved to 3-3 (1-O Central). Junior Jeff Schmitz in. In looking at the boys from had six points, while juniors Jon Gould (five points), Jake Elliott (four points), Sidney (three points) Taylor Saie (one point) and senior Rhoad (three points) rounded out the Lions' scoring.

JUNIOR VARSITY

In a high-scoring JV matchup, the Wildcats led by 10 with 1:50 remaining before the Lions battled back. With bodies from both teams diving for loose balls, rebounds and long passes, the Lions were able to cut Novi's lead to 62-61 with 50 seconds remaining. The Wildcats came through in the end, finishing the night with a 66-61 win.

former Novi News staff writer.

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Ice Cats '98 skate with Team Russia International icers mingle, make lasting memories

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Most people would have to travel great distances to get a glimpse of quality Russian hockey, but Novi residents needed to go no further than the Novi Ice Arena last Friday, where the Novi Ice Cats '98 were playing a group of 11-year two exhibition games in Los olds from Saint Petersburg called Team Russia. The tcam visited Novi as

U.S., split between the Los Angeles and Detroit areas. It was arranged by one of the Detroit area's most famous Russians, former Red Wing Igor Larionov. "He sort of arranged for thought it would be more competitive. He's been at some of

the games on the trip," Ice Cats legs of the Novi players. head coach Wade Stevenson said The unique experience gave a 22-15-1 record in December, the Ice Cats the unique oppor-

tunity to play against some international competition and then mingle with the other kids during a post-game din-"After the game, both teams" players, families and coaches

sat together enjoying the event we had just competed Russia, one noticed that all hockey players and all boys are the same the world over.



The Novi Ice Cats '98 premier team had the rare opportunity to play the a team of 11-year-olds from Russia on Jan. 8 at Novi Ice Arena. Made up of seven Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and Novi residents and other area youngsters, the Ice Cats prevailed, 7-1, over Team Russia, who had been playing a game per night during their trip to the U.S. the past two weeks.

Novi Middle School Basketball

seventh grade white team battled

They talked to each other, made faces and laughed," Ice Cats assistant coach Michael Kirsch said. "What a fantastic cultural experience for a small group of lucky hockey players and a great city like Novi."

Team Russia had been on a grueling schedule, competing in a tournament and Angeles before traveling to metro-Detroit for new years. The team opened local play in Southfield Jan. 3 and made the most of their trip with a schedule of practicing during the day and then playing a game against Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League com-

petition the same night. With only 10 skaters to create two lines, the excited, but tired, Russian youngsters couldn't keep up with the fresh

The Ice Cats, who just wrapped up their season with jumped out to a I-O lead with a goal from Shane Agnello (South Lyon) 4:20 into the

match off a pass from Glynn Robitaille (Northville). Team Russia's I. Matveev slipped one past Matthew Jarzynski (Northville) to tie the game 1-1 four minutes later before Robitaille put Novi ahead 2-1 with what would

amount to the game-winning goal. Kyle Dann (Novi) got the assist with 3:40 remaining in

the first period. With fresh three full lines battling Team Russia's tired two lines, the fee Cats slowly pulled away. "It was a well-played game,

up and down game. Both teams skated hard. We did a good job passing the puck," Stevenson said. "Defensively, our defense played a really strong game and didn't allow too many good scoring chances. Our wingers and our forwards did a good job forechecking." Novi resident Josh

Richardson took over in net mid-way through the second period to get a taste of the international experience as Novi took a 5-1 lead into the second intermission before winning 7-1.

Agnello and Kyle Mulka (Brighton) scored two each, while Sam Jenkins (Novi), Robitaille and Dann each scored one apiece. Robitaille also had three assists, while JP Lafferty (Northville) had two and Dann and Agnello got one each.

The Ice Cats '98 team consists of seven residents from Novi, three from both Northville and South Lyon, and one each from Canton, Livonia, Brighton and Wixom. "It did not matter who had won - on a different night that team would have played differently - they made new friends

NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL WRAPUP

sticks."

return in the future for a rematch.

and got some autographs from and former Novi News staff writer.

THE MOTOR CITY WINTER CLASSIC it out against Stevenson Middle School on Jan. 6 with 44-34 win Nick Meadors led the team in points with nine, followed by Rohit Magalayapelli and Ryan Moore, six; Tomoki Ota and Andy Wilchynski, four; Ian Hanley, three; Joey Haddad, JANUARY 21-24, 2010 John Potter, Ryan Kobakof, Conner Howell and Jared Engebretson; two. HOURS: Thurs 12-7, Fri 9-6, Sat & Sun 9-6 Joey Haddad led the team in assists followed by Ryan Moore. Nick Meadors led the team in rebounds with eight; followed by Rohit Magalayapelli, Andy Wilchynski, Tomoki Ota, Michael Thomas, three; Ryan Moore. John Potter, Matt Kelley, Jared Engebretson, two; Connor Howell, Ian Hanley and Joey Haddad, one. Keeping the game exciting **Over 150 Breeds** was Ian Hanley with four steals; 2500 plus dogs to be exhibited Rohit Magalayapelli, three; FEATURE ATTRACTIONS.... Ryan Kobakof, Ryan Moore, Andy Wilchynski, two; and John Over 80 Vendors · Meet the Breed Potter. Matt Kelley and Joey **Conformation · Junior Handler Seminars** Haddad, one. Nick Meadors led in blocks, followed by Andy **Raily and Obedience Trials - Weight Pull Demonstrations Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing** Wilchynski and Tomoki Ota.

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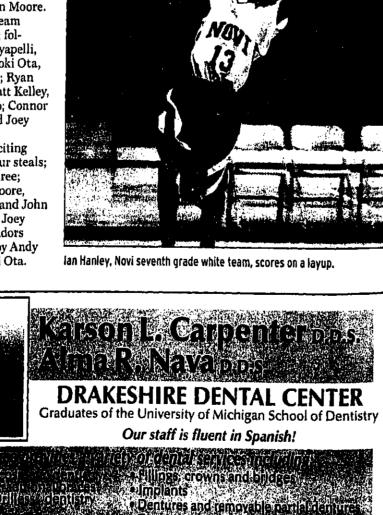
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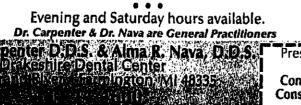
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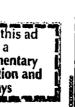
maybe some future NHLers." Kirsch said. "Novi Ice Cats gave them their old Novi hockey jerseys and Novi game day gift bags with treats and mini

Although the score was one-sided, the game was not. as the Ice Cats outshot Team Russia by just a 30-23 margin. Regardless of the outcome, the Ice Cats made sure the experience was special for both teams, and Team Russia's parents made the comment of how much nicer Novi team was than those in California and how they would like to

"One of the moms is a school teacher over there and spoke English," Stevenson said. commenting that a friend of Larionov who lives in Novi was also in attendance to help translate conversations. "We did both anthems and took a group picture. We exchanged jerseys on the ice after the game. It was a good experience for the kids to visit after the game. It was a lifetime memory for the kids. We told them before that you can have great achievements on the ice. but what happens off the ice is really special. It was a great cultural experience for the

