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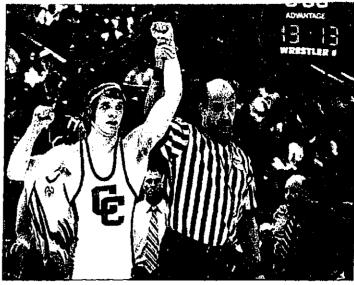
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#### L. Brooks talks to Lakes Area

At the 2010 State of the Lakes luncheon, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, and representatives from six lakes



L. Brooks Patterson ties will address the area economic outlook, the status of projects underway, new development and other changes likely this year and in 2011.

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Presented by the Lakes Area Chamber

of Commerce, the annual event is Tuesday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Country Club, located on Commerce Road, just West of Union Lake Road.

Speaking to the months ahead in their communities will be Bill Roberts, Walled Lake mayor; Kevin Hinkley, Wixom mayor; Mike Kowall, White Lake supervisor; John Magee, Wolverine Lake Village council president; Kathleen Cassidy Jackson, Commerce Planning Department; and Kent Roberts, filling-in for Carl Solden, Waterford supervi-

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch. For reservations call the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 248/624-2826.

Registrations must be made by Friday, March 12.

#### "Anything Goes"

Get your tickets now to see the Novi Theatres bring the classic musical "Anything Goes" to Novi. This show is an amusing story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Terrific songs include "It's De-Lovely," "Friendship," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "All Through The Night," "Anything Goes," "You're The Top" and "Blow, Gabriel, Blow." It's a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted aboard the magical ship where anything goes!

Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 14 at 2

The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads. Tickets are available online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/children and seniors and all seats are reserved. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347.0400 or visit cityofnovi. org.

## Novi Road to finally get makeover

### Project slated to start in winter

BY NATHAN MUELLE STAFF WRITER

It appears the Novi Road project is back on track.

The Road Commission for Oakland County released its road improvement projects for 2010 last Friday, and widening Novi Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue from two lanes to five and putting a bridge over the CSX Railroad crossing highlighted the list.

"I'll believe it when I see some trucks out there working on it," joked city manager Clay Pearson, who added it is gratifying to know the project is on line.

As of October, the program was headed for the back burner when city officials were told federal funding for the project might be taken away. That turned out not to be the case, and the \$28-million project is slated to kickoff this winter.

Eighty percent of the project is being paid for with federal road dol"For one thing, whenever a train is going through there will not be a complete halt to traffic, and it will be a much safer configuration in terms of people being able to turn left and right from Novi Road."

CLAY PEARSON, Novi city manager

lars generated by the federal gas tax and the remaining 20 percent is split between the RCOC and the city of

Pearson said Novi's portion will

amount to about \$3 million.

The project is part of a grand plan that has been progressing since 2000. Grand River Avenue was wid-

ened from Wixom to Novi Road and

then the Ten Mile and Novi Road intersection was completed and this project is the next step.

There is more to come in the future with construction work on Grand River, east of Novi Road, but that is still a couple years away, Pearson said.

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## Students take stand against idling

#### Cassis praises their work, encourages local action

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Idling is not acceptable to Novi Middle School students Raj Raina and Yash Sathe. Not when it comes to vehicles. And not when it comes to taking action to stop such practices from happening.

The two teens are taking a stand against idling cars, making presentations before the Novi City Council and most recently on Monday to Sen. Nancy Cassis.

Their goal initially is to educate, and ultimately to make Michigan an no-idling state.

"We thought since they are not going to take cars off the road we can help stop emissions," Sathe said. "An idling car is the most inefficient car on the road."

During their presentation to Cassis at the middle school, the students told her about the impact idling has on the environment and health, that it wastes money and that it burns fuels that are already in limited supply.

They also squashed some myths and educated the senator about the fact that idling wastes more gas than turning off a car and restarting it.

Raina and Sathe started their crusade against idling



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAP

State Sen. Nancy Cassis met with Novi Middle School eighth graders Yash Sathe, right, and Raj Raina on March 8 to see their presentation for an anti-automobile idling law for the state of Michigan.

about four months ago and even conducted a study at the middle school to see how prevalent it was.

On day one they observed 46 of 53 vehicles idling outside the school, and then passed out fliers, stickers and brochures to educate people. Six weeks later only 35 of the 55 vehicles were

idling.
"It showed us we can make
a significant difference in

the attitudes of people," Raina said.

Cassis, who signed one of their pledges to not idle, praised their ability to research and take a stand against something they strongly oppose, and encouraged them to get more people involved because "there is strength in numbers."

She is passing their information on to Senators Ray Bashem, who introduced Senate Bill 1069 which prohibits the operator of a commercial diesel vehicle from idling it for more than five minutes during a 60 minute period, and Jud Gilbert, who is the chair of the Senate

Transportation Committee.
While she doesn't know if anything can happen at the state level, Cassis encouraged them to continue to

work locally.

The students said prin-

cipal Milan Obrenovich
was working on putting up
no-idling signs at the school
and they plan to speak to the
school board about the issue
as well. They have more than
800 pledges from and want
to have 2,000 by the sum-

"It feels great making a difference," Raina said.

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## Teachers voice concerns with Focus on Our Future forums

District clarifies points from MEA presentation

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Five Novi teachers voiced their displeasure last Thursday with the district's recent Focus on Our Future forums.

Their complaints ranged from difficulty filling out the survey and skewed information to hidden agendas and lack of open discussion.

Brett Meyer, Novi Education Association vice president, said "to put it bluntly these series of meetings were not forums for discussion."

"In my limited experience at the forum I attended, it was a one-sided experience with information coming from administration," he said. "... So after twoplus hours of being bombarded with facts, figures and data, there were few questions with

few, if any, concrete answers."

Jennifer Harvey, a teacher at
Parkview Elementary, said she
felt the district was hiding information, and wants the teachers,
administrators and school board
members to exchange ideas and
information like they used to in
the past.

Lyn Fischer, another teacher at Parkview, said she was "shocked" at how certain survey questions were presented and wondered why the information given to the public differed so much from

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mendation for reductions for

based on the presentation

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"The most disconcerting

thing is, well, there are many,

but the one that troubles me

most after hearing some of

the things we did (Thursday)

in this meeting is we have

staff who obviously believed

everything (MEA financial

Bagdady said. "So the mind-

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and administration are play-

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analyst Arch Lewis) said."

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## Going back to California FORUMS

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Antil to become assistant city manager in Palo Alto

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Pam Antil's three-and-a-half year stint as Novi's assistant city manager is coming to an

Antil received approval Monday from the city council in Palo Alto, Calif., to assume the same position there, and is expected to start in that role in mid-April.

She said she was contacted about the job late last year but did not hear anything until January. She interviewed with City Manager James Keene a offered the job.

couple weeks ago and was then "It's a great place to raise a family and an outstanding opportunity," she said. "It's very hard to leave the group in Novi. I loved working with (City

Manager) Clay Pearson because he has so much energy, and Mayor David Landry has led the community in such an outstanding way." Antil came to Novi after a stint in Ann Arbor. Prior to that she lived in southern California for about 10 years, going to school and working in

in Palo Alto, Calif.

the city manager office in Rancho Palos Verdes, In July, she was one of the finalists for the city manager position in Troy, but was not selected. She said not getting the job in Troy was a blessing because her new job is a "better fit" for her. She also said the fact her husband will be

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able to keep his current job and move to a new office location is "Things just have a way for working out the way they are

> supposed to," she said. Antil's new role in Palo Alto will allow her to work as the the day-to-day operations and lirecting and guiding various

"Every day is going to be an exciting adventure and challenge," she said. During her tenure in Novi, Antil was heavily involved in

making organizational and structural changes to absorb Assistant City Manager Pam Antil be some of the economic challeaving Novi after a three-and-a-half lenges facing the city. She also year stint to take the same position is proud of the venture teams that brought people from different parts of the city together to

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work on different city initiatives. Pearson said Antil has been a "huge part of our successes," highlighting her work with development and leadership programs, establishing 'green' practices and more. He also said her position will be filled, hopefully by the time Antil starts her new job in

"Having someone at that level who can handle the operational issues is key for us all to be successful," he said.

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the information presented by the Michigan Education Association at a meeting nearly a month ago. "I would like you to look at that and find out why that is happening," she said to the

school board members. Despite the criticism from the teachers, Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said chief operating officer, focusing the forums were successful on helping the city manager run and "provided a lot of information to the public that we thought the public and staff would want to know."

"We gave them a deeper dive into what it takes to run a district, what the costs are associated with running a district, and with more information they are better able to make informed choices on what they value and are willing to reduce as our budget tightens," she said. Some of the board members ing games with the budget

and Credit did take offense

to the comments the teachers

made, specifically the ones people would buy it, but some regarding a hidden agenda. people obviously do." Bruce Bagdady, school Credit said she also board vice president, said he reviewed the MEA presentawas concerned when staff tion and could not track sevmembers come to a board eral of the data points in it. meeting and say the district is The district sent Lewis a letplaying games with numbers ter with 25 points of clarifica- (248) 437-2011 ext. 255

tion and asked him to supply the resources of his data and have yet to hear back from

Two of the figures that Focus on Our Future survey is stood out to Credit were March 19, and the information graphs that showed the school district having about \$76 million available revnext year will go to the board on enues in 2004-2005 and \$82 million in 2008-2009. Her audited figures, however, showed about \$65.6 million in 04-05 and \$69.8 million in 08-09. from the MEA. He noted that

"I don't know how he came up with that figure and because it is the basis of all his comparisons, it is very confusing to us," she said. "And also the budgeting errors and staffing errors (noted in Lewis' presentation) are offensive to this staff that work so hard to get this budget just right and staffing just right."

She also clarified Thursday

the specific funds the district has and their uses. Trustee George Kortlandt also disagreed with Lewis' message that there is no financial crisis.

"If there is no financial crisis, there are a whole lot of districts throughout this state who are just doing lots of foolish things," he said.

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Work has already been started on engineering and right-of-way acquisitions, and Pearson expects crews to begin after the winter holidays with a closure to happen at the railroad tracks in January or February. He said people should expect to take alternate routes on Meadowbrook and Beck Roads and get familiar

with detours. The end result, however, will be worth the wait. "For one thing, whenever a train is going through there will not be a complete halt to traffic, and it will be a much safer configuration in terms of people being able to turn left and right from Novi Road," he said.

The Novi City Council also approved a cost participation agreement with the RCOC on Monday to complete phase two of a project along Novi Road from Grand River to Twelve Mile Road.

The project includes the reconstruction of the traffic signals as decorative mast arms with decorative lighting at Novi Road and the following intersections: Crescent Boulevard, West Oaks Drive and the Twelve Oaks north

It also includes sidewalk ramp construction and improvements at each intersection (but not the sidewalk segments between intersections) to meet accessibility requirements. Additionally, the "pork chop" restricting left turns from the northern driveway for West Oaks II is planned for removal as part of the project.

The total cost is estimated at \$630,000, split equally between the RCOC and the city. It is expected to be started in the spring and completed in July.

"It will make Novi Road very attractive and consistent with what you see further south on Novi Road and Grand River," Pearson said.

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## Novi parks team up to battle childhood obesity

#### Program focus on both child, parents

down to replace them with new

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

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Novi's parks and recreation programs are meant to suit the needs of every child in the com-

But when recreation coordinator Susan Stevens looked at the type of children coming through them, she started to see they were missing out on an important niche - overweight children.

In an effort to reach out to those children and parents, the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has teamed up with the Family Health Institute to offer the Childhood Weight Management

Program. The program is an ongoing nine-week session for children ages five to 14 and their families. It meets once per week, and is not a dieting program; rather,

it's an educational one. "They talk about making healthy lifestyle changes, behavioral changes and emotional changes," Stevens said. "And it takes whatever habits they may have right now and breaks them

She said the program is the athlete to walk, to take karate or city's version of the television to ride their bike, and the envishow The Biggest Loser in that ronment created at the classes encourages fun, organized play. they help the child strip away what doesn't belong in their lives When Levik looks back on childhood obesity when he got and believe they can change it.

"It's a matter of show them it doesn't have to always be like that and you can come out of your shell," she said. "But it comes back to the parents as well. They are feeding their children, not just food wise but

emotionally as well." Dr. Keith Levik, who was a pioneer in treating childhood obesity 22 years ago, said the children should not face the issue alone. He started the Center for Childhood Weight Management and recently partnered with Dr. Paul Ehrman, who found the Children's Health

Initiative Program, to form the Family Health Institute. "The entire family is worked with," he said. "It's a family issue, not a child's issue." The program focuses on the C.A.N.D.E.E. principals: control-

ling behavior, attitude, nutritional

habits, diet, exercise and esteem.

involved in 1988 he notices a drastic change for the worse. "When I started it was a serious problem, at the end of the 1990s it was an epidemic and today it's a pandemic, it's worldwide," he said.

realize they don't have to be an

He said that once an overweight child reaches their teens they have an 80 percent chance of going on and becoming obese. "The earlier we can get them, the quicker we can turn it around," he said.

The program in Novi runs through May 10 on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Cost is \$120 per participant, and registration can be done online at www cityofnovi.org. For more information, con-

tact Stevens at (248) 347-0400.