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer





rounds before pulling ahead in the third and final round. A 205.7 first-round score gave Novi a 0.1 lead, but a 206.024

out their more senior class-

in fifth overall and second

mates. Novi's JV team came

among underclassmen teams

with 552.6912 points, ahead

(480.4512) and East's fresh-

The Wildcats followed up

of Stevenson's freshmen

men (470.2736) squads.

the South Lyon East per-

formance with a first-place

showing at their own Novi

Invite last Saturday. Novi

went back and forth with

Canton through the first two

second round wasn't enough, as the Chiefs took the lead by just under three points. An impressive 282.3 final round pushed Novi to the front of the back for good with a score of 686.024, 30 points ahead North Farmington, Canton,

Waterford Mott, Walled Lake Northern and Howell. The team has no meets this week as they prepare

for a quad meet at Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

ice Hockey The Wildcat icers made their annual trip to the Upper Peninsula last week for games against Calumet and Hancock. Novi came out on top in both

competitions, improving to 12-1-1 (5-0-1 in the conference). Calumet jumped out to an early 1-0 lead last Friday with a power play goal before Novi tied the game in the final five minutes of the first period.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Novi Bowl.

won 5-3.

Novi jumped ahead 2-1 at the

a power play goal of their own

Calumet scored a power play

goal in the final three minutes

of the second period to draw

the score at 2-2 to start the

through 3:41 into the third

for a goal before adding two

more for insurance and a 5-2

lead. Calumet got one with 34

Saturday was a much more

defense-driven affair as Novi

scored a first period goal

which stood alone through

seconds left in the game, but

Novi was too far ahead and

third, but the Wildcats roared

with 34 seconds remaining.

Baseball training program

Franklin Road Christian High School will host a six-week spring training 2010 baseball program for players in grades first through 12th from Feb. 7 to March 21. Franklin Road Christian Head Coach Mike Harris will direct the program in conjunction with the U.S. Baseball Academy. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching and catching at a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks.

Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBaseballAcademy.com, or call tollfree 866-622-4487.

LOCAL SPORTS

Senior captain Alex Engebretson fights for position en route to a victory over a 160-pound Plymouth wrestler at the Plymouth quad meet Jan. 6. Novi defeated Plymouth 41-24.

a heated 135-pound match by executing a two-point takedown with just a few seconds left in the match. Troher followed with a victory by pinning his 152-pound opponent to keep the Wildcats in the match early. "Bielski and Troher showed

a lot of heart on the mat on against Canton. They both had two very tough opponents and came out victorious because they earned it," assistant coach Dan Jilg said. The Wildcats couldn't

keep up with the powerhouse 180 points. Chiefs, as Canton rolled the rest of the way and dominated wrestlers to the meet and 10

The team followed the Plymouth showing with a third-place finish at the seventeam South Lyon Invitational. South Lyon (235 points) with

NOVI SPORTS WRAP UP



KATHY FORCES The competitive cheer squad gathers at the Novi Invite on Jan. 9 following their first-place finish. The Wildcats edged out Canton in the third and final round, winning the invite with a score of 686.024.

Wednesday at Novi Ice Arena. Bowling

Novi's bowling teams had a tall order Jan. 5 when they hit the lanes at Novi Bowl to face 2009 runners-up Wayne Memorial. Neither team could get the ball rolling well enough to challenge the Zebras, as the boys lost 26-4 and the girls

Junior Steve Cullen scored two points for Novi with games of 213 and 172. Junior Brandon Gillespie had 226 to pace the Wildcats. Sophomore Callie Wright earned the lone point for the Novi girls team with a game of 156. Senior Brittney Affholter had the

The team didn't have much better luck Jan. 6, as the 🕓 boys dropped a 26-4 decision to Livonia Clarenceville. Gillespie (215) and junior Brandon Ross (214) led Novi as the team fell to 0-5-1 on the season

The boys and girls teams found themselves shar-

ing the same score again as

Clarenceville's girls upended

Novi's girls 26-4. Wright had

one of her best performances

of the season, scoring 224,

but it wasn't enough as the

The teams are now in the

the three Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools. After fac-

ing Plymouth at Super Bowl in

Canton Monday, the team was

Westland Bowl yesterday. The

team will then visit Plymouth

Salem 4 p.m. Tuesday at Super

Mott 3:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl

Novi's junior varsity girls

to 6-0 on the season with a

dominant 62-19 victory over

last Friday. Novi pulled ahead

with a strong second quarter

mores Nicole Hill and Anna

Lausch led all scorers with

to defeat South Lyon as sopho-

basketball team improved

next Thursday.

Girls Basketball

scheduled to host Canton at

Wildcats fell to 0-6-0.

midst of a series against

8-5 at the Adrian duals in

away on the scoreboard. just as well, defeating the effort, Kelly Cauchi (eight points, three rebounds),

four rebounds, three steals). Sarah Elhage (six points. three steals). Kasey Lowney (six points, three steals). voung Wildcats.

a combined 18-0 this season heading into Tuesday's matchup with the highly-ranked Plymouth Salem program. The teams continue tonight at baseline rival Northville, with varsity at 7 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m. and freshmen at + p.m.

The Novi Motion girls AAU basketball program is holding tryouts at Novi Meadows' Fifth Grade House Friday, Jan. 15. Tryouts for the 9-under Bowl before hosting Waterford and 10-under age groups is 6:30-8:30 p.m., while 11U and 12U hit the court from 8-9:30 p.m. There is a \$20 fee and an adult/guardian will need to be present to fill out forms. Players should arrive 15 minutes early with shoes, shirt and shorts, ready to play. Novi Meadows is located at 24459 Taft Road, just south of 11 Mile Road.

and former Novi News staff writer.



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Homotowa Weekbes J Flursday, January 14, 2910

The Wildcats look to continue the steady improvement at today's South Lyon East guad meet before visiting Brighton for the Manning Vieu Invitational Saturday.

December. The rematch was tied 3-3 at the end of regulation, but Engebretson shot a single-leg takedown 20 seconds into overtime to take Voller to the mat and secure the victory.

"It's not too often that you get a second chance to wrestle someone that has beaten you," Jilg said. "Alex had a game plan and executed it perfectly. We knew the match was going to be close. You could tell the whole match that Alex just wanted to win more than his

opponent." Malear (140), Sparling (189) and junior Chris Caverly (152) each took second place at the meet, while junior Matt Aoun (130), Bielski (135) and Mencer (215) all finished third. Juniors Ben Farley (285) and Shabbaig Sidhu (125) rounded out Novi's

victory. "Martin is training hard this vear and, because of his work dominant performance with ethic, he earned a first place solid fourth-place perfor-

Bunney shot a double-leg, two-

point takedown to secure a 3-1

finish," Jilg said. mances Engebretson also cruised through his first four matches, winning two by pin falls and dominating his other two opponents. In the 160-pound happen," Jilg said. championship, Engebretson faced Linden's Zac Voller, who had beaten Engebretson Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

> Emily Bielski and Elyssa Kozak each had eight points.

and former Novi News staff writer.

while sophomore Natalie Kozma came up with six rebounds. Novi's team defense made the difference and

allowed the Wildcats to pull The freshmen team fared freshmen Lions 51-19 to also remain perfect on the season

at 6-0. In a very spread out . Kelly Lewis (seven points,

Hannah Fan (six points) and Serene Ozeir (four points, five rebounds) led the way for the At 6-0 each, the varsity, JV and freshmen girls teams were

Novi Motion AAU

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team lost 29-1.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi varsity bowling team member Christina Johnson in action on Jan. 5. at high game of 180.

the first two periods against first intermission after scoring Hancock. However, the Wildcats were able to add two more in the third period for a

3-0 victory. The team had this week off from games, but will host

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Novi wrestlers improve as victories mount

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

online at hometownlife.com

The Wildcat wrestling team is beginning to hit its stride, as the team performed well at both meets last week and a few individuals nearly went 7-0 between the Wednesday quad meet at Plymouth and Saturday's South Lyon Invitational.

The team started off on a strong note, facing host Plymouth at the Jan. 6 quad meet that also included Plymouth Salem and Canton Novi jumped out to a 41-0 lead en route to defeating the KLAA South Division's Wildcats 41-24.

Senior captain Conner Caldwell got the ball rolling at 130 pounds with a quick victory by pin fall. The eight teammates who were up next followed suit with victories, as senior Adam Troher (152 pounds), senior captain Alex Engebretson (160 pounds) and junior Al Mencer (215 pounds) each had dominating performances before pinning their opponents. Junior Beau Bielski (135 pounds), senior Glenn Malear (140 pounds), senior captain Martin Bunney (145 pounds), senior Adam Paul (171 pounds) and junior

David Sparling (189 pounds) also earned victories against Plymouth. Novi's grapplers wouldn't have as much luck against

Canton, who is ranked second in Division I. The Wildcats started fast against Canton, as Bielski won

Cheer



for a 57-9 win over Novi.

Novi was close behind host 223.5 points, but both were far off from Linden, who cleaned up shop with 338.5 points. Bedford, Marysville, **Pinckney and Redford Union** all finished with fewer than

won their weight class' championships. After four straight pinfall victories, Bunney faced a

tough opponent from Linden in the 145-pound championship. Tied 1-1 with 30 seconds to go in the third period,

The Wildcats brought 12

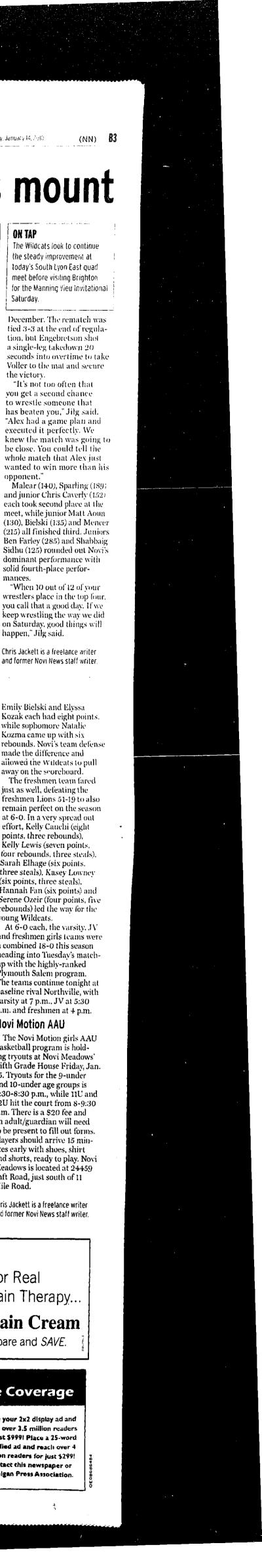
walked away with top-four

finishes in their respective

weight classes. Senior captains

Engebretson and Bunney led

the way as both went 5-0 and



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meet.

relay team.

The junior showed a ton

meet, capturing third in the

500 free, fourth in the 400

free relay and seventh in the

100 butterfly. She was also

Oakland County champ in the

"Becca is a worker and takes

100 butterfly and as part of

the sport very seriously," said

Tectors. "She swam an almost

because the 500 came just one

event behind the 100 fly. She

jumped right out the pool and

had just caught her breath

and then she got right on the

blocks for the 500, and then

swam the very next event the

200 free relay. This takes an

amazing amount of focus and

The senior placed fourth in

the 500 free, the 200 medley

relay and the 400 free relay

at the State Finals. She was

also sixth in the 200 IM for

four All-State swims. Other

highlights included a KLAA

Conference title in the 100

Oakland County in the 200

"She has really left her leg-

acy on the Novi program, not

only her fantastic swimming

her mentoring of the younger

meets on how to handle the

"Without her the Novi pro-

gram would not have moved

into the top-tier of state teams

or have been team champions

at the KVC and the KLAA

Champions the last three

The Wildcat freshman

placed fourth in the 200

medley relay, fourth in the

the 100 butterfly at the State

Conference champ in the 100

butterily. She was part of all

three relays that set school

Michigan's up-and-coming

stars," said Teeters. "She loves

"I would not be surprised to

see her develop into one of the

top swimmers in the nation

before she leaves high school.

The senior competed in the

100 backstroke and 200 med-

ley relay at the state meet. She

was a two-time qualifier in

the backstroke. She was con-

ference runner-up in the 100

back and as part of the 200

Corinne Caldwell, South Lyon

qualifier in three events, but

only swam the 100 butterfly

at the state meet so she could

She was a member of our 200

freestyle relay that earned All-

State honors, finishing in fifth

place and was also on the scor-

ing 400 freestyle relay team.

Conference meet she finished

in 5th place in the 50 freestyle

terfly despite being very sick

The junior finished in 16

championships. She is only the

place in diving at the state

second diver in South Lyon

on the day of the meet.

Kayla Nunez, South Lyon

At the KLAA Kensington

compete in all three relays.

The sophomore was a state

to compete and race to win.

Not much intimidates her.

"Maranda is one of

records this year.

She just gets it."

Second Team

medley relay.

Ashley Little, Milford

Maranda Buha, Novi

vears.

added intensity," said Teeters.

kids in practice and at the big

accomplishments but also

breaststroke and a title at

medley relay.

Meredith Cote, Novi

drive."

impossible combination of

events at the state meet,

of versatility at the state

Milford's Johnson caps off career with third title

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Milford's Rachel Johnson capped her senior season in style with her third-straight 500 freestyle gold medal at the State Finals, She also showed her versatility with a runner-up finish in the 200 individual medley and earned All-American status for her times in both events. Johnson is the 2009 All-

Area Swimmer of the Year. "Rachel's season was something out of the story books," said head coach Heather Lutz. "She set her goals at the beginning of the season and did all she could to reach them. "There is no other athlete

on our team that has achieved that feat and I think it will – be a very long time until we see that accomplished again. Rachel is descrying of every award and accolade she received since she has worked so hard to achieve them."

Some of accomplishments throughout the season include conference champion in the 200 IM (conference record), 100 backstroke (conference record) and as part of the 400 freestyle relay; set a pool record at the county meet in the 200 IM; was also county champ in the 500 freestyle; set Milford records in the 200 IM, 50 free, 100 breaststroke and 500 free; and broke Milford free, 100 butterfly, 100 free, 500 free and 100 backstroke. Something important to Lutz and the rest of the team, was Johnson was also a vocal

captain. "As Rachel matured, she developed into a skilled leader as well," said Lutz. "She was almost like having an additional coach on staff. Rachel spent time talking with herteammates about how goal setting has helped her and role modeled the worth ethic it – takes to succeed.