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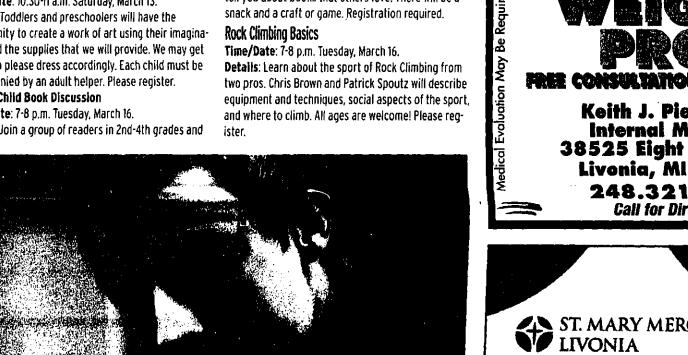
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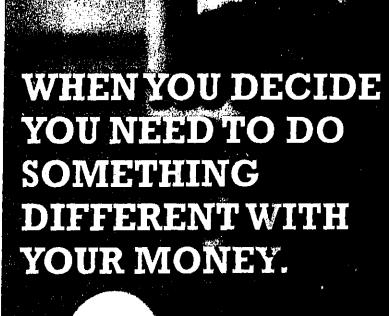
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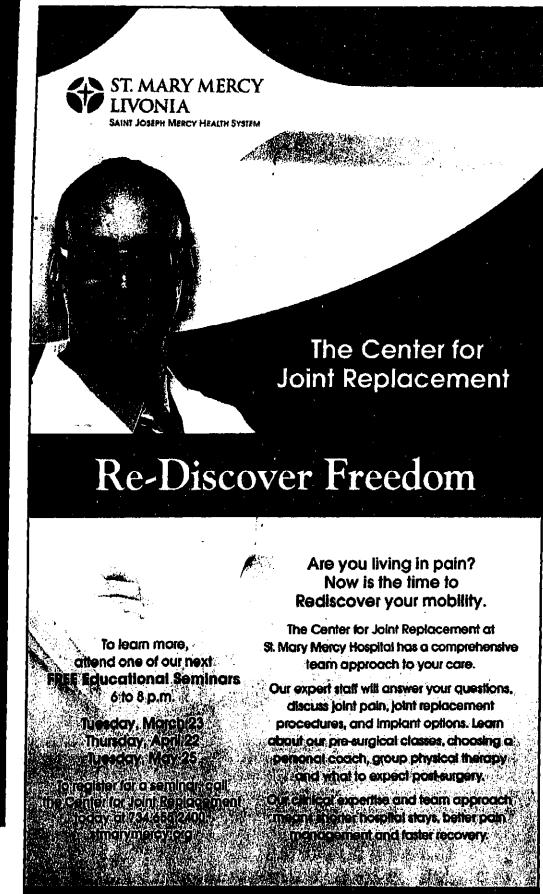
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Hope Drogmiller, 11, of Wixom was the very first customer at the grand opening of the new Novi Bagger Dave's restaurant. Hope was excited to be the first customer and proud to present them with their first dollar to bring them good luck. She waited in line at 10 a.m. on Feb. 21 to be one of the first 100 customers to receive a coupon book for 52 weeks of fries or chili.





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Novi Fire Department Cpt. Brad McFaul directs firefighters during a blaze Saturday at a home on Chattman Drive.

## Neighbors save couple from blaze

Quick response by fire department helped salvage home

STAFF WRITER

A Novi couple is lucky to be alive after a fire engulfed the garage of their Chattman Drive home around 7:47 a.m. on Saturday.

The husband and wife were clueless their garage was on fire until a neighbor called and another frantically banged on their door to tell them to get

According to the report, the man peaked into his garage after being told about the fire and quickly slammed the door shut after seeing the flames. He then grabbed his wife and ran out of the house.

Novi Fire Department personnel arrived on the scene in less than five minutes and kept it contained so it did not

spread to the entire home. "Even though it was devastating there was still a positive outcome because no one was seriously hurt or injured," said Director of Emergency



Director of Emergency Medical Services and Fire Operations Jeff Johnson (white helmet) talks with a fellow firefighter as the department puts out a

Medical Services and Fire Operations Jeff Johnson His crew had the fire under control within 16 minutes. keeping most of the home intact but with heavy smoke

The cause of the fire in still under investigation by the fire

nmueller@gannett.com damage. No one was injured in (248) 437-2011 ext. 255

## Walled Lake police help Novi catch larceny suspects

Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest said

resident heard a car door slam

thinking it was her son com-

ing home, but he was already

side she saw the dome light on

inside a neighbor's vehicle and

observed a white Ford Ranger-

style truck with a loud exhaust

driving away from it.

Two days later, Walled

Lake police arrested the men

after a resident in the city saw

the subjects running from a

garage to a truck identical

described. Police stopped

to the one the Novi woman

there. When she looked out-

during one of the thefts a

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Novi and Walled Lake police put an abrupt end to a string of larcenies on March 2, arresting three men who are believed to be responsible for the thefts

Keego Harbor residents Bradley James Buchheister, 19, and Cory Deanen Gipson, 25, and Bloomfield Hills resident Andrew Lee Almanza, 23, were arraigned on March on multiple felony counts of recovering and concealing stolen property and larceny from automobiles. All are five-year

The incidents in Novi occurred around 4 a.m. on Feb. 28 on Pickford, North Haven and West Lake Roads. The suspects stole several items including GPS units, laptops, cameras, cash and other personal documents from multiple unlocked vehicles. Novi Police Department



Novi larcenies as well as the property stolen Director of Public Safety Chief of Police

David Molloy

commended both the Walled Lake and Novi detectives for the quick resolution, and for recovering the thousands of dollars worth He also said the situation

serves as a reminder to residents to remove their valuables from their cars.

"Don't assume just because you lock your vehicle doors your items are safe," he said. The three men are currently being held at Oakland County Jail awaiting their court date.

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are Deerfield Elementary students Kasumi Fujikawa and Kiyomi

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Last week, the

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Novi Police Department Det. Mike Prough sorts through the stolen items recovered from a March 2 larceny arrest.





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## EDUCATION

Savings for 38

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Novi Community School

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A little over three years ago,

focus on conserving energy and

in turn saving money. That point

is not only being heard by staff,

but also is paying off financially.

In a 38-month period, the

district has saved \$1,584,520

through its Energy Conservation

Program, and \$304,527 came in

a six-month span from July 2009

"It was just a matter of chang-

Bill Main. "People have eas-

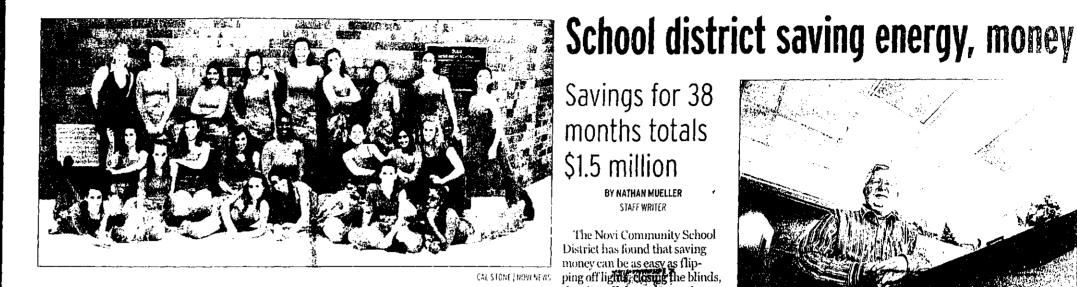
to December 2009.

turning the lights off."

district officials made it a point to

no one is around.

STAFF WRITER



**Winter Guard** 

Novi High School's varsity color guard performed in the Winter Guard competition at the school on Feb. 27. There are 21 members ranging from eight to 12 grade in the AAA Class. Members are Jaana Ashtiani, Madeline Bauss, Lauren Carroll, Lulu Chang, Amanda Chiu, Sarah Cho, Theresa Drafta, MacKenzie Dubay (not pictured), Tatianna Fitzpatrick-Dyer, Danielle Fouratt, Rachel Fox, Marina Gonthier, Abby Henning, Lauren Matson, Mina Nakano, Hiba Naseem, Joola Oveleve, Ashley Pace, Tristin Pickett, Elizabeth Richmond and Corinne Smith. Co-directors are Claire DeLisle and Carlie Ferschneider.



Winterguard

winterguard team competed at the Novi Invitational on Feb. 27. Over 50 performing groups from all over the state attended and Novi White took second in their class with their production "Amaryllis" using music by the Ahn Trio. Winterguard is the competitive season for fall colorguard members who usually perform with the marching band. They perform to recorded music in a gym and use flags, rifles, sabres and dance along with props and designed performance mats. For more information on future performances and about the activity, go to MCGC.net.

district "felt we couldn't lose and hand a lot to gain." The four-year contract, which expires in seven months, costs the

district \$157,000 per year and

Western Michigan

graduated in December 2009: Jenna Brandemihl, bachelor of management; Ted Oberts, science, criminal justice and

-matrix management: Takashi businesss administration. international development administration; and Brando administration, accountance



Hats off to Meadows

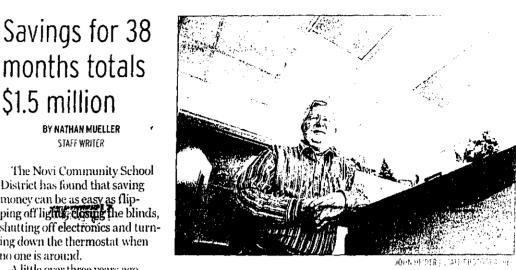
The "Hats for Haiti" fundraiser on Feb. 26 organized by Girl Scout troop 1809 at Novi Meadows raised \$1,030 for Haitian relief efforts. The fifth and sixth graders were allowed to wear a hat for the day if they paid a dollar. Pictured from left: Melissa Kolis, Lauren Henry, Julia Massab, Kate Prisby, Natalie Davis and Sydney Carlson. Not pictured: Brooke Grant and Lucy Horne.



fourth grade class at Parkview Elementary worked on assembly

to get a job done.

Teamwork is key lines last week for their economics unit. They were learning about specialization and working together



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Novi Community School District Energy Manager Bill Main notes that the district has saved about \$1.5 million in the last 38 months through energysaving measures. Main points to efforts to keep office and classroom lights off (notice they're off over his head) if they're not needed and other simple measures like closing the blinds at the end of the day to preserve heat in the winter and cool air toward the summer.

gives them access to several specialists in the field who trained Main and looked at data to recommend ways to save money. The contract will not be

ing habits," said Energy Manager renewed when it expires, but ily bought into it and it is being the district can still consult with them and Main will attend their passed onto the students as well. They will even remind teachers if they walk out of the room without "It was a commitment to the future," Credit said.

The utility budget makes up Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operaabout 2.4 percent of the overall tions, said the district contracted budget, but with 86 percent tied with Energy Education because to people costs, finding a way to they guaranteed savings, and the save in that area is important, Main said the majority of the

credit goes to the teachers and staff for buying into the program. He does building audits

Dedeckere, bachelor of business administration, accountancy; Colin Goldsmith, bach-The following Novi students elor of business administration, integrated supply matrix bachelor of business adminfamily studies, cum laude: Arie - istration, integrated supply

Okada, master of international Potocsky, bachelor of business

regularly to see how compliant

teachers are and leaves reports

with the principal to resolve any

issues. He recently visited all of

the elementary schools and two

of them had 100 percent partici-

In a time where many school

districts are laying off employees

and cutting programs, saving

money by doing something as

simple as conserving energy is

going to be of major importance

"It's really been a successful

program so far," Main said, "And

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Fox exceeds blood drive goal

Feb. 25 was a "very good day" at Fox Run for Peg Quigley, her committee and the 33 residents and staff who participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the continuing care retirement community in Novi. "We exceeded our goal, with 21 residents and 12 staff donating 33 pints of blood, including six donors who gave for the first time or who had not given in the past six years," said Quigley who has organized several blood drives a year at Fox Run in Novi for the past five years. The blood drive committee of five residents plus additional resident volunteers has the process of organizing and hosting a blood drive down to a science. For weeks before the blood drive date, committee members coordinate the sign-up lists posted throughout the campus and promote the event among residents. When the American Red Cross bloodmobile arrives, other volunteers already have delivered home baked cookies to the canteen area and the first two-person team of six other volunteers is in place to sign in donors and staff the canteen for the six-hour blood drive. Pictured, Fox Run residents Peg Quigley and J.V. Anandan and Home Support Aide Pete Andreolli are next in line to donate blood.



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IL, the daughter of Frank & Silonge Edgar and Catherine (Keller) Prom.

(Notar) Blass. Josephine worked at He graduated from Northville High

the Children's Museum in Detroit School in 1951. After serving four

and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. years in the Air Force, he married

She was a former member of North his wife Dolores. He earned

Sharon Baptist Church and was cur- Bachelors Degree and Masters

rently a member of Eastgate Degree in Education from Eastern

Community Church in Marion, IN. Michigan University. Bob taught

On June 6, 1936, she married Elementary and Middle school in

Joseph Lutchka in Detroit and he Northville until his retirement in

preceded her in death on May 1, 1989. He coached sports and served

1985. Survivors include a daughter, as Recreation Director in Northville.

Martha Jo (Lewis) Miller of Gas City. An avid sportsman and golfer, he

Grass Lake; six grandchildren, and foundation and served as its State

five great-grandchildren. She was and District Chair. He will be

preceded in death by two sisters, remembered for his sense of humor

Elizabeth Matestic and Annie Coles. and his devotion to family. Bob is

Funeral services were held Thursday, survived by his wife Dolores; his

March 4th, at the Cole Funeral children, Barry (Pupae) Prom, Linda

Age 76, died March 4, 2010 at his home in Brighton after an extended

was held Wednesday, March 10 at

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of flowers contributions would be

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**MARY STIFF** 

Age 76, of Highland, died March 3

2010 in the care of her family. A

Memorial Service will be held at a

later date. For further info contact

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**SUE KELLY SULLIVAN** 

March 2, 2010, Wife of William J

FRANK A. SYROKA

Sullivan for 62 years. Funeral was

Milford at 248-684-6645

Age 88, of S. Lyon, passed away Mar. of Gas City, IN, formerly of South 8. 2010. Brother of Bim (Bernice) & Lyon, Ml. Age 99, died Saturday, father of Scott, Private Services held. February 27, 2010 at Twin Cities Final Resting Place Bethlehem Nursing Home in Gas City, IN. She illness. Bob was born March 30 Cemetery in TN. Arrangements by was born April 15, 1910 in Westville, 1933 in Northville, Michigan to Casterline Funeral Home.

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#### EDWARD M. BAIER

Age 88, of Algonac, formerly of South Lyon, passed away, March 5, 2010. He was born on July 14, 1921, in Detroit, son of the late William and Margaret (Lynch) Baier. Ed was a WWII Veteran serving in the U.S. Navy and a retired employee from Ford Motor Co. During his 30 years IN: a son, David (Joan) Lutchka of was active in the Rocky Mt. Electric land of the State of the Sta member of St. Joseph Catholic ters. Catherine (John) McDerment and Marge Baier. His is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Chapel, Chelsea, MI, with burial at (Russ) Garcia, and Brian (Carol) Angela in 1991 and his brother East Grass Lake Cemetery, Grass Prom; his brother Kevin Ling; seven Donald Baier in 2009. Visitation was Lake. Memorial contributions may grandchildren; and seven greatheld on Monday, March 8th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South PORT BY BURNERAL HOME, BURNERAL HOME Lyon, A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, March 9th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph VIRGINIA ANN MCGRAW Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, Age 78, died March 2, 2010. A pri-South Lyon, Mt 48178. Funeral vate family service was held at arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERquestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com AL HOME. South Lyon. Online:

#### JOSEPHINE CARLITTA **JAKUBUS**

Age 85, passed away March 4, 2010. She was born on June 14, 1924, in Age 90 of Milford, passed away on Detroit, to the late George and Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Preceded in -Rosario (Munoz) Broxholm, death by her beloved husband, Josephine is survived by her loving George Neighbors in 1995. Survived children: Frank (Linda) Jakubus, by her loving daughter, Patricia Age 86. Born Aug. 1, 1923. Died John Jakubus: two grandchildren Arbour; sons, James (Susan) Jones, and four preat-grandchildren. She Martin (Susan) Neighbors, Gary was preceded in death by her hus- (Kelly) Neighbors, Joseph (Lori) March 6 at Our Lady of Good band Frank Jakubus in 2003, and two Neighbors; 18 grandchildren, 26 Counsel Parish. Online condolences sisters and two brothers. A private great-grandchildren and a great- www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com family service was held. Memorial great-grandson; many extended famcontributions may be made to ily members and dear friends. A American Heart Association or Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's American Diabetes Association. Catholic Church, March 6, 2010. Fr. Age 92, March 2, 2010. Funeral held Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS Ron Anderson officiated. Burial at at St. Regis Catholic Church, FLINERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Bloomfield Hills, March 6. Memorial questbook www.phillipsfuneral.com Township. Memorials may be made donations may be made to Hospice of

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SYLVIA NEIGHBORS

JOAN D. WYSOCKI Age 55, of Novi, passed away March , 2010. Funeral Mass to be held a a later date at St. Alfred's Catholic Church in Taylor, Donations to Arbo Hospice appreciated, Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

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1998, Swedish worked for

CEO of the Central Florida

Hospital Corporation of

Colorado from January 1999-

2004. From 1994 to December

Swedish has served as presi-

at its meeting held on Feb. 25.

Langer kevnote speaker Dr. Hans J. Langer, a pioneer of commercial laser-sintering and CEO of EOS, will be one of the Founders of the Technologies keynote speakers at the Founders' Session of the SME RAPID Prototyping and Manufacturing 2010 Exposition (May 18-20,

Anaheim, Calif.). The session takes place on the second day of the RAPID Exposition and is open to all registered Hans J. Langer attendees.

"Even when laser-sintering was a fledgling technology, I had great faith in its potential to revolutionize design and manufacturing," Dr. Langer says. "Since then, it has become essential to innovations from titanium dental

NYA Bowl-A-Thon

Division and then as president and CEO of the East Florida Division Swedish received his undergraduate degree at

the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and received his MHA from Duke University. Swedish is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. "We are very pleased to

be able to add someone of Joe's caliber to our Board of Company's Board of Directors Directors," said Allen Wise, Coventry's chief executive officer. "Mr. Swedish will bring a unique and invaluable perspective to our Board given his depth of leadership roles at a number of integrated health care systems and breadth of experience across the continuum of health services and managed care enterprises. We welcome Joe to the Board and America, first as president and look forward to working with

#### NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Novi Youth Assistance's 28th Annual Bowl-A-Thon will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 at Novi Bowl (Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads).

Novi Youth Assistance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; all funds raised stay in the Novi community, and donations are tax deductible. The NYA Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center opens June 21.

The goal is to raise \$25,000. Help by forming a team, sponsoring a bowler or sponsoring a lane. The bowling, pizza and refreshments are free, and there will be prizes for all bowlers. For pledge sheets or information regarding sponsorship, contact 248-347-0410 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

#### Lions Club fund-raiser

The fourth annual Lions Club Charity Dinner and Auction starts at 6 p.m. on March 13 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel.

The dinner costs \$20, and several live and silent auction items will be on display for open bidding. The auctions will feature such items as vacations, dinners, sports memorabilia and more. The Novi High School Jazz Band also will perform.

Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye-Bank which provides a second chance for sight to people throughout the state. In 2009, it helped 1,097 people who were facing blindness. The goal for this year's event is \$5,000. For more information about the event or to

purchase tickets, call Barr at (248) 960-3092.

#### EXPOSED 2010

Lisa Glickoff and George Stager have teamed up with The Dirty Martini of Novi for EXPOSED 2010. On Friday, March 12, the Dirty will be transformed into the scene of Michigan Face, Film, and Fashion. Say bonjour to spring with models, actors and the creative people of Metro Detroit. There will be three fashion shows; socialize with fashionistas, producers, directors and creative people of the Michigan fashion and film industries who make it happen. Tickets available now at www.Neptix.com. For more information, call (248) 477-5548 or visit www.AstuteArtistry.com.

#### Fitness guru at Health and Fitness

At the age of 15, Peter Nielsen was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 86 pounds. The writing on the wall seemed to say that Nielsen's life was going to be a limited one. However, a pivotal period of soul searching revealed truths that transformed his attitude toward his health, his body and especially his

This is the foundation of Nielsen's message of health, fitness and personal power that audiences have come to crave. Understanding physical, mental and daily life challenges, Nielson is able to connect with people on every level and his personal triumphs motivate even the most non-

motivated person. At noon on Saturday, March 20, Nielsen will host a free truly life changing seminar called Shape Up For Summer at Better Health market in Novi, 42875 Grand River. Seating for these free seminars is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100

#### LEAP! event March 16

The 19 members of the Novi Youth Council (NYC) have been hard at work planning their second teen convention, LEAP!, Living Extraordinarily and Positively. This year's event will focus on wise choices and will take place on Tuesday, March 16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.

In 2009, the City of Novi Youth Council presented its first annual teen convention with over 300 local high school students participating in the educational day focusing on raising awareness for a major issue facing students today: teen depression. For 2010, LEAP! will take the convention to new heights, by offering more group break-out sessions, hands-on activities, presentations, performances, and interactive booths by a variety of area organizations. Additionally,

nationally acclaimed speaker, Sarah Panzau will share her experience and the consequences of over indulging with alcohol. As a two-time member of the National Junior College Athletic Association woman's volleyball All-America team, Sarah knew what it is like to be on top of her game - and on top of the world, before some bad choices made her nearly lose it all.

The cost to attend LEAP! is \$5 per person and includes lunch. Please note this does not include transportation to the event, as that will need to be provided by those attending. For more information about LEAP!, including a bio of the keynote speaker, call the Community Relations office at (248) 735-5628.

#### Camp Invention 2010

Creativity and brainstorming are the building blocks to your child's future. Camp Invention® emphasizes those skills and more, and Novi Middle School is proud to be among the select schools in Michigan that will serve as a host site during the week of June 28-July 2.

Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. Children will participate daily in five activity-oriented, hands-on modules focused on science literacy, math, history and the arts. There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or sfurlow@ novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www. campinvention.org to find out more.

#### Friends' Ball to benefit Providence

The Providence Health Foundation 2010 Friends' Ball will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. This year, Art Van Elslander will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award and physicians Bruce H. Kole, M.D.; Daniel R. Piper, M.D.; Bruce M. Silverman, D.O.; and Teck-Mun Soo, M.D. will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary program. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive approach to the surgical and medical management of patients with malignancies, neoplasms and diseases involving the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, pancreas and the duodenum. The multidisciplinary team for the HPB program is dedicated to the consistent evaluation and improvement of patient care outcomes across the

The evening will feature a champagne raffle a chance to have your photo taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of the Simone Vitale Band. The co-chairs for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walker. Committee members include Andria Boirab, Lauri Bolo-Schreuder, MCN, NP-C; Ann Conrad, Susan Glassford, Lou Grieshaber, Kathie Hautamaki, Michael Jacobs, M.D.; Sue Kolachalam, JoAnne Leslie, Maureen McCorry, Denise McLean, Beverly J. Moore, M. Elizabeth Moore, Rita Raina, OD; Jackie Schwartz, Nina Shah, Carol Shaya, Jennifer Stewart, Courtney Teeple, Betsy Thompson, Sandy Tobar and Marilyn Wick. To become a corporate sponsor for the event, place an ad in the program book or donate an item to the silent auction, please contact Providence Health Foundation at (248) 849-5744.

continuum of inpatient and outpatient care.

#### Spring craft show

Looking for some unique crafts for the home or some interesting ideas for crafts of your own? Check out the craft show on March 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hometown Novi Manufactured Home Community Clubhouse off Thirteen Mile Road between M-5 and Novi Road. On hand will be homemade household decorations, clay hermit crabs, jelly bean bunnies, ornaments, cross stitch, crocheted dishcloths, concession stand, ceramics, sugar scrub and much more! Free admission.

Please see BRIEFS, A11

## True leadership, not micro-managing, is needed today

🎖 he nation remains in a recession. Jobs have been lost or positions downsized. Profits are down. Business is lackluster. The one aspect of business that is high right now is the pressure business leader, he said, "Managers are asking

to show that you are making difference as an employee, especially as a manager in an organization. In this recession, are manag-

nies? Or, are managers feeling

increased pressure from the C-

ing to micro-managing instead of being true leaders?

managing today rather than leading. During a recent conversation with one area

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more and more questions of everyone and all of a sudden want to be involved in every decision, big or small.

"More reports are requested, more phone calls and e-mails are generated, but no new ers being leaders at their compaprofit is being created by this micro-managing. It actually makes the organization less efficient and has a negative effect on busisuite and stockholders and turn- ness," the leader said.

When leaders micro-manage, morale can be adversely affected as lower level managers and employees tend to become more conserva-There are some business people who think that managers are performing tive because they perceive that the "big boss" differently -- that top-level managers are micro- is watching everything they do. Especially in this economy, lower-level managers and employees fear that making any mistake may

cost them their job so they go into a "play-it-In this economy, only playing it safe is the exact opposite of what businesses should want. Employees need to be empowered and motivated more than ever. Employees should be encouraged by organizational leaders to be —ees' ability

innovative, to look for new opportunities, and to cross beyond past boundaries that are no longer working. The time for true leadership to emerge is now. It is not the time to be micro-manager. One local business leader offers the follow-

ing tips to help your team become better. He advises, "Be a leader instead of a manager" and: Help close a big sale pany and employees more efficient

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Linda Hagan, Ph.D., is a Professor of Business Communication and the Director of the Doctor of Management program at Walsh College. She teaches courses in the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs, and consults on management/organizational communication issues. Dr. Hagan is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America and a member of the Board of Directors of the PRSA Detroit Chapter. She can

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#### Man busted with pot

A 19-year-old man was arrested at 11:15 p.m. on March 1 for pos session of marijuana after being stopped at Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road after the officer ran the license plate and it didnot show any information. According to the report, the carwas occupied by three men and smelled strongly of marijuana when the officer approached. While the driver was looking for his identification and insurance he opened the glove box and the front seat passenger pulled out a plastic bag he said contained his

-medical marijuana. The man said be did not have his documentation with him, and also handed the officer a marijuana grinder that was placed between the passenger seat and center console.

He told the officer he was the only one who used marijuana that night and he "medicated" in the parking lot earlier in the

The passenger was arrested, transported to the Novi Police Department and issued citations for possession of marijuana and possession of narcotic parapher-

#### Woman arrested for drunk driving

A 41-year-old woman was Larrested for drunk driving after being stopped at 11:50 p.m. on March 3 at Citation and Novi The woman smelled strongly

of intoxicants when officers approached the vehicle and she admitted to drinking at an establishment in Livonia.

tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of 15 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. She was arrested for operating

while intoxicated and transport-

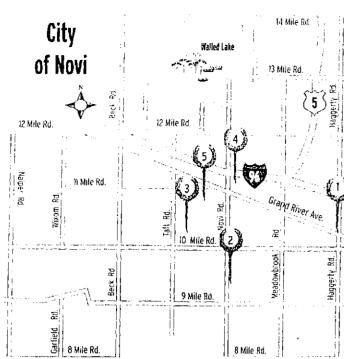
ed to the Novi Police Department

where she was held until sober. Window smashed, items stolen

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a locked car while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on

Yorkshire Drive. The incident occurred overnight on March 3, and the suspect broke the passenger side window to gain access to the

There was no printable evidence at the scene and police have no suspects at this time. Car broken

#### into at Red Robin

4A couple had their Chrysler 300 broken into and electronics were taken from it while it was parked in the parking lot of Red Robin on Crescent Boulevard between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on March 3.