"She pushed the other gir in her lane beyond their limits and cheered at the side of the pool for everyone during meets. In addition, she demonstrated good sportsmanship with her connetitors " Johnson leaves a record

board with her name littered all over it and will take her abilities to the University of Toledo where she will continue to swim.

First Team

Katie Pohlman, Milford

The Maverick senior competed in four events at the Division 1 State Finals, the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay. Both relay teams reached the finals. She was also part of the KLAA Conference champion 400 relay team and the runner-up 200 medley relay.

"Katie had an impressive season as a result of the effort she put into her training," said Lutz. "She dropped times meet after meet and was someone we could count on to score dual meet points or compete strong at any one of our qualifying meet.

"One of the highlights for me was watching Katie swim state cut times at the KLAA Lakes Conference meet. It is wonderful to watch all that hard work pay off."

Haley Hilt, Milford

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The Milford junior swam in three relays at the state meet, with the 200 and 400 free relays reaching the finals. She swam through a shoulder injury throughout the season but was a steady contributor regardless. She was also part of the conference champion 400 free relay team.

"Despite her injury, Haley was a key contributor in both individual and relay events," said Lutz. "She typically swam sprint freestyle or breaststroke for us this season.

"At the state meet, Haley swam her lifetime best breaststroke relay split in the medley relay

Morgan McGinnis, Milford

The sophomore also competed in all three relays for Milford at the state meet. She also was part of the conferpool records in the 200 IM, 50 ence champion 400 free relay team. She was called on to swim multiple events in all the major meets.

> "Morgan's season progressed just as we had hoped," said Lutz. "She started off strong and continued to improve throughout the course of the season. Morgan can swim anything well, but she focused on sprint freestyle and backstroke.

"She had an outstanding conference meet and swam her lifetime best 50 freestyle split at the state meet."

Paige Drazga, South Lyon

The junior finished fourth in the state in the 50 freestyle and earned an All-American consideration time of 23.87. She also scored in the 100 butterfly and was a member of the All-State 200 freestyle relay team and the 400 freestyle relay team that scored at the state meet. In addition, she was the KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the 50 freestyle and finished third at the conference meet in the 100 butterfly. Drazga is the South Lyon record holder in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

"Paige was motivated this season to set new records and swim fast," said coach John Burch. "She also was a very good leader of the team. She is very motivated to have a successful season"



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ALL-AREA SWIMMING SWIMMER OF THE YEAR Rachel Johnson, Milford senior FIRST TEAM Morgan McGinnis, Milford sopho-

> Katie Pohlman, Milford senior Haley Hill, Milford junior Paige Drazga, South Lyon junior Rachel Green, South Lyon freshman Monica Gironza, South Lyon senior Kali Twork, Lakeland senior

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Becca Berman, Novi junior

Meredith Cote, Novi senior

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поге Kirsten Failing, Northville freshman Ashley Filipowicz, Northville senior Emily Ifverson, Northville freshman Jennifer Jone, Northville junior Michelle Song, Northville freshmar Kelsev Libbe, Northville senior Dana Morgan, Novi freshman Sarah Berman, Novi senior Amber Cathey. Novi iunior Laura Cossaboom, Novi senior Maria Foley, Novi senior Abby Glenn, Novi iunior Rachel Park, Novi junior Maddy Price, Novi senior Kelly Savela, Novi junior Janice Burnett, Novi freshman Heather Schramm, Novi senior Caitlin Sultana, Novi freshman Sara Sultana, Novi junior Lauren Harrington, Novi freshmag Jillian Odom, Novi freshman Rachel Appelbacher, Novi freshman

Rachel Green, South Lyon The freshman made quite

a splash at the State Finals, capturing fifth place in the 100 free and eighth in the 200 free, earning All-State honors in both events. She is one of only three freshmen in the state to earn All-State honors in two individual events. She was also a member of the All-State 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay team that scored at the state meet. She was also the KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the 100 freestyle and finished in third place at the conference meet in the 200 freestyle. Rachel is the South Lyon record holder in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. "Rachel is a very talented swimmer who helped our

team greatly this season with her hard work and positive attitude," said Burch. "She is

Get off your duff, and get ible location within the Town ready to run! Feb. 7 marks Center. the 44th annual American Professional Football Super has varied from sunny and Bowl game and the 11th conmild to frigid, snowy and windy Race director, Randy secutive Super 5K Road Race, which will start and finish Step, says that the race has near Running Fit's newest seen growth each year and ocation within the Novi Town expects more that 2,000 participants in 2010. Custom

Center. Running Fit completed their move of the Novi location shortly after last year's race. The new store resides on Eleven Mile Road, two doors down from Bonefish Grill and facing Grand River Avenue. It is larger and in a more vis-

going to have a very successful Becca Berman, Novi high school career."

Monica Gironza, South Lyon The senior capped a successful career with a fourth-place finish at the State Finals with an All-American score. It was her third All-American score of the season. She was the KLAA Kensington Conference the 200 medley relay. runner-up in diving. Gironza is the South Lyon varsity

record holder in both the sixdive and 11-dive events. "Monica injured herself last season and just missed the state meet, so to come back and have a career-high fin-

ish at the state meet is a great accomplishment," said Burch. "She has had a great career in South Lyon." Maddy Kipke, Northville

The freshman claimed 10th place the State Finals in the 100 backstroke. She also qualified in the 200 freestyle.

"Maddy was a tremendous swimmer this year," said coach Brian McNeff. "She worked hard every day and led just about every set. She was unable to compete in the conference meet due to an illness, but she came back strong at the state meet and swam a 1:59.04 in the 200 free and a 59.88 in the 100 back."

Shannon Lohman, Northville The sophomore swam in

four events at the state meet, highlighted by a 16th-place finish in the 100 backstroke. She also competed in the 100 butterfly, the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay. "She was All-Conference

in the 200 medley relay and in the 100 backstroke," said McNeff. "She was a very good all-around swimmer for us." Faith Miller, Northville

Miller qualified for the state meet in the 200 free, 100 butterfly and 200 medley relay. She was also All-Conference in 400 free relay and sixth in he same events

"Faith was a huge part of our Finals. She was also the KLAA team this year and scored a lot of points for us," said McNeff. "She was a captain and a very good leader.

"She unfortunately got really sick the week before states and did not perform as well as she would have liked, but will be back next year to redeem herself."

Kali Twork, Lakeland

The Lakeland senior set a new bar for the program. She holds eight different records and is the first twotime state qualifier in school history. "She has raised the bar for what team members can accomplish, and will be remembered how well she represented our team as an athlete, student and leader," said coach Erik Koppin. Andrea VanderMey, Novi

The freshman burst

onto the scene with a State Championship in the 100 backstroke, a third-place finish in the 200 IM, and a pair of fourths in the medley relay and the 400 relay. She was a large part in a fifth-place finish for Novi. She was KLAA Conference champ in the 100 back and the 200 IM and went undefeated in the 100 backstroke throughout the

vear "Most athletes only dream of winning a state title, Andrea and 9th place in the 100 butalready has one and she is only a ninth grader," said head coach Scott Teeters. "She is looking forward to winning a few more as well as the challenge of competing at the national level with her club team.