The owner of the vehicle did The woman failed field sobriety not notice the damage until after dinner, and the in dash GPS and CD/Stereo player had been ripped from the center console. The passenger side window was completely smashed out of the frame

to gain access The woman did notice a suspicious SUV pull alongside their vehicle in the parking lot at one point during dinner but she did not get any information off of it. Police have no suspects at this

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A 31-year-old Novi woman Thad her wallet stolen from her car overnight on March 2 while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on Buckminster Drive

The woman said there was no damage to her vehicle when she went to bed, but when she walked out to her car in the morning the passenger side window was broken and her wallet containing credit cards was missing. She said the cards were used twice prior to her canceling them.

parents about alcohol abuse Police have no suspects.

#### Several larcenies reported

Four larceny from automobiles were reported to the Novi Police Department on March 2-3. In some of the instances, the suspects gained entry to the vehicle by breaking the window and in others the vehicles were left unlocked. Stolen from the cars were a

portable GPS, an iPod, cash and in dash GPS/CD unit. The thefts occurred on Newberry Drive, Yorkshire Drive, West Lake Drive understand the dangers of and Sheraton Drive. Police have no suspects in any

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

## Drinking alcohol is a temptation all students are going to

Sarah Panzau is the keynote speaker

at the LEAP! program encouraging

we felt the topic involves not

only the teens but the families

decisions and education," said

city of Novi communications

specialist Tracie Ringle.

The keynote speaker is

helping support those wise

community event because

The Novi Youth Council is joined by the police department and city staff in presenting this year's LEAP! program.

Program to educate teens,

face, especially as prom and graduation season approaches. But the Novi Youth Council, Novi Police Department and the city want students to alcohol abuse and make the right decisions. For the second consecutive

year, the LEAP! program, which stands for Living Extraordinarily And Positively, will educate the youth and parents of the community on an important topic. Last year year the topic is making wise choices.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

The event, which takes place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 16 at Oak Pointe Church, was moved to the evening so more families can attended this year. "We wanted to make it a

#### Free event being held at Oak Pointe Church | DETAILS

The LEAP program is free, and for more information people can call Tracie Ringle at (248) 735-5613. Oak Pointe Church is located on Ten Mile Road, just west of Wixom Road.

Sarah Panzau, a former college volleyball player who nearly lost her life in a drunk driving accident.

Ringle said she is an extremely powerful speaker and is in tune with the mind set of teenagers. She also said kids sometimes look to influences outside of their parents and Panzau can be that per-

"She will set the tone for the entire program," she said..... The hope is to get families to communicate better with each other about the dangers of drinking and using drugs, and talk about making wise

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online at hometownlife.com

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit helyfamilynovi.org

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Crosspointe Meadows Church First Presbyterian Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road. Church of Northville south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. presnyille.org Sunday Worship

crosspointenteadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship

#### Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of

Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; II a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. lamily Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family: 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Sludy welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday

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

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road,

Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.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

Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit first

**Time**: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Northville Christian Assembly Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch after-

Youth / Children Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries multi-purpose gymnasium Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every in worship center; children's super Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible

**Details:** Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumc northville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 1) a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10

for Jewish Life Pastors; Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. **Details:** A Jewish center with events Jeff Sturgeon programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's pro-Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday grams, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday and programs, community social for fourth-12th grades. Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Thursday for all women Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@ novijewishcenter.com; www.novijew-

Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday Fourth-sixth grade musical "Hosanna Hotel" (the story of Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit Palm Sunday)

umcnovi.com Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, March Sunday Worship 13; 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 Time: 9:45 a.m. Details: Fun for kids of all ages; Healing Service and Holy Communion Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, cor-

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigit ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road. between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc. org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

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Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2 ing event; no need to pre-register; all Details: Join us in a somber rememare welcome. brance of Christ's final walk; from Meadowbrook Congregational Church Our Lady of Good to Novi United Methodist. Counsel Catholic Church Maundy Thursday Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1 Details: Potluck and worship service

Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221 Our Lady of Victory Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Catholic Church

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults ville.org 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. church on the second level (208/210)

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) sr. high student ministries; children's

> Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday Mothers Group Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly,

first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010 Location: St. James Parish Hall A Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportuni-Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday ties to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with configrowth, healing, learning and change dence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect

> to join their mothers during meet-Contact: Kris Endreszi (248) 946-

with other moms in support and

friendship. Free childcare is avail-

able but children are also welcome

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Details: For ages three to six; ongo-St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road,

Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m. Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorth-St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

> Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended: 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional Unitarian Universalist

Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Haistead Road, Farmington Hills Youth Interfaith Journey

Contact: www.uufarmington.org Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliEducation of teaching youth inclusion compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materi-

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Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-

ington.org/uucf/re-lifespan

Sunday Worship **Time**: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

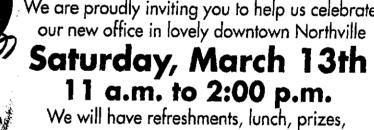
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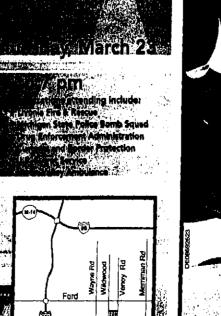
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#### **OUR VIEWS**

### Is solution to school dilemma inevitable?

All across Michigan schools are scaling back, privatizing services, trimming staff and even clos-

These are tough times for education in Michigan as per pupil funding continues to be cut. And it almost certainly is going to get worse. So what's to

There is no single or simple answer to that question. So far, the districts are operating on the simple principle of let's keep the cuts as far away from the classrooms as possible. But that doesn't avoid cuts and it's only a matter of time before they do strike deeply into the schools.

There is talk of modifying, or "tweaking" Proposal A, which limits the taxing that is allowed for school districts, but anything that even hints of a tax increase these days is considered political

The reality is, no one has answers for how to solve this dilemma. Likely what will happen is that the districts will cut here and there, wherever the opportunity arises or potential for savings can be realized while doing the least damage.

Ultimately the districts, at least some, will grapple with the reality that they can not function as independent entities and will merge into larger units. Ideally, no one wants to lose the identity of their home school district, but the reality of economics will become unavoidable.

It's sad that we are moving in that direction, but it seems inevitable. It's part of our evolving world.

### Politicians need to heed tax facts

There will be a lot of campaign talk this year about taxes. Several themes will be repeated: • Taxes are bad in general, and tax hikes chase

• The best way to attract business and cut employment is to reduce taxes.

· Above all else, never raise taxes during a recession. To do so is sheer idiocy. Everyone knows that. Or do they? Oddly enough, history shows that states can and do raise taxes during a recession. A study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out that 30 states last year raised taxes.

Those states included such red states as Montana, Kansas, Wyoming and Idaho, among others. Some states raised sales taxes, some raised income taxes, and others raised business taxes. Some raised more than one, or took away tax exemptions, which is another way of pumping up your tax bill.

Meanwhile, here in Michigan, Republicans fall all over themselves trying to see who can mostly loudly proclaim that taxes are the reason that Michigan is in dire straits.

The report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities makes the counterintuitive claim that states should be raising taxes during a recession. That's the only way, it says, that states can produce enough revenue to provide critical services during a time when tax revenue is declining.

When the economy stumbles, tax revenues decline even as the need for services increases. Without producing more revenue by raising taxes, states can't meet the new demands and risk critical cuts to basic services.

The report goes on to show that this has been the practice in this country. Back in the recession of the 1990s, for instance, 44 states increased taxes.

So do taxes always go up? Not at all. When the economy rebounds — when revenue starts poring into state coffers — that's the time to cut taxes.

Is this a plea for tax hikes? Not at all. But it is a request for politicians to know what they are talking about. The job loss was not caused by taxes. Michigan, in fact, generally ranks around the middle of the nation when it comes to tax burdens. That doesn't mean that our tax policy is sound. Far from it. The way Lansing has butchered the budget process has seen to that. Thus, a ridiculous surcharge was tacked on to a business tax by a Legislature acting as though it were coming out of a wicked hangover. Thus, we have a sales tax that

fails to address the new service-oriented economy. Taxes are only half the equation. The other half requires a sensible, long-term spending plan that, for instance, addresses the still growing and unsustainable retirement costs for public employees.



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#### GOP = NO

How lucky we are as a nation to have so may Republicans representing us in Washington, for this past year they have truly proven to be the only political party that "nos" how to run government. For example, during this time the GOP said "no" to equal pay for women. They also voted "no" to the extension and improvement of health care. Again, they said "no" to a more extensive job creation bill. And, most recently, they said "no" to a panel designed to rein in our crushing national debt. Yes, indeed, the Republican Party has consistently proven the only thing they truly know how to do is say "no" to any suggestions designed to secure or improve the general welfare of this nation and its people.

Waiter Sobczak

#### An open letter to our congressman

People in our district are starving, struggling to maintain health care, struggling to put food on the table, yet you continue to stand clearly in the way of bipartisan reform or any attempt to achieve it. The current health care system is broken, no Republican plan has been put forth that will stop or even slow down the crisis ... yet you continue. to "just say no"! Furthermore your written word and speech to the American people really shows how aloof you are as you continue to use your command of the English language to speak over the heads of many of your constituents with your choice of words and political doublespeak. "Obfuscate," "devolves," "abet." Really, congressman? Is this how you think those in your district really speak? Your intelligence is clear but your pushing it is painfully alienating. Congressman McCotter has published

a piece on RedState.com in which he says Republicans "must not accept" an invitation from President Barack Obama to attend a health care summit. In the editorial, McCotter writes: "Designed to obfuscate this truth and devoid of any attempt to establish a

shared, bipartisan principle for reform, the Obama administration's summit constitutes a ShamWoW! infomercial for incrementally socialized medicine that threatens Americans' health care; imposes double taxation on most Americans who are responsibly trying to save for their future during this painful recession; devolves private health insurance companies into governmentdictated utilities; and further erodes the public's waning faith that their

government institutions are truly repre-"Consequently, with due respect for the president and ultimate respect for the American people, the Republican leadership has no choice. It must NOT accept the administration's disingenuous summit invitation to 'negotiate.'

Monday to be published in the Thursday edition. To accept would abet a deceit upon the people; and violate the principle that transparency in government exists to reveal the truth and promote

the public's confidence in their rep-

resentative institutions, not to foster

misperceptions and subvert the public's

confidence in their representative insti-

The latest effort of Congressman McCotter is to stand clearly in the way of a bipartisan effort by the president to find a solution to the health care crisis. During a recent meeting with Republican legislators, President Obama was constantly reminded by them that he had campaigned on an idea that health care discussions should be open and televised ... well, he listened. He is now having an open discussion with legislators from both sides of the aisle in an effort to get some combined bipartisan solution to the health care crisis that is causing some to see up to 39 percent increases in their premiums. Great ... about time, right? Not

according to our congressman. Congressman McCotter has opted to urge his fellow Republican legislators to stay home and refuse the offer! His use of the key phrases such as "social-ized medicine," "doubled taxation" and "threatens Americans' health care" .. are further examples that our congressman chooses the road to divide American voters with scare tactics and hot blooded phrases rather than look at the issue and offer solutions. A true example of an out of touch politician that needs to be replaced! Derek Pennington, Livonia

Michigan 16th District Thanks, John Thompson, for

honesty and caring I am hoping you can put an acknowledgment/thank you in your next edition to a Mr. John R. Thompson of Northville, Mich. I lost my wallet at Laurel Park Place parking lot on

Saturday, March 6, and he found it. He looked me up, called me at home (left me a message), and took my wallet to the Novi Police Department (the city in which I live).

I cannot tell you how thankful I am to have such a great and trustworthy citizen living amongst us. I called him to thank him and plan to send him a real thank you via the mail tomorrow. People like John R. Thompson are hard to come by. I would love it if you could put a "thank you" in your paper. He lives in Northville and I cannot thank him enough!

Tonya Colliau

#### Census advice to snowbirds

Michigan, like other northern states, has plenty of "snowbirds" — that is, residents who travel to warmer climates during the winter months. In this census year, it is critical that the snowbirds who call Michigan their usual residence answer the census form in their home state of Michigan.

Why is this important? Because Michigan can lose up to \$200 million in federal funds per year (\$2 billion per decade!) and may also lose a seat in the U.S. House if snowbirds are not included in the Michigan census.

The League of Women Voters, a partner of the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee, offers this solution: Snowbirds receiving a census form at their winter retreat should enter "O" for the number of people living at their winter address and then write only these words, "Usual residence elsewhere" so the person reading the form understands why "0" was entered. When they return to Michigan, they can fill out the census form that was delivered to their Michigan address OR wait until a census worker visits them at their Michigan home. There is no penalty for having a census worker make a home

Census forms are delivered to households, not to individuals. The form does not ask where you live, nor is there a place on the form to indicate a primary address if you respond to the form from vour winter retreat. Every U.S. resident should be counted by the census once, at the residence where they live most of

Counting Michigan snowbirds as residents of another state reduces Michigan's political influence in Congress, reduces the level of federal funding received by state and local agencies, and reduces the accuracy of the census data.

Help Michigan be counted correctly! Please circulate this information to your snowbird friends so that Michigan can receive all the resources it deserves!

Judy Bateman, president League of Women Voters-Oakland Area

## A sound offense and defense, keys to Novi's team

pring is just around the corner and soon children of all ages will be playing soccer on the numerous fields in Novi, with friends and family cheering them on, dreaming of, per chance, one day winning a World Cup. And, anyone who knows soccer, or any team sport for that matter, knows a winning team is made up of a sound offense and

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sound defense. It takes both o make a successful team. It may sound simple, but that is how we are looking at this year's budget and the chalenges which lie ahead here in You have undoubtedly picked up a newspaper or

Clay Pearson

turned on the television to see communities facing cut backs, failed millages and the like due to the economic climate. And, Novi is not immune to the hardships. Novi's revenue to provide critical services will be decreasing in Fiscal Year 2010/11 and in subsequent years as projected in our fiscal analysis. Property tax revenue, our largest source by far, is going to be, overall, \$3.7 million less in Fiscal

Year 2010/11 from our current Fiscal Year 2009/10. And, declining existing property values indicate property tax revenue could be as much as \$8.5 million lower overall in three years from the current \$36.5 million we collect. The facts, too, are interest income, building permits, and State Shared Revenue are declining, as well. At the same time, facts are that the City of Novi is faring better, considerably better, on several measures than our peers. Moreover, we have already taken many steps in anticipation to mitigate and adjust to our reality. The City of Novi retains particular, unique strengths that will see us come back sooner and stronger; the challenge is to keep balancing our offense and defense.

Novi has played good offense. The city has been making multiple year projections for the purpose of decision making since 2002. Projections range from a scope of services to all funds influenced by property tax revenue. The city looks forward and back to provide analytical information in preparing current three-year projections.

Novi has a diverse economic tax base made up of more than 1,600 businesses. More than 30% of property tax revenue comes from retail, office, and commercial properties. The City will continue to focus on business attraction and retention to maintain this base. New investments, which seem to be showing some signs of life in the retail sector (Best Buy will open its second Novi location in May, Tin Fish will open soon at Twelve Oaks Mall) will lessen the impact of some of reached at cpearson@cityofnovi.org.

the future declines. Attracting and positioning ourselves to gain new businesses, while retaining/growing what we have, is para-

**GUEST COLUMN** 

Novi's property tax rate will remain constant at 10.5416 and we will live within that established total rate and our other revenue sources. Here is where we need a great

Our mayor and City Council provide great strategic leadership. City staff is asked each day to seek and share efficiencies and to continue to make decisions that benefit the community and save money - they are a great team! These cost savings measures are shared in Fiscal Fitness, a monthly publication (found on the City's website at cityofnovi.org) highlighting initiatives which lend to Novi's healthy bottom line.

We are in the final stages of completing a Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/11. The proposed budget will include the elimination of full-time positions where they made sense for our organization and had limited impact on delivering public services to the extent possible. We are currently at 259 full-time positions total, down by 25 from the 284 in FY 2008/09. Many of the position eliminations were accomplished through attrition and reorganizations, such as the new structure to align Fire and Police administrative functions into one Department of Public Safety administration. A similar re-alignment occurred last year in the Department of Public Services, combining Engineering, Public Works, Water and Sewer, and Parks maintenance at the Field Services Complex. Changes like these provide several strategic enhancements, includ-

services; and a focused management of planning, implementation, and staff utilization. We are going to make additional cost savings wherever possible. Managing the revenue decline requires continued action, but it is manageable in its scope with the right combination of offense and defense. The challenge ahead for our Novi team is manageable. We now look to you as our supporters, "family," friends. We value your input, ideas, and spirit and are proud of your inter-

ing flexibility and integrated delivery of

est in community happenings. I welcome your ideas and thoughts and encourage you to contact me as we finalize the recommended City Budget. Years from now, I would like us all to say we won Novi's World Cup, because we did it together! Clay Pearson is the city manager of Novi. He can be

Passport regulations have been tightened in the last several years. Today, U.S. citizens must present a valid passport when entering or re-entering the United States by air. Citizens entering the United

States from Canada, Mexico,

cants age 16 and older is \$100.

For applicants under the age

of 16, the cost is \$85. Photos,

which are required, are avail-

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clerks will be participating in this the Caribbean and Bermuda at year's national "PASSPORT DAY land borders and sea ports of in the USA" - opening their doors entry must present a passport on Saturday, March 27, to accombook, passport card or other travel documents approved Locally, two Clerk Offices will by the U.S. government. The cost of a passport for appli-

e open on March 27: • Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, 9 a.m. Wixom, 49045 Pontiac Trail,

Wixom, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Passport Day

modate travelers.

For the first time ever, the Oakland County Clerk's Office will be offering expanded services during the March 27 Passport Day, including business/assumed names registrations, on-thespot copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, property records, marriage license applications, notary services and concealed pistol license applications. To assist residents, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will also be open for several hours on March 27 for fingerprinting service, which is required for CPL

Choralaires Patron Drive The Novi Choralaires is hav-

COURTESY OF NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERC The new Planet Fitness facility at the southeast corner of Pontiac Trail and Beck roads held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 24. Shown cutting the ribbon is Terrie Weeder. To the left of her are Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, and Justin Fischer, Novi City Councilman. now through April 10. As a non-

profit, self-supporting group, is it the generosity of businesses and individuals that allows the group to provide quality musical entertainment to residents of the greater Novi area year after

the Novi Choralaires during our annual Patron Drive with a financial donation in one of the following categories: Major Contributor: \$500

• Gold Patron: \$250-\$499 Silver Patron: \$100-\$249 • Bronze Patron: \$50-\$99 • Patron: \$25-\$49

As a contributor, you will be listed in our concert programs as well as on the website (if you choose, www.novichoralaires. org), and you will receive a decal with our logo. Major Contributors and Gold Patrons are entitled to a full-page Department of State's website at or half-page advertisement www.travel.state.gov. Additional respectively, in the concert programs. If you contribute at Oakland County Clerk's website Bronze level or above, you will also receive two complimentary ackets to the Spring Concert.

If you wish to make a contribution, please contact Patron Drive Chairperson Margie Shaul at (248) 349-1841.

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#### LOCAL EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day celebration Time/Date: March 12-18 Location: Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, in the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center, Novi (next to the Novi Town Center Movies).

Details: In tribute of the holiday for all of their "Irish" friends, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro will be serving authentic Irish food. Certified executive chef Mary Brady is going all out for St. Patrick's Day. On Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, live Irish music by Pete Fetters will be performed from School.org 7-10 p.m. Guests are encouraged to come and "sing along."

are accepted. Novi Lions Club Fourth Annual Charity Auction

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13 **Location**: Novi Sheraton Hotel (on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

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**Details:** Enjoy an evening out while helping the Lions continue to give the gift of sight. All proceeds will go to the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor. Tickets (\$20) include a complete carved beef dinner and access to the live and silent auctions; cash bar. Make checks payable to Novi Lions 48377: Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted. Tickets will not be available at the door; must be pre-ordered. Contact: Doc Bar at (248) 960-3092 or wbarr@twmi.rr.com

Franklin Road open house Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 20

Location: Novi Franklin Road Christian School, 40800 W. 13 Mile Road **Details**: Prospective parents and students are welcome to attend and spend a morning in Kindergarten. Franklin Road Christian School is a K-12, coeducational, college preparatory school with a nondenominational Christian philosophy Contact: www.FranklinRoadChristian

Novi Cooperative Preschool open Contact: (248) 380-8460; reservations house

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon March 20 Location: 41671 Ten Mile Road, Novi **Details**: Parents and their children are invited to visit, explore the classroom, and meet with teachers. Contact: (248) 349-3223 with further questions or visit novipreschool.com Novi Community Schools

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**CALENDAR** 

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Kindergarten Parent Orientation Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March

**Location**: All elementary school build

**Details:** Contact the school principal for more information: Deerfield, Richard Njus, (248) 449-1700; Orchard Hills, Paul LePlae, 449-1400: Novi

Woods, Pamela Quitquit, 449-1230; Parkview, Jenifer Michos, 449-1220; Village Oaks, Sue Burnham, 449-1300. Easter brunch Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday,

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Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, out there. Cost is \$34.

BUSINESS

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

21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), **Details:** BNI is a structured network ing 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

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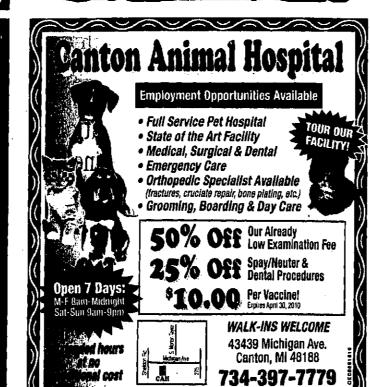
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Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-

Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 18

Location: Gus O'Connor's, 42875 Grand River,

Details: Join us for delicious, complimentary

bar; \$10 pre-registration; \$15 at the door.

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 23

Location: Walsh College, 41500 Gardenbrook

Details: Join us for networking and a light

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room.

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

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Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations

at greenspace@mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907.

**Location**: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10

**Details:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors wel-

come. Check Web site for speaker information:

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Novi Community Education

Contact: (248) 449-1206

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Contact: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit us online at www.novi.

Details: Comrades and fellow vet-

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meetings; attendance is needed to

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Location: On the Border Restaurant,

Web: www.novi.kl2.mi.us/district/communityeducation or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www. **Birding for Beginners** metronovibni.com.

Location: Novi Meadows 6th Grade House **Details:** These decadent 'designer' cupcakes sell for \$4-\$7 each in specialty stores! Make and take home an assortment of 12 unbelievably delicious cupcake creations 'stuffed' with a variety of sinfully sweet fillings, professionally and other gear, and birding locations in southdecorated, and sprinkled with lots of toppings. east Michigan and beyond. Two sessions in the Contact: Email the instructor at supplylist@ gmail.com or call (586) 731-4681 for supply list. classroom and two in the field. There is a \$6 fee

recognition, these former commissioners were presented with flowers and proclamations at the event. Pictured are (from left): current

Fortino, current Commissioner Shelley Goodman Taub, former commissions Nancy McConnell, Nancy Quarles and Gilda Jacobs; and back:

Oakland County commissioner Mattie McKinney Hatchett, former commissioners Karen Spector, Nancy Dingeldey, current commissioners

woman to serve as board vice chair, former commissioners Brenda A. Causey-Mitchell, Susan Kuhn, current board chair Bill Bullard, Jr.,

who were honored include Dorothy Webb, Marguerite Simson, Madeline Luxon, Teresa Krause and Lillian Jaffe Oaks.

former commissioner Ruth Johnson and current commissioner Sue Ann Douglas. Deceased members of the former women commissioners

Christine A. Long, former board vice hair David L. Moffitt representing his mom, former commissioner Mrs. Lillian Moffitt who was the first

Commissioners Janet Jackson, Helaine Zack, Marcia Gershenson, former commissioners Eileen Kowall, Fran Amos, Anne Hobart, Betty

**NIGHTLIFE** Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Create a Gourmet Fresh Fruit Bouquet Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 Andiamo Theater

County honors female commissioners

Time/Date: Thursday, March 18 & 25: 6:30-8

**Details:** Have fun learning the basics of bird

identification. Lots of how-to help with topics

including: field guides, birding by ear, optics

to enter both Maybury State Park and Island

Lake Recreation Area if you do not have an

be able to duplicate any other fruit bouquet

Contact: Email the instructor at supplylist@

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Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

design you see, big or small.

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aпnual vehicle permit.

p.m.; Saturday, March 20 & 27; 8-10 a.m.

Location: Novi Middle School and offsite

Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi Location: Novi Meadows 6th Grade House Details: Why pay top dollar for these very Contact: (248) 348-3838 popular, edible centerpieces when you can Andiamo Lounge: local entertainers 8 p.m. make your own? Create a beautiful bouquet Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and overflowing with fresh pineapple hearts, sweet Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio strawberries, juicy cantaloupe or honeydew 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. crescents, and towering grape 'spirals,' all nes-Saturday. tled in a lovely container. Once learned you'll

Andiamo Theater: "Act Your Wage - The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive DEO" 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 5 p.m. Sunday amail.com or call (586) 731-4681 for supply list Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday

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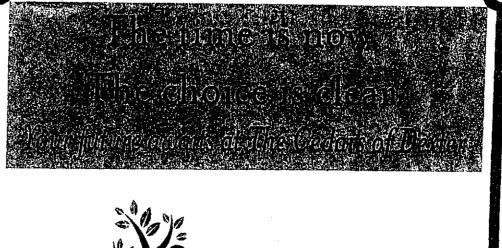
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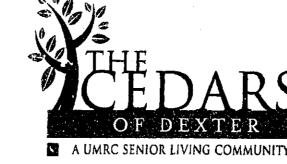
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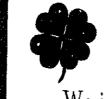
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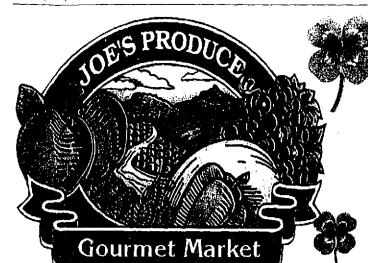


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**Dodgeball tourney** 

## Wildcats' batteries charged for district title run

Novi advances past CC with 52-38 win

> BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Novi performance gym was packed and full of energy Monday evening for a Class A district opener between Novi and Detroit Catholic Central.

Unlike the past two seasons when CC defeated the Wildcats in the district final, the teams met in the first round Monday and Novi prevailed 52-38 after a slow start Senior Ryan Jok (eight points) led the Wildcats

through a rough first quarter, scoring all four of their points as they trailed 9-4 after eight minutes. CC sophomore Kyle Cooper (team-high 10 points) was a thorn in the Wildcats' side most of the night. But Novi came out strong

in the second quarter, starting with a 12-1 run, of which senior Antwan Batwo scored eight off the bench to help the Wildcats to a 18-12 halftime

"They were fantastic," Novi coach Corv Heitsch said of Jok and Batwo. "I've said all year, we have seven starters and I mean that. Antwan's such an x-factor. We had a lot of space for him. When he hit those two threes, that was

Novi went on an 11-0 run to start the third quarter, taking a commanding 29-12 lead as Jok and Batwo (12 points) continued to play strong, and senior Brandon Rydzewski (six points) hit a long three point shot from five feet behind the arch.