The weather in years past

Super 5K finisher pint glasses

will be awarded to the first

1,500 finishers, and football

fan or not, he welcomes and

come on out and "earn the best

No matter where competi-

encourages one and all to

spot on the couch!"

Novi's Running Fit hosts 11th annual Super 5K Road Race

tors finish, an abundance of post race food including hot wings served by the Hooter's girls will be waiting for all of the participants at the finish. If you're not in shape to

partake in a 5K event, Step has that covered too. Winter 2010 Running 101 classes will begin in January at Rúnning Fit stores located in Novi and Ann Arbor.

Novi store manager Rachel Ingle assures that while winter conditions can be challenging at times, safety is a priority. Ingle elaborates as she explains that classes run on

please visit http://www.runsuperbowl.com/ and http://www. runningfit.net/ or call (734) 929-9027.

nent snow. Additionally, as in previous years, race participants can anticipate the opportunity to take advantage of great bargains in the store race weekend. To register and learn more about the Super 5K and Winter Running 101 classes.

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Kara Berg, Novi

Abby Hall, Novi

jtheisen@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 228 maintained sidewalks in the Town Center in addition to having the ability to seek shelter under awnings that provide cover from Michigan's immi-

history to score points at the meet (Gironza is the other). She also finished in ninth place at the diving Regional meet where the top 12 qualify for the state championship meet and she finished in fourth place at the Kensington **Conference Championship**

Andrea Monk, South Lyon The sophomore swam on both the medley relay and the 400 free relay for South Lyon at the state meet.

Erin McCurry, South Lyon The sophomore qualified for the state meet on the medley Kelly Munzenberger, South Lyon

The junior qualified for the state meet as part of the medley relay team.

Ashley Kaminski, South Lyon The sophomore qualified for the state meet as part of the medley relay team.

Catherine Cui, Northville The freshman was a force throughout the season in the 100 breaststroke, capturing All-Conference honors with a

third-place finish. Rachel Brown, Northville The sophomore qualified for state in the 100 backstroke. She finished eighth at the conference meet in the same event and 12th in the butterfly.

lly Burford, Northville The senior qualified for state in the 100 breaststroke and in the 200 medley relay. She was All-Conference in the 200 medley relay and fifth at the conference meet in the 100 breaststroke. She was a captain for the Mustangs.

Leah Erlandson, Northville The sophomore qualified for state in the 100 backstroke, the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. She was fifth in the

100 backstroke at the confer-Sarah Garrity, Northville

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The sophomore qualified for state in the 100 backstroke at the 200 free relay. She was sixth at the conference meet in

Becca Myers, Northville The senior qualified for state in the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay. She was a captain for the Mustangs.

Lia Nagata, Northville The freshman qualified for state in the 200 free relay. She was 10th in the 100 back and 14th in the 100 fly at the con-

Briana Schoenek, Northville The freshman qualified for state in the 100 fly and as part of the 400 free relay. She was eighth in the 100 fly at conference. Madalyn Buha, Novi

The junior was 13th in the 50 freestyle at the state meet. Kelsey Shurmur, Novi

The freshman qualified for the state meet in the 100 but-

Jacqui Carless Novi The junior qualified for the state meet in the 500 free.

The freshman qualified for the state meet in the 50 free.

The sophomore qualified for the state meet in the 50 free.



Strictly Business

Jackie Schwartz (left), owner of Home Interior Warehouse - Furniture & Design, works with customer Tanya Bartelo of Northville.

the store. 4. What makes your business 6. Do you have a funny tidbit or

online at hometownlife.com

1. Tell us about your business,

products you feature.

including types of services and/or

is filled with unique furniture,

accessories, art, mirrors, silk

florals and accessories for

homes and offices. We have

a talented team of in-house

interior designers and our own

silk floral designers too. Our

store is the perfect choice for a

unique accessory to liven up a

room or for help with creating

a design plan that works for

you. Our Gift Gallery includes

numerous items starting at

\$10 that are perfect for hostess

gifts, birthdays, anniversaries,

2. How did you first decide to open

I started the business as

an extension of my silk floral

design company and first carried wholesale artwork for

the trade. I have always had a

passion for interior design and

the business evolved over time.

We've enjoyed helping so many

of our Novi neighbors furnish

3. Why did you choose Novi?

I love Novi and live in the

community. My husband and I

were very drawn to the cultural

diversity and family values in

Novi and felt like it was the

home. Working and living in

the community has enriched

perfect place for us to call

our lives so much.

unique?

friendly way.

trends and customer

preferences quicker than

a large chain. If we see

opened?

workshops

Oakland County Executive

Office Building Conference

Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake

specifics and pre-registra-

tion, visit www.oakgov.com/

peds/calendar or call (248)

858-0783. Business Basics

the evenings on alternating

a Business is a seminar for

anyone thinking about going

into business. Participants

registration, visit oakgov.

com/peds/calendar or call

(248) 858-0783. The fee is

Fundamentals of Writing

a Business Plan is a work-

to serve as their road map

to success. The class is held

on Thursday, Jan. 21, from

shop for small business own-

\$30. No refunds,

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months.

workshops are now offered in

Road, west of Telegraph,

Waterford. For location

your business?

their homes.

Everything about our story about your experience as a business is unique, from the small business owner to share with our readers? furniture lines we carry to the unique accessories that I We tend to jump into ideas acquire on numerous buying full force and are often guided trips around the country each by an intuitive sense. In 2008, we were asked to provide a year. Our passion is to create beautiful, comfortable homes door prize for a Homes for at an affordable price point. Our Troops fund-raiser for a We believe we can bring the special look that a designer can blinded while serving in Iraq. provide in an affordable and In the coming weeks we came to know and love Cas Werda and decided to hold our own 5. How has it changed since you event for him at the store to help provide furniture for his liome. The event snowballed Our company is agile and able to adjust to industry into a huge Community

Homecoming with Cas' teachers, coaches and student musicians from Novi Schools; government officials from something isn't working, then Novi, Walled Lake, Oakland we shift and move forward. Our team is multi-faceted and County, the State of Michigan everyone steps out of their and Washington, D.C., We had comfort zone to try new things and to expand the offering at Harley Owners Group (HOGs) manufactured in Ohio; and

employees entertained the attendees. The Novi Lions Clu cooked hot dogs and helped feed the crowd of more than 400 people who stopped in throughout the day and took part in shopping for a cause and a variety of raffles and door prizes. It was amazing to see our small business host young man from Novi who was such a huge and meaningful

start the event by making a

7. How has the recent economy affected your business? Our business continues to shift and readjust based

event.

on what is happening in the local economy. We have a long list of loyal customers who continue to shop with us and we are extremely grateful for their business. We have made some product changes in our showroom to feature two high-quality upholstery 50 members of the Motor City lines - Norwalk Furniture,