"I thought we came out ready. We prepared all week for this game," Batwo said. "I've been coming off the bench all year, trying to be the energizer bunny and I think I did that tonight.' more Matt Doneth (eight

The Shamrocks (10-10) came out of a time out with an points) traded three-pointers 11-2 run of their own, narrow- in the final 15 seconds of the ing the deficit to 31-23 as they quarter to set Novi's lead at

Novi (16-5) was scheduled to face Plymouth (10-9) last night. Having Novi's performance gym. "Its time to quickly regroup. We've Conference's other Wildcats 53-48 done it the last two years," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said, hoping his team can land in a third-consecutive district title game.

Novi's season to the District 18 drew a fourth foul on Novi 36-26 heading into the final senior Justin Hopton (four eight minutes. points) with 3:18 left in the Rydzewski and CC sopho-

Junior Samer Ozeir and the rest of the Wildcats weren't about to let CC climb back into the game. Despite going scoreless in the first half and 0-for-5 from the free throw line on the night, Ozeir took

A Novi Wildcat pressures a CC guard during Monday night's game at Novi.

points for Novi, some on

half." Heitsch said.

Novi (16-5) built up a 50-34 lead with 1:56 remaining before Heitsch gave the reserves a taste of district experience. They wrapped

Novi takes the ball up court against Catholic Central on Monday night.

and scored 12 second-half off-balance shots as he was

"Big Sam. Beginning of the year, he would not have performed like that in the second

Chipping in for the Wildcats were senior Jeremy Mims (four points), junior Chris Milon (four points) and senior Nick Regnier (two points). Juniors Brandon Tammaro

senior John Jakubik hit his (four points), senior Jeff Janer only two shots of the game in (four points) and sophomore the final minute. Mike Kovanda (two points) "Its huge. You saw (our fans) helped keep CC afloat. rush the court. We didn't even

"That was the first time in my three years we've held a lead and composure to win in a tough, physical game," Heitsch said. "Never been in that emotional of a game."

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Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



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## Novi icers claim regional title

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BY CHRIS JACKETT

a quick lead, scoring two goals in the first four minutes en route to defeating Hartland 4-3 for the Region 15 championship last Friday.

Junior Zach Mohr scored off a pass from junior Matt Stemkoski, with senior Evan Dixon also assisting, just 2:53 into the game. An interference penalty to Hartland junior Nick Manley 34 seconds later gave the Wildcats a power play, which lasted 33 seconds before senior Tyler Manning sent a backhanded pass from left corner to junior Joey Ferriss in the left faceoff circle to fire home a power play goal to give Novi a 2-0 lead.

"Its always nice to get off to

pressure and played well right from the start of the game," Novi coach Todd Krygier said.

Mohr took a hooking penalty 55 seconds later, giving Hartland a chance to get on the board, as seniors Brett

including two that gave Novi a five-on-three power play for 39 seconds, but the Wildcats their lead.

quick start. I though we applied hurdle Perpich as he knocked

Parry and Bryan Marks set up senior Andrew Poteracki for a long shot from the left side to cut Novi's lead to 2-1 with 8:11 remaining in the first period. The Eagles took three more penalties in the first period.

couldn't capitalize to extend Senior Tyler Perpich had a breakaway 1:24 into the second period, but a trip by Marks sent second period, but couldn't Perpich to the ground and slid-

ing into the goal, causing senior netminder Taylor Garner to

was sent to the penalty box. Poteracki got a shorthanded breakaway with 16 seconds left on the ensuing penalty kill, but junior netminder Michael Pesendorfer came up big for the Wildcats, turning Poteracki's shot away to the left side. Pesendorfer improved to 17-4-2

on the season. "Thought Pez played well. One or two of the goals were relatively strange goals the way they went in, but I though he stopped a key breakaway and played wel overall," Krygier said.

Just as Novi had chances at the end of the first period, Hartland had two power plays in the final 10 minutes of the With the Wildcats holding

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A PASSION for HEALING

#### BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The third annual Detroit Cup dodgeball tournament put on by Oak Pointe Church was a success in its first year at Total Sports Complex in Novi last

The tournament raised more than \$3,000 for a ministry trip Novi and Northville students plan to take to Detroit in July to host a kids day camp and help the homeless.

Neither defending Detroit Cup champion was able to repeat this year, as Ninias (Novi girls) and Ballstein (Chicago guys) were both knocked off early on.

Femme Fatales (London, Ontario) swept FoSho FoSho's (Novi) 3-0 for the girls championship in front of a crowd nearly 200 strong. The Femme Fatales dominated action from start to finish as the crowd chanted "U-S-A, U-S-A." Just like the Olympic men's ice hockey championship, however, the Canadians prevailed

In the guys' championship, The Super Friends (Southfield) won the first game before Final Justice Dodgeball (Okemos) came back with three straight victories to win the title.

For information on future tournaments, check out the "Detroit Dodgeball" group on Facebook or e-mail detroitdodgeballplayer@yahoo.com. Boys Swim

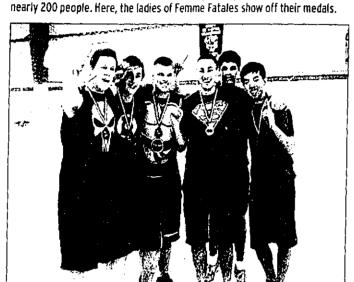
Eight Novi swimmers qualified to compete tomorrow and Saturday at the state swim meet, hosted by Holland Aquatic Center.

Juniors Vivek Iyer, Joon Chung, Tiger Bourque and sophomore Eugene Song qualified in the 200-yard medley relay, while freshman Andrew Ao, senior John Lu, Song and junior Travis Vincent qualified for the 200-yard freestyle relay. Ao, Lu, Vincent and Chung also qualified in the

400-freestyle relay. For individual races, Chung ndividual medley and 100yard breaststroke. Sophomore Jong Min Kim also made the grade in the 100-yard breast-



The girls' championship was a border battle. Femme Fatales (London, Ontario) swept FoSho FoSho's (Novi) 3-0 for the championship in front of a crowd of



The guys' championship was a superhero-laden event. Final Justice Dodgeball (of Okemos) defeated The Super Friends (of Southfield) 3-1 to win the title. Here, the guys from Final Justice Dodgeball show off their medals.

stroke, while Vincent qualified \$20 tryout fee. in the 500-yard freestyle. support your Wildcats as they 5464. go for All-State honors.

Basketball Tryouts Tryouts for the Novi Motion AAU girls basketball 15and-under and 16-and-under team(s) are Tuesday, March 16,

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Novi Motion AAU Girls

Players should arrive 20 qualified in both the 200-yard minutes before tryouts begin, as the thumbnail image for with proper gym shoes, shirts and shorts. A parent or guardian also needs to be present to Chris Jackett is a freelance writer fill out paperwork and pay the and former Novi News staff writer.

For more information, con-Take a 153-mile road trip to tact Ron Valente at (248) 349-

> Novi Athletics online The Wildcats' athletic department has joined the world of social media with Twitter and Facebook accounts. To join in and receive free mid-game updates and news on other Novi ath~ letics happenings, search "NoviSports" on Twitter and "Novi Athletics" on Facebook. A familiar Wildcat icon serves

both Web pages. (foul), that changed what we do.

That took us out of the game," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "She

## 'Cats comeback falls short against Canton

Johnson, Barry struggle with foul trouble in final game

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Eight days removed from losing the Kensington Conference cagers started slow and found battling back with their most intense second half of basketball players. all season.

Novi (18-4) came up short in the end, however, as Canton (21- game as a Wildcat end on a 1) won 39-37 and advanced to last Friday's District 18A championship game in Novi's gym against Northville (10-12), who defeated Plymouth (6-15) earlier Wednesday evening. Canton defeated the Mustangs 57-29. The Chiefs kicked off the down hard with an ankle injury junior Kari Schmitt (five points) ended. while making a layup that Novi on the subsequent play with senior Katie Barry chased down 6:34 remaining. It was Kari and went up to block. Although Schmitt's fourth of the night,

later and lead the Chiefs with a game-high 15 points. Sara Schmitt and made a layup "I think she came back from it to tighten the score to a 34-32 fine, just re-laced her brace. She Canton lead with 3:42 remainmade big shots for us," Canton coach Brian Samulski said.

she limped off the court, Mack

would return three minutes

The Wildcats couldn't get around Canton's full court press, as the Chief's shot out to a 12-4 first-quarter lead. Novi senior Caroline Johnson (team-high 12 points) scored all four of Novi's first-quarter points, but also picked up two of the Wildcats' four fouls.

Canton junior Sara Schmitt played man-on-man defense with Johnson, dampering Novi's star forward on offense. On defense, Johnson earned her third foul of the game early in the second quarter, sending her teams under 30, but they're a to the bench. "It was huge for Caroline. When Caroline got to her third

Mack hit her second free throw attempt, which took normally plays 32 minutes. She played 20-22 tonight." Behind 21-12 at the midway to cut Canton's lead to 38-37, point, Novi turned up their with 37 seconds remaining. Novi's full court press forced ntensity in the second half. Junior Alyssa Armiak (10 a turnover out of bounds with 29 seconds left, but Canton's points) took the offensive inidefense read the ensuing play tiative, while Barry refused to back down from loose balls and and forced the Wildcats to call Canton players with easy shots. another timeout with 18.1 sec-The Wildcats managed to cut onds to go. "We were going to run a Canton's lead to 30-24 to start

screen and roll and they jumped the fourth quarter, but Barry found herself on the bench with on the ball," Kelp said. Johnson, as both had four fouls. With Johnson on the bench, session during a tie up on the ground with 10.8 seconds left Schmitt was able to use more and Kari Schmitt hit a free title game at Canton, Novi's lady of her energy on offense for the throw to put Canton ahead 39-Chiefs, scoring 11 points on 6themselves in foul trouble before for-14 free throw shooting while 37 with 9.6 seconds left. drawing fouls from several Novi

sending her to the bench as the

Armiak stole the ball from

themselves at the free throw

Back in the game, Johnson

"We knew it wasn't going to

hit a three pointer with 2:19

said. "We want to try to keep

good team. They made some

coaster for both teams.

amazing shots."

Wildcats surged.

Novi was 3-for-6.

Swarmed by Canton players just past half court, Novi senior But senior Kelsey Masserant Jessica Cingel had her pass tipped and intercepted by Sara wasn't about to let her final Schmitt, who was fouled hard to the ground by Johnson with 1.2 poor note, coming up with big plays while scoring seven points seconds to go. It was Johnson's fifth foul of the game, but and willing her teammates for-Sara Schmitt missed both free ward ahead alongside Armiak. Masserant also had a game-high throws and there was no time nine rebounds. for the Wildcats to move the ball Coming off the bench, sophomore Ally D'Annibale scored

Ranked No. 2 in Class A, March 3 rematch with a 6-0 run two of her four points and took a Canton advanced to the district as sophomore Robyn Mack went charge on defense from Canton championship and Novi's season "I don't think I've seen us play

The Chiefs regained pos-

that hard in the second half in the seven years I've been here. I'm proud of them," Kelp said. "They're a tough, physical team. Sometimes I question that in us and not anymore." Novi shot 10 percent better

from the field than the Chiefs, going 16-for-37 compared to The Chiefs repeatedly found 11-for-33, but Canton's 24 more trips to the free throw line line, as Novi was over the limit, sealed the Wildcats' fate. Junior Maddy Sinkovich but struggled, regularly hitting just one shot on each trip while

added three points for Novi, shooting 14-for-30 on the night. while Barry had one point. Chipping in for the Chiefs was junior CarolAnn Sexauer (three points), senior Lindsey Winters remaining to bring the Wildcats (three points), senior Alyssa within two again, down 37-35. Cottrell (two points) and junior Kayla Bridges. be (easy); in their gym, Districts. Johnson, Masserant and

It's a game of runs. They came at Armiak each finished their us late in the fourth," Samulski seasons with All-Conference honors. Additionally, three of Novi's four seniors also plan to play college hoops next season. Johnson will be at The final two minutes would Indiana University, Masserant prove to be a low-scoring rollerat Hope College and Cingel at Northwood University. Although not set to play collegiate ball, Barry made her Masserant followed with a layup impact with the Wildcats as a

forward. "It's all about the seniors leaving and how much they gave to this program," Kelp said. "Anytime you win 18 games, its successful. Those four seniors deserve all the credit."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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## Shamrocks dominate at State Finals

#### Mooradian, Melick Eldridge win titles

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

online at hometownlife.com

Catholic Central followed up a team state title Feb. 27 by placing 10 wrestlers and adding three individual state titles at this past weekend's individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"I'm still in awe," said CC head coach Mitch Hancock. "It's just a testament to their hard work and character. "We're going to continue to raise the bar like Catholic Central always does. We've got to get more guys in the finals and get more champs."

Doug Eldridge was the last-Shamrock to compete for a state title at 145 pounds. His takedown late in the match earned the senior a 6-5 victory and provided the ultimate finish to the tournament for the Shamrocks.

"That one was big. He's our captain," said Hancock. "I'm so excited for him. I really am. "It caps off our whole year. What an ending."

year with an individual title

about an hour earlier. The

same as Mooradian romped

and a team title."

Eldridge (48-8) trailed 2-0 to Lowell's Andrew Morse after the first period but evened the match at four with a takedown 59-1. and a two-point nearfall in the second period.

Morse earned an escape point with 52 seconds remaining in the third to lead 5-4. The clock ticked past 20 seconds when Eldridge made a bullrush move that paid off into

a takedown with 13 seconds of the period and jumped up and pointed at the wildly cheering Shamrock faithful. "It's an amazing feeling. There are no words to describe what I'm feeling right now,"

said Eldridge. "That's the perfect way to cap off your senior The third individual title came from Justin Melick at

Sophomore Alcc Mooradian made it two titles in two years champion at 112 pounds last year, bumped up to 119 this season. The results were the through the first two rounds match off with a takedown with a pin and a 10-1 decision in the third for a 7-0 vic-

WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

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the Individual State Finals this past weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

to reach the semis Mooradian faced off with Jack Scholten from Rockford and the two finished deadlocked at two at the end of regulation. Mooradian was able to get the point needed in overtime to get the 3-2 win and a spot in the finals.

Davison's Brandon Shuart was the last man standing, but Mooradian was in control throughout.

After a scoreless first period, Mooradian earned an escape point for the lone point of the second. He put the finishing touches on the match with a two-point nearfall in the third to win 3-0 and finish the year

"It's great," said Mooradian. "Last year winning it as a freshman and getting an undefeated his second-consecutive state title. season, that was great but this is even better. This is unbelievable. It's a lot more pressure." Caledonia. Hancock knows he has a spe-

cial wrestler in Mooradian. "He finds a way to win. That's state meet before. I was a little remaining. He rode out the rest—the bottom line," said Hancock.—more used to it this time. "He's really solid on top. When he gets the chance to turn someone he does it. "There was a lot of pres-You can't rely on anyone else.'

sure on him as a returning state champ, and I think he showed today that he's one of the best wrestlers in the state of pounds.

135 pounds. Like Mooradian, Melick (49-7) controlled the match throughout. He led 2-0 after the first, earned an escape and a takedown in the second to leave 5-0 and finished the



CC's Mike Kinville waves as the Shamrocks take part in the Grand Parade during CC's Justin Melick captured a state title at 125 pounds with a 7-0 blanking in

Hancock is thrilled to have two competitive brothers place so high together in the biggest tournament of the year. "They're just an amazing 1-2

tandem," said Hancock. "They are just go-getters. They're just phenomenal athletes, and they work extremely hard. I'm just so happy for both of them." The last of the Kinville lineage, Mike, lost his second match of the tournament wins to place third. He won the first match

by fall before falling 8-5 to Oxford's Prescott Line. After winning the next three matches by a combined score of

Alec Mooradian celebrates winning for third place. tory against Tanner Zych from

"It's definitely a nice feeling," said Melick. "I've been to the Line started in the down "It's real exciting to win a team title - individual, it's just yourself. It what you can do.

The fourth Shamrock to make the title match was sophomore Todd Melick at 112 He ran into a buzz saw Holt's Freddie Rodriguez, last

year's 103-pound champion. Rodriguez led 4-1 after the first and 8-3 after two periods. He went on to win 20-7. Todd Melick finished the

"He's a two-time All-Stater. Michael showed a lot of character in coming back and placing third," said Hancock. "I wish there were five more (Kinvilles). I love the family. They are great for Catholic

Central. The parade to the podium continued throughout the tournament for the Shamrocks. with Ken Bade (54-5) capturbefore rallying for four-straight placing fifth. Bade went 4-1, winning his first two and last two matches. He capped it off with a 4-0 win for third.

Nick Mason (45-20) claimed

Fagan won his first match. lost his second, won two more before losing again and fin-32-1, Kinville faced Line again ished it off with a 4-0 win to

The two finished tied at two in regulation. After a scoreless fourth place despite losing his first overtime, Kinville earned an early escape point. Line retaliated with an escape point early in the third overtime.

position to start the fourth overtime and needed to earn an escape to win the match. Line almost got it with one second remaining, but the two were ruled out of bounds just as Line broke free. The two were sent back to the middle, and Kinville (54-4) held him down as the final second elapsed for a third-place finish.

"It was a good way to end it," said Kinville. "I really wanted to go out with a win." Hancock is sad to see the Kinville era come to an end.

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February 18, 2010

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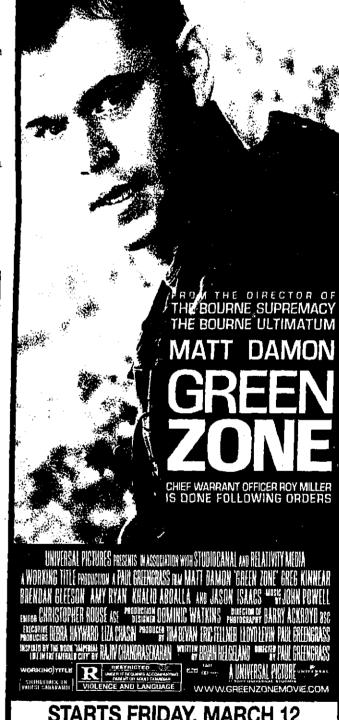
10 SHAMROCKS MAKE THE

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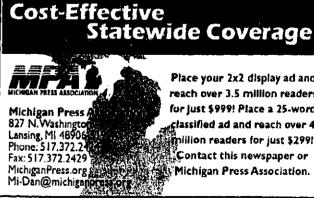
Nick Mason - 130 Fifth place T.J. Fagan - 103 Seventh place Miles Trealout - 189 Eighth place Charlie Joseph - 125

first match at 130 pounds. He fought back in the consolation bracket with four-consecutive wins to reach the third-place match where he got edged out 4-3 for fourth. Miles Trealout (44-22) also had to fight back out of the consolation bracket early at 189 pounds. He lost in CC doubled up at 103 pounds—the opening round but won the next two matches to guarantee ing third and T.J. Fagan (45-16) a top-eight finish. He lost the next match but finished the tournament off with a 6-0 vic-

tory for seventh. Charlie Joseph (43-21) was another one of the 10 All-Staters for CC. He finished eighth at 125 pounds. Joseph lost his first match before winning the next two to guarantee the podium. He lost his final two matches.



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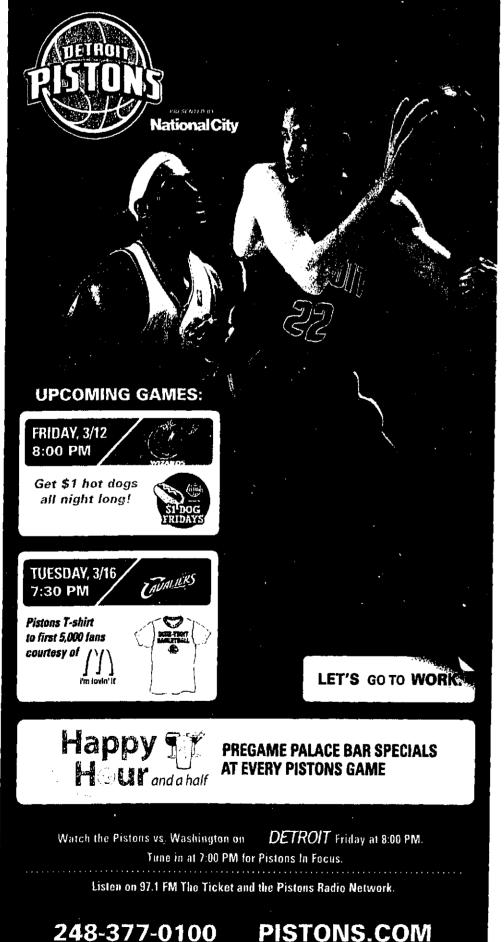
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The squad beat Northville,

5-1, in the opening round before

topping Brighton, 8-0, to win

the regional. The Shamrocks

then edged Livonia Stevenson,

BY SAM EGGLESTON

At the beginning of the season, critics wondered if the Catholic Central Shamrocks had what it takes to win anoth-

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advance. Against Northville, the third period. The Shamrocks

Catholic Central scored the first who tallied the score at 5:56 in earned the assist. an 8-0 decision.

The squad scored four in the first, three in the second and ily skated away with the win. Earning goals were: Middleton, Brad Wilhelm, Jacobs, Jacob Downing, Eric Fragoso, Hervey and Winkler, Earning assists were Sean Gaffney (2),

Zack Cisek earned all three wins in goal, stopping a com-bined 44 shots. The Shamrocks, on the other hand, peppered their opponents with 126 shots over the three games.

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

## Shamrocks still rolling toward finals

CORRESPONDENT

er state championship. The squad, coached by Todd their hands just yet, but they're no one is going to get in their way this early in the post-season.

2-0, to win the semifinals and notched their lone tally in the collected a final goal with just

Northville. Also collecting a

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four goals before the Mustangs seconds remaining in the contest on an empty net. Leading the Shamrocks were Eric Winkler and Ian Jacobs,

Jimmy Peplinksi and Anthony Rossi. Scoring Northville's lone goal was Stephen Champagne, the third period. Cole Brown Against Brighton, Catholic Central tallied a shutout with

> just one in the third as they eas-Hervey (2), Keller, Peplinski, Steven Hayden, Mitchell Gatt, Nolan Gluchowski, Wilhelm,

Obuchowski, Waterstreet and Crowley. The 2-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson found the Shamrocks scoring at the 11:33 mark in the first period and at the 11:29 mark in the second stanza. Scoring were Hervey and Middleton while Gaffney, Middleton and Crowley earned

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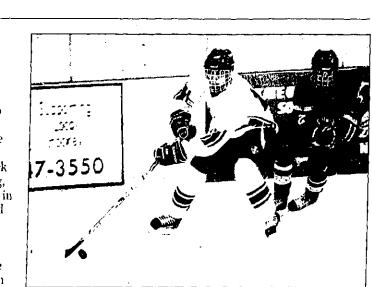
Wildcat Tyler Perpich tries to knock home a goal during Novi's March 5 game against Hartland.

### HOCKEY

onto their 2-1 lead going into the third and final period, Ferriss skated up the left side and wrapped around behind the net before sliding the puck across the crease to Manning, who poked home a goal from it front of the left post to extend Novi's lead to 3-1.

It only took Hartland 1:02 to respond, as a wrist shot by junior Zach Bodziak from the left side beat Pesendorfer high to bring the Eagles back within one. Parry got his second assist of the night with 12:11 to go in the game.

Both teams grinded out the period before Dixon took the puck up the right side and fired a rifling wrist shot past Garner with 4:04 remaining to provide Novi with a 4-2 buffer. Senior Andrew Cmoluch and Manning assisted on the play.



"Dixon scored a big goal in a timely manner," Krygier said. "That goal gave us the cushion to weather the storm we knew

of the game. The Eagles refused to back

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missed a long empty net shot, Hartland moved the puck up the ice and Poteracki was able knock his second of the night would be coming near the end past Pesendorfer with 17 seconds remaining. Junior Zach down, pulling their goalkeeper six-on-five goal, cutting Novi's in the final minutes. After Novi lead back down to one.

A Wildcat leads a charge on the right side as Novi takes on Hartland on March 5.

#### ON TAP

After winning the Region 15 title last Friday, Division II No. 4 Novi (20-5-2, No. 9 overall) was scheduled to host Region 16 champion and Division II No. 2 Warren De La Salle (18-5-1, No. 6 overall) Tuesday night in a state quarterfinal at Novi Ice Arena. De La Salle was coming off a 4-1 win over Division II No. 3 Birmingham Brother Rice (16-11-0, No. 8 overall) last Saturday.

"De La Salle is an excellent hockey team and we have our work cut out for us, as does De La Salle," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. A win Tuesday would put Novi into the Division II semifinal 8 p.m. tonight at Compuware Arena in Plymouth for the second straight year, facing either Division II No. 5 Midland (23-2-0, No. 15 overall) or upset-minded Division II No. 33 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (5-

14-5, No. 86 overall). This year, and every year, we set a goal to win a state title, but we know it can only be done one win at a time and we are only thinking about our next game against De La Salle," Krygier said. The Division II State Championship game will take place 11 a.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena with the winner from Novi's half of the bracket facing Saline, Trenton, Traverse City St. Francis

or Muskegon Mona Shores.

But the Eagles couldn't capitalize a second time, as the Vildcats earned their seventh regional title in the past 10 years with a 4-3 victory. "I thought we did what we needed to in order to get the win. I thought our play was a little sloppy and we weren't as sharp as we need to be," Krygier said. "Obviously, we are very proud of the history of our program and the regional titles over the last 10 years and, specifically, three regional titles in the last four years and

The victory followed a dominant 11-3 regional semifinal victory over Walled Lake Northern (16-9-2) March 3 at Novi Ice Arena.

two state semifinals in the last

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

#### CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

CORRESPONDENT Bowling team shocks foes with state championship

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team, coached by A.J. Bridges, may not days later. have been ranked at all this season, but they showed that rankings mean absolutely nothing in the larger scope of things as they ranked themselves as king with a Division I state championship last weekend. The squad had scraped into

BY SAM EGGLESTON

the tournament with a tough regional finish last week, and fought their way into the semifinals by finishing seventh out of eight qualifying teams. The team then found their spark, going on to defeat Plymouth Salem and Flint Carmen Ainsworth to earn a right to take on Macomb Dakota

in the state championship The Shamrocks built a lead through the Baker games and into match play through the strong bowling of captains Tom Zahari and Scott Kujawa. When the pins landed and the smoke cleared, the Shamrocks had earned the state title by a

score of 1834-1565. Detroit Catholic Central dominated in the baker rounds, taking an 846-703 lead before securing the win. Kujawa led the Shamrocks in

the final game with a 226. "It was a fight from the beginning," Kujawa told the Detroit Free Press. "Our semifinal game we had a pretty big cushion, and then this one we had about 140, so we were so set. We built momentum the whole time starting in the quarterfinals against Salem."

first-ever Division I state title for tively. The 200 free relay team the Shamrocks bowling team. Basketball falls in districts The Detroit Catholic Central

Shamrocks basketball team added two late games to their regular-season scheduled to help prepare them for the district tournament, which ended Monday night with a seasonending loss to the Novi Wildcats, Central. 52-38.

The loss dropped the while Novi climbed to 16-5.