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oakland offers business 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit oakgov.com/peds/ Business owners and entre- calendar or call (248) 858preneurs who need assistance 0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No are invited to attend semi-

nars in January offered at the refunds. Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business - This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program Fundamentals of Starting also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planexamine their entrepreneurial ning. Presented by Carter & skills, learn how to implement Affiliates, P.C. Tuesday, Jan. their ideas and receive a list 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. For of pitfalls to avoid when start- location specifics and preing a business. The class runs registration, visit our website from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, at oakgov.com/peds/calendar Jan. 14. For location and pre- or call (248) 858-0783. This

istration is required. Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business - Marketing is an essential part of business success. All products/services must be ers who are developing a plan sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Our staff/ SCORE counselors can guide

workshop is free, but pre-reg-

you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers-your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). Thursday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and preregistration, visit oakgov. com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40 (make check payable to E.M.U.), which includes all materials. No refunds.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

- (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m.
- to 9/9:30 p.m. February 2010 9 - Pre-Business Research
- (\mathbf{PM}) 16 - Start A Business (PM) 17 - Team SBA Financing Roundtable
- 23 Write A Business Plan (PM) 24 - WBE Certification Orientation
- 25 Small Business Loan Workshop The Web site address for **Oakland County Planning** & Economic Development

Services Workshops is www. oakgov.com/peds/calendar.



DETAILS

Thursday, January 14, 201

Business Name: Home Interior Warehouse - Furniture & Design Address: 1017 E. West Maple, Walled Lake 48390 Your Name/Title: Jackie Schwartz/owner, interior designer

Your Hometown: Novi Business Opened When: 1991 Number of Employees: 10 Hours of Operation: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday -Your Business Specialty:

Full-service furniture and accessory store with interior design services

Phone: (248) 624-6700 Website: www.homeinterior warehouse.com

9. What's in store for the future of vour business?

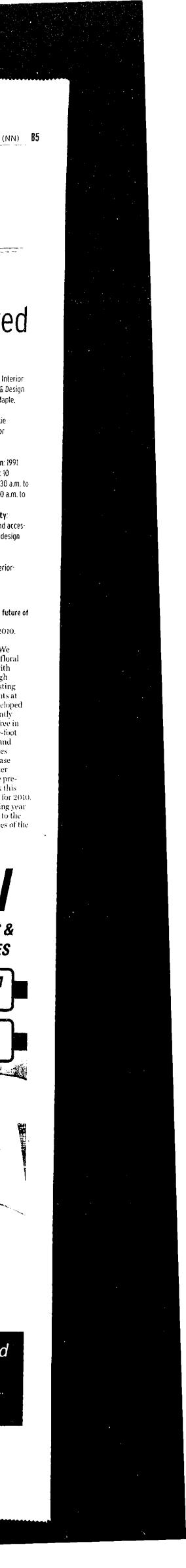
We are hopeful for 2010 But we have never just rested on hope alone. We are busy creating new floral designs, networking with local businesses through the Novi Chamber, hosting monthly sales and events at our store and even developed a new product we recently trademarked called "Tree in a Box" which is a three-foot themed artificial tree and ornament kit that comes compact in a storage case for ongoing storage after launched Tree in a Box this year and will continue for 2010 We hope that the coming year will bring good things to the residents and businesses of the

Comfort Design, handcrafted new ideas for the business. It

stop and a local band of school in North Carolina. They both is important to stay optimistic offer designer look and quality and remember that if you love the holiday season. We pre t an excellent value what you do, it can be the driving force that helps you 8. Any advice for business owners? The advice that has worked

make it through the tough times. It also is important to best for me is to constantly keep your overhead expenses keep fresh and current with in line Novi community.

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Home builders offer maintenance advice

The National Association of Home Builders, of which the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is a part, offers this advice on maintaining a new home.

A new house isn't a home until it's warmed by your personal items – family photos on the wall, your favorite towels in the bathroom and a joyful eacophony of pots and pans, plates and flatware for serving the foods you love. It's easy to forget that a home is also a house made up of thousands of parts, many of which require a maintenance regimen and regular inspection to ensure they are at peak performance, just like your car. Devoting regular attention to maintenance means:

 Preventing damage such as scratches, chips, cuts, burns, stains, gouges and scrapes to the cosmetic surfaces of your home

 Regular cleaning using manufacturer-recommended products and techniques Adjusting and lubricating the house's many parts

 Replacing consumable parts, like light bulbs, filters and batteries in smoke detec-

 Understanding and adhering to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance routine for appliances and other

mechanical components. Your new home likely has mechanical systems that are different from those of your last home. Take advantage of builders' homeowner orientation programs to make sure that you are familiar with the systems in your home and understand how to maximize their efficiency for your family's comfort. Know where the main safety shut-offs are for ectricity and gas. Building materials expand

and contract over time because of changes in temperature and humidity, neces-

sitating ongoing maintenance. Caulk, for example, dries, shrinks and cracks, diminishing its effectiveness until it no longer provides a seal against moisture and air infiltration. Maintaining caulking will be a routine task throughout the life of your home.

Likewise, you can expect some minor cracking in concrete flatwork, such as driveways and patios. Concrete cracks can result from



shrinkage during curing, temperature changes or even soil movement. While cracking cannot be prevented entirely. you can minimize cracking by following these steps:

•Maintain good drainage away from concrete slabs •Fill low spots or settled areas near concrete slabs •Seal cracks with concrete

caulking Remove ice and snow as soon as possible

•Protect concrete from deicing agents •Keep heavy vehicles (such as a moving van or dump truck) off concrete slabs Beautiful yards are the

result of years of caring and work, and require consistent attention to flourish. But whether gardening is a passion or a chore for you, consider planting native plants rather than exotics for best results. Cover soil as soon as possible to prevent erosion, and always maintain proper slope away from your home to ensure good drainage.

Finally, familiarize yourself with the warranties you receive with your new home, and be sure to activate

manufacturer warranties by completing and mailing any registration cards. Besides activating your warranty, this step allows the manufacturer to contact you in the event of a product recall. Retain all warranty documents, and make

sure recommended maintenance is up to date. Here are some additional tips from the organization: 1. How often do forced-air

furnace filters need to be changed? At least every three months during the heating season.

2. What part of the faucet usually needs to be replaced when you have a water leak? The washer.

3. Should you run hot or cold water through your garbage disposal? Cold water.

4. How often should the moving parts of garage doors be oiled?

Every three months. 5. What tools can you use to unclog your drains?

A plunger and a plumber's snake.

unclog a toilet? Coil spring-steel auger.

sales prices.

Auburn Hills

301 Alpeana SL

Beverly Hills

18249 Saxon Dr

Birmingham 888 Ann St

1923 Fairview SI

1812 Graefield Ro

845 Greenwood S

2029 W Lincoln St

Bloomfield Hills

968 Warwick St

9282 Dixie Hwy

32240 Verona Cir

3582 Riverside (

7. What faucet part needs to be cleaned every three to four months? Aerator — the screen inside

the end of the faucet. 8. What can you use for traction on icy sidewalks, steps and driveways?

Cat litter or sand - never use salt because it damages

the pavement. 9. Where should the fire in your fireplace be built?

On the andirons or grate, never on the fireplace floor. 10. What will prevent soot

and add color to the fire in vour mediace. Throw in a handful of salt.

11. Where should your firewood be stored? Outside, away from your

unpainted concrete floors easy

Concrete sealer. 13. What should you use to

Hardwood floors that do not have a polyurethane finish probably will need to be waxed periodically. Use liquid or paste "spirit" wax. 16. What is the best polish for vinyl floors?

> Water emulsion wax. 17. When is basement condensation at its maximum? In new homes because gal-

lons of water went into the concrete of dasement walls. 18. Why should noisy water pipes be fixed promptly? The condition that causes noisy pipes may be accom-

hardwood floors with water?

urethane finish.

to be waxed?

When the floors have a poly-

15. Do hardwood floors need

cause fittings to loosen and 19. Why should frozen pipes be thawed slowly?

Frozen pipes should be thawed slowly to prevent the formation of steam, which could cause the pipe to burst. 20. How often should your roof be inspected? A qualified roofer should

inspect your roof every three

direction of helping landlords deal with these issues. Q: I am transferring to the Des Moines area and want to know what the real estate economy is like, and, what is going on ir the downtown area, since I will be working there in terms of residential construction.

repair to eliminate the

spiders since the spiders

did not cause damage to

the premises; the premises

were "in reasonable repair."

Nor did the court feel that

damage or a serious defect

to the premises which were

provisions in the lease for

which the landlord could

Each case must be

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have been held responsible.

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July 30,

2009. It

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tenant who

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A: The downturn in the economy has not hit Des Moines as much as many other cities because it is the home of many insurance companies, banks and credit card companies. Also, there is a great deal of construction in the downtown area, including conversions of old buildings to condominiums and apartments, as well as the development of new condominium projects. There is also additional road construction which is making it easier to traverse the area. I would suggest that you contact a local realtor and shop around the downtown Des Moines area, although West Des Moines and its environs

new construction and development. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be

construed as legal advice.

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BIA honors top industry pros

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Ave. in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010. In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the

other award honorees. Registration fees are \$40 for **BIA or Apartment Association** of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Award honorees will be recognized at the event. They include President Darshan S. Grewal, and the distinguished award winners: Hall of Fame

Janet L. and James D. Compo, James D. Compo Homes

- •Builder of the Year Robert M. Tedesco,
- Silverado Homes •Young Builders of the Year

Rino J. Soave, Infinity Homes

Gardenview Estates William Phillips, William Richardson and Dwight Belyue, Gardenview Development Company, LLC Samuel Kreis Annual Award For Distinguished Service to the Building Industry Fred Erb, Erb Lumber

Michael Soave, Soave Homes

•Development of the Year

 Distinguished Service Award in Government Robert Hunt, director of Development, Detroit Housing Commission Thomas Ricketts' Award

to the Region's Outstanding **Building Official** Bruce Johnson, building official, City of Birmingham

 Outstanding Subcontractor Of the Year Brad Kozel, Ferguson

Enterprises Associate Of the Year Katie Hallett, TK Design &

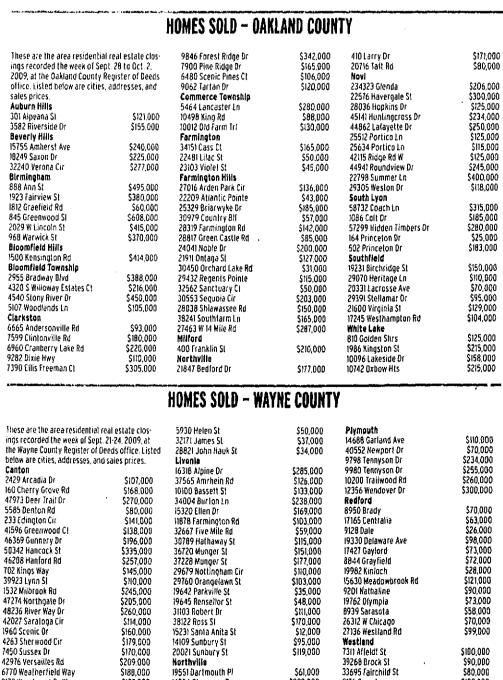
Architecture •Remodeler Of The Year Brad Hinkson, CR, Hinkson Construction Inc

•Distinguished Service To The Remodeling Industry Michael J. Gordon, RA,

- MGA Architects Membership Growth
- Robert M. Tedesco,

Silverado Homes

- Honoree
- Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture
- Rachel Chickensky, Blinds Unlimited
- Cathy McLeod, The
- Huttenlocher Group, LLC



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39268 Brock St

8176 Gary Ave

8459 Gilman St

33611 Hunter Av

1762 Leslie St

32595 Lone Pine D

6360 Hunter Pointe SI

33695 Fairchild St

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1523) Santa Anita S

14109 Sunbury St

20021 Sunbury S

19551 Dartmouth

16954 Glenmoor Dr

17931 Maple Hill Ct

19516 Northridge D

16650 Sherwood Ln

39433 Springwater D

8656 Napier Rd

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These are the area residential real estate clos-ings recorded the week of Sept. 21-24, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. 2429 Arcadia Dr 160 Cherry Grove Rd 47973 Deer Trail Dr

39923 Lynn SI

1532 Milbrook Rd

47274 Northoate Dr

48236 River Way D

42027 Saraloga Cir

1960 Scenic Or

7450 Sussex Dr

Garden City

29239 Barton S

2325 Donnelly

29550 Bock St

540 Harrison S

4263 Sherwood Ci

42976 Versailles Rd

6770 Wealherfield Wa

2173 Woodmont Dr W

5585 Denton Rd 233 Edington Cir 41596 Greenwood Cl 46369 Gunnery Dr 50342 Hancock 5 46208 Hanford Ro 102 Kings Way

Honoree

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to keep clean?

6. What tool can be used to

house and not directly on the ground. 12. What helps keep

clean unpainted concrete floors?

14. When can you clean

A solution of 4 to 6 tablespoons of washing soda in a gallon of hot water. Mix scouring powder to the solution for tough jobs. vears.

panied by vibration that can leak.



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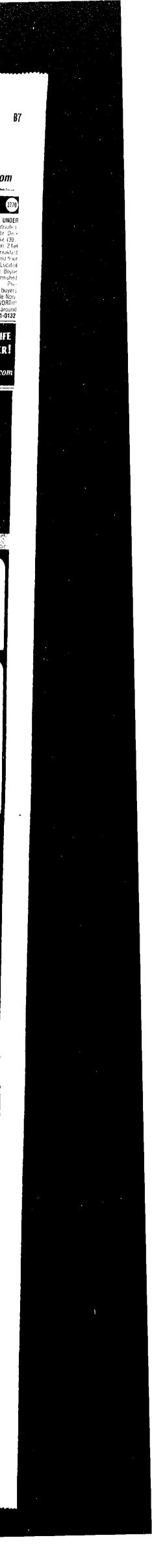
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returning to a workplace after 23 years. Then, think about the Mildred L. fact that the average age in Culp that workplace is 24. "I'm not the only 50-year-old who decided to serve his country and go to Iraq," reports Sergeant

Imagine being 55

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Neil Gussman of the Army National Guard. "A retired police(man) here is finishing eight months as a belicopter door gunner. He's 55." Peter Rosen, president of Atlanta's HR Strategies & Solutions L.L.C., points out that not everyone fits the stereotype of an older worker, that even young people can seem old and remain that way forever

Some people are perceived as young their whole

life," he observes. In other words, a person's attitude

Gussman, of Lancaster, Pa., is stationed in an air

unit at Tallil Ali Air Base in southern Iraq (near An

Nasiriyah). He knew what he needed to do to fit in --

be in shape and stay that way. "Fitness is a big part

of getting along," he says. "When we were training

to go to Iraq, we had a lot of physical training. If I

plays a role in our perceptions of age.

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and minorities are in of having to be better than average just to be accepted." A few months ago he placed third among 90 men and women in his company's fitness test. He looked at all of the training from a youthful

perspective. "My enthusiasm helped me get accepted by guys less than half my age, but who are enthusiastic themselves," he comments. He strives to keep up the rigor at risk of falling back. His success points to the fact that mature workers are in a position to do more than just get along where youthful

At The Coca-Cola Co., Rosen met younger workers on their terms, like Gussman. Rosen, a self-described

United States Army Specialist Andrea Magee, 27, a qualified sharpshooter, shows Sergeant Nell Gussman, 56, where to

"tech-gadget junkie," found that people came to him in a physical meritocracy. I was in the position women for help for getting through techno-glitches. His social nature helped, too. He was the lone manager on the company basketball team. "Not limiting connections in an organization breaks stereotypes," he says. Finally, he gained rapid acceptance by "giving people credit and making them look good." RETOOLING If you're an older worker who can't identify with

the experiences of Gussman and Rosen, you may be one of a number of people who need help intergenerationally, particularly if you're not planning to retire in the near future. These relationships are the key to continuing success and satisfaction. Diversity trainer Jeffrey Gee, president of McNeil & Johnson Learning Co. Inc., in Lake Zurich, Ill., coaches older employees in organizations in line for a

promotion or lateral transfer, and others with difficulty in getting along. He advises analytical older workers that, in conversation, they need to respond "at the level and pace" of younger workers. Then he applies "the three-second rule -- to stop and engage the brain before they open their mouth." Like the work Gussman and Rosen do on themselves, Gee's training is repetitious and successful. Listening, a key component in building

elationships, is tougher for drivers, because they They like to win. We have to get them to stop thinking about time, because that's a big issue with them, so



across as not caring. We have to rearrange the way they look at people." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp welcomes your questions at

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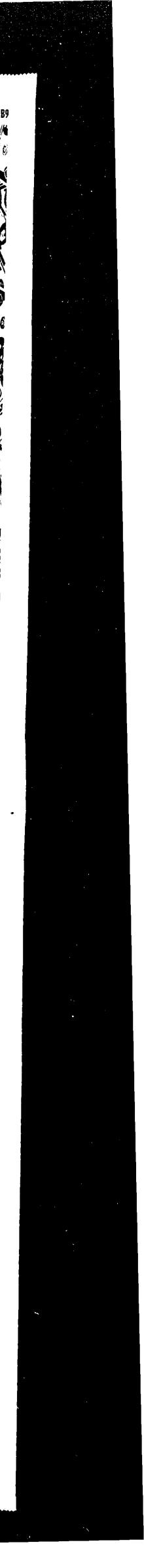
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DECEMBER SALES PROVIDE HOPEFUL PROPULSION INTO NEW YEAR

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U.S. auto sales in December

By Dale Buss

accelerated to their best pace of the year outside last summer's Cash for Clunkers bonanza, providing a hopeful punctuation mark to the industry's worst year in decades.

Sales in December totaled about 1 million units, up about 2 percent from December 2008, when automakers and American consumers were newly stunned by the economic debacle unfolding on several levels around them,

More important, last month autos sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 11.2 million, continuing a recovery that gradually has been building in the market for the last few months. The seasonal rate had sunk as low as 9.1 million early in the year. And fresh from December's results, OEM executives last week generally said they were expecting sales in 2010 to top 11.5 million units after coming in at a total of 10.4 million for all of 2009.

Some analysts credited the holidaysales promotional campaigns that have become ubiquitous from Thanksgiving through the end of the year. Despite the fact that the actual level of incentive spending by OEMs and their dealers was little changed last month from November, all the attention to deals

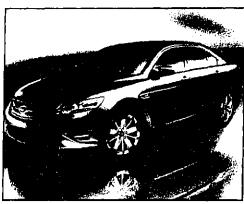
seemed to lure consumers to showrooms.

"Up and down the value chain, advertising was very strong," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing sales and service. "You could hardly ignore it if you turned on the TV, all of the merchandising of the offers in the month of December.

In fact, General Motors said that its average incentive in December was \$3,900, compared with \$6,400 a year ago. "We are going to earn (market) share at GM, not buy it," said Susan Docherty, GM's North American marketing and sales chief.

Docherty also said that GM probably had the highest month-over-month retail-sales improvement in the industry despite the fact that its December sales total was off 6 percent compared with 2008. With the exception of a small 1.5-percent drop at Chevrolet, GM's remaining core brands - Cadillac, GMC and Buick - all posted sales gains in December, and truck sales were stable.

Toyota "finished the year strong, with a lift in volume and anticipating a record monthly market share for the second consecutive month," said Don Esmond, senior vice president. Its December sales were 23 percent higher



Ford's 2010 Taurus was one of the company's strong performers in December.

than a year ago.

"Emerging from the rollercoaster of 2009, the industry has gained positive momentum for a gradual recovery," Esmond said.

Ford capped the year with a robust 33-percent increase in sales in December compared with a year earlier. "Customers have choices now," Czubay said. "And they're walking across the street and choosing a Ford."

Among other winning products, the new Taurus continued its strong introduction in December, and sales of the new model were up nearly 90 percent for the last four months of the year compared with 2008. Sales of F-Series pickup trucks increased by 16 percent in the month over a year earlier, marking the product line's best monthly sales performance since March 2008.

Meanwhile, Chrysler could manage only a 4-percent sales decline in December. And that middling performance seemingly was fueled only by a massive year-end sell to fleet customers, which helped produce some outsized gains for several models.

The Sebring midsize sedan and convertible, an underperformer for much of the year, posted a 24-percent gain over December 2008, for example,



The CR-V surged in showrooms for Honda.

while the Dodge Caliber and Avenger leapt to respective 83-percent and 85percent increases compared with the prior December.

In all, Chrysler's passenger-car sales improved by 31 percent but were offset by a 14-percent setback for trucks compared with December 2008.

Honda's performance in December was strong enough to help it secure the U.S. industry's No. 4 spot for the full year, usurping Chrysler's long hold on the position. Sales rose nearly 16 percent, led by a 17-percent rise for Honda Accord, 20 percent for Civic, and 25 percent for CR-V – creating a December sales record for that model.

Also, Nissan capped off a disappointing year with a December surge as sales climbed 18 percent over the year-earlier month. Even sales for its struggling Infiniti brand rose by more than 10 percent for the month. Hyundai Group, including the Hyundai and Kia brands, had the largest sales increase of the Big 7 with December sales hitting 54,845 vehicles, a hefty 42-percent increase over December 2008.

Hyundai set a new December sales record at 33,797 vehicles, up 40 percent from the year earlier. Kia sales came in at 21,048 for a 43.7 percent increase.

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