Shamrocks took on Detroit Frederick Douglass and Detroit Cody in hopes of preparing for their tough match-up with Novi. The Shamrocks defeated Frederick Douglass, but fell to

Earlier in the week, the

state-ranked Detroit Cody two Swim team takes second in CHSL championships

The Shamrocks swimming and diving team earned itself a hard-fought second-place finish in the Catholic High School League championships last week. Taking first was Brother Rice. Detroit Catholic Central was led by senior Brady Small, who won the 200 free and took second in the 100 free. Joe Brinkman won the 200 individual medley and took third in the 100 fly, while Sean Ryan finished first in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 200 IM. Brinkman, Ryan and Small combined their talents with Tony Thibodeau to win the

400 relay. Catholic Central also got a second place in the 200 medley relay with the team of Dan Burton, Ryan Newman, Nick Baldus and Thibodeau, while Baldus also captured a third in the 200 free. In the 200 individual medley, Newman took seventh while Gabe Kowalczyk took 12th.

The Shamrocks' did well in the 50 freestyle with Thibodeau taking sixth, Alex Elenbaas taking 10th and Tyler Mikols taking 11th. In the 100 flv. Baldus finished fifth while Thibodeau took sixth and Mikols 11th in the

In the grueling 500 freestyle, Scott Winslow took eighth for the Shamrocks and Evan Chabala and Paul Hagemeyer The championship marked the were ninth and 11th, respecof Small, Baldus, Mikols and Brinkman took second while Burton took second in the 100 backstroke and Justin Wenzel took fifth and Charles Roelant took 10th.

The 100 breaststroke found Newman taking fourth, while Kowalczyk took sixth and Aidan Schenkus took 11th for Catholic

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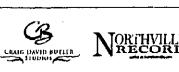
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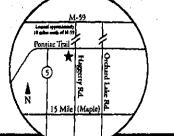


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Do you lack what employers want? Yes, there are fewer jobs and there is more competition, but are you doing everything you can? Here are 10 reasons why employers might have passed you by.

#### 1. You lie

Any lies you tell in your job search, whether on your résumé or in an interview, will come back to haunt you. In a 2008 CareerBuilder survey, 49 percent of hiring managers reported they caught a candidate lying on his or her résumé; of those employers, 57 percent said they automatically dismissed the applicant. Everything you tell an employer can be discovered, so it behooves you to be honest from the get-go. If you're concerned about something in your past, invention is not the answer. Use your cover letter to tell your story, focusing on your strengths and accomplishments and explaining any areas of concern if needed.

2. You have a potty mouth It's certainly tempting to tell anyone who will listen how big of a (insert expletive here) your current boss is, but a hiring manager for a new job is not that person. A 2009 CarcerBuilder survey showed that 44 percent of employers said that talking negatively about current or previous

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#### 3. You don't show long-term potential

Employers want people in their organization to work their way up, so it's best to show that you want to and can grow with the company. If you were asked where you see yourself in five years and you gave an answer that wasn't related to the position or company you're interviewing with, kiss your chances goodbye. Ask questions like, "What type of career movement do you envision for the most successful candidate in this role?" It shows that you have envisioned your future at the company.

4. You have serious digital dirt Social networking sites and online searches are the newest way that many employers are checking up on prospective hires. A 2009 CareerBuilder survey showed that 45 percent of employers use social networking sites to research candidates. Thirty-five percent of those employers found content that caused them to dismiss the candidate. Make sure to remove any photos, content or links that can work against you in an employer's eyes.

In two separate 2009 CareerBuilder surveys, 58 percent of employers said that coming to the interview with no knowledge of the company was a turnoff, and 49 percent said that not asking good questions cost

candidates a job offer. Plain and simple, do vour homework before an interview. Explore the company online, prepare answers to questions and have someone give you a mock interview. The more prepared you are, the more employers will take you seriously.

#### 6. You acted bored, cocky or disinterested

A little enthusiasm never hurt anyone. especially when it comes to a potential new job. Forty-five percent of employers in a 2009 CareerBuilder survey said that the biggest mistake candidates made in the interview was appearing disinterested and 42 percent said appearing arrogant cost applicants the job. Every business wants to put their most enthusiastic people forward with important clients and customers, so acting the opposite will get you nowhere.

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#### 9. You didn't -- or can't -- give

Hiring managers want people who can prove that they will increase the organization's revenues, decrease its costs or help it succeed in some way. If all you give to an employer is a bunch of empty words about your accomplishments, you don't demonstrate how you can help the company. In fact, 35 percent of employers said that the most detrimental mistake candidates make is not providing specific examples in the interview. The more you can quantify your work, the

#### 10. You don't have enough experience

Managers don't have as much time as they used to train and mentor new employees. The more experience you have, the more likely you are to hit the ground running without a lot of hand-holding. The best way to show that you know what you're doing is to give the employer concrete examples of your experience in a given job duty.

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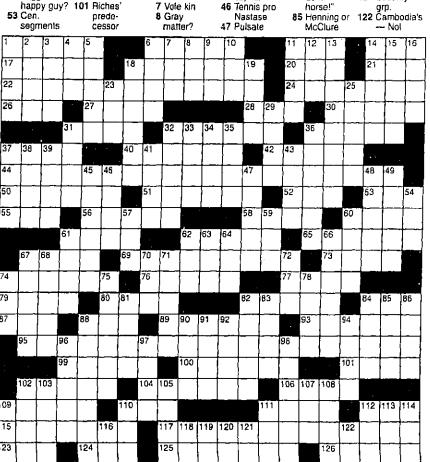
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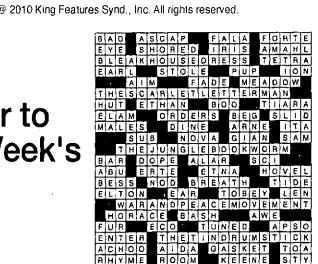
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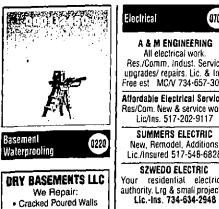
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Building pro Harry Jachym of Plymouth Township agrees with a recent study on resale value and remodeling.

"Curb appeal's a big thing when it comes to selling houses. Anything that'll just make it look better," said Jachym, who teaches construction technology at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. He's been retired almost two years from teaching residential construction in the Livonia Public Schools. Despite a slow market and a slight

decrease in the resale value of most remodeling projects, Realtors report that the smartest home improvement investments may also be some of the least expensive. Results from the 2009 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report show that small-scale exterior projects are the most profitable at resale, according to estimates by Realtors who completed a recent survey.

On a national level, eight out of the top 10 projects in terms of costs recouped were exterior replacement projects that cost less than \$14,000. Certain types of door and siding replacements, as well as wood deck additions all returned more than 80 percent of project costs upon resale. A steel entry door replacement - a new addition to this year's list - recouped 128.9 percent of costs, followed by upscale fiber-cement sliding replacements at 83.6 percent. Wood deck additions recouped 80.6 percent of

Jachym recommends washing siding in the spring, along with painting. "Concrete tends to sag and heave in the winter months," he said.

"Generally, winter tends to be harder on a house." That's particularly true in our part of the country with its freeze and thaw cycles. Those damage siding, shingles and gutters, he said, with ice tending to lift as it expands.

The 2009 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 33 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 80 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 12th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with REALTOR Magazine, as Realtors provided their insight into local markets and buyer home prefer-

ences within those markets.

On a national level, the project

recouping 83.1 percent of remodel-2008. The only other interior project kitchen remodel with 78.3 percent costs recouped.

Other exterior projects in the top 10 include midrange vinyl and upscale foam-backed vinyl sliding replacements, which returned more than eral types of window replacements - midrange wood, midrange vinyl, than 76 percent of costs upon sale. Similar to last year's report, the

with the biggest improvement from 2008 was the attic bedroom addition, ing costs compared to 73.8 percent in that landed in the top 10 was a minor

79 percent of costs. In addition, sevand upscale vinyl — all returned more least profitable remodeling projects in terms of resale value were home office remodels and sunroom additions,

returning only 48.1 percent and 50.7

percent of project costs.

Jachym noted costs typically double when a contractor's needed; some simple projects can be do-it-yourselfers for many, and homes suffer damage from neglect or lower property values if not maintained.

Jachym powerwashes their family deck on low pressure in the spring, and makes sure windows are clean. "If I didn't get around to painting in the fall, I certainly get around to it in the spring," he said.

Picking up trash is needed come early spring, and Jachym does pruning as a garden pro told him the best time for that is "when your shears are sharp." Jachym's wife is the gardener. and he also appreciates the flowers and foliage at their home.

The Jachyms have been in their home almost 24 years, having bought it new. They were recently trying to sell their daughter's home built in 1937. "That takes a little more work," he said of such a sale. He added not to be discouraged from buying an older home as many have charm and often superior construction techniques. Tim Parker, general manager of Plymouth Nursery, agreed that curb appeal counts, if the "first impression is a well-maintained landscape."

That initial good feeling lets a potential buyer know the rest of a home's been maintained, said Parker, a Pinckney resident. "Just some elbow grease to clean up the debris," he recommends for spring. Perennials can be bought for \$5-

6, he added, noting the geranium Rozanne offers summerlong color. The National Association of Realtors Web site

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|                            |   | 383 Concord Pl         | \$60,000  | 21586 Woodcrest Ct        | \$205,000 | 1548 Colony Dr             | \$148,000 | 114 Dekalb St           | \$133,00  |
| These are the area reside  | ential real                             | 3217 E Bradford Dr     | \$330,000 | Franklin                  |           | 990 Dahlia Ln              | \$207,000 | 152 Sandy Ln            | \$105.00  |
| estate closings recorded   | the week                                | 4731 Haddington Dr     | \$217,000 | 31075 Briarcliff Rd       | \$415,000 | 794 E Biull Ct             | \$198,000 | 3410 Sutton Ln          | \$355.00  |
| •                          |   | 5919 Miller Way E      | \$325,000 | Lake Orion                |           | 1855 Greenbriar Dr         | \$390,000 | Waterford               |           |
| of November 23-27, 2009    |   | 3440 South Blvd        | \$123,000 | 921 Abseguami Tri         | \$225,000 | 169 Grosse Pines Dr        | \$275,000 | 172 Ascot Ave           | \$150,60  |
| Oakland County Register    | of Deeds                                | Clarkston              |           | 2440 Freeman Dr           | \$190,000 | 1796 South Blvd W          | \$70,000  | 7338 Breeze Ln          | \$134.00  |
| office. Listed below are c |   | 4891 Cecelia Ann Ave   | \$80,000  | 3064 Talon Cir            | \$130,000 | 2836 Woodelm Dr            | \$144,000 | 331 Dover Rd            | \$87,00   |
|                            | •                                       | 5026 Mystic Ridge Ct   | \$275,000 | Lathrup Village           |           | 2853 Woodford Cir          | \$235,000 | 2213 Hedge Ave          | \$73,00   |
| addresses, and sales pric  | es.                                     | 8268 Sashabaw Ridge Dr | \$258,000 | 27627 Eldorado PI         | \$130,000 | South Lyon                 |           | 3540 Oakshire Ave       | \$90,00   |
|                            |   | Commerce Tow           |           | Milford                   |           | 26106 Cornell Dr           | \$314,000 | :499 Sashabaw Rd        | \$115.00  |
| Auburn Hills               |   | 8004 Bywater St        | \$105,000 | 479 Ravineside Dr         | \$269,000 | 23288 Shinnecock Dr        | \$430,000 | 4300 Waterloo St        | \$133,00  |
| 3906 Hilisdale Dr          | \$190,000                               | 3743 Thomas Ct         | \$120,000 | Northville                |           | Southfield                 |           | 4163 Woodstock Rd       | \$68,00   |
| 2401 Joswick Rd            | \$120,000                               | Farmington             |           | 49690 Deer Run            | \$55,000  | 27070 Arlington Dr         | \$80,000  | West Bloomfie           |           |
| 2415 Joswick Rd            | \$8,000                                 | 35453 Heritage Ct      | \$65,000  | Novi                      |           | 27050 Berkshire Dr         | \$130,000 | 4070 Circle Blvd        | \$120,000 |
| 750 Southampton Ct         | \$90,000                                | 22630 Maple Ave        | \$126,000 | 2211 Austin Dr            | \$15,000  | 22455 Chatsford Circuit St | \$145,000 | 4176 Colorado En        | \$117,000 |
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| 32361 Arlington Dr         | \$145,000                               | Farmington H           |           | 30223 Viewcrest Dr        | \$227,000 | Sylvan Lake                | 4.44      | 3262 Hartslock Woods Dr | \$210,000 |
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| Birmingham                 | • | 27820 Berrywood Ln     | \$45,000  | 41272 Village Lake St     | \$151,000 | Troy                       | A.A       | 6610 Pine Eagle Ln      | \$193,000 |
| 1987 Graefield Rd          | \$48,000                                | 30586 Fox Club Dr      | \$270,000 | Oxford                    | 015 4 000 | 1215 Chaucer Or            | \$185,000 | 3300 South Shore Cir    | \$496.000 |
| 750 Hanna St               | \$265,000                               | 29815 Hemlock Ave      | \$150,000 | 60 E Oakwood Rd           | \$154,000 | 3081 Dominique             | \$250,000 | 2212 W Long Lake Rd     | \$170,000 |
| 680 Humphrey Ave           | \$630,000                               | 35025 Hillside Dr      | \$106,000 | 1213 Fountain View Ln     | \$153,000 | 1133 Foxboro               | \$98,000  | 4753 Woodbine Cir       | \$308.000 |
| 1961 Washington Blvd       | <ul> <li>\$121,000</li> </ul>           | 21294 Juniper Ct       | \$99,000  | 170 Great Pines Dr        | \$335,000 | 5600 Houghten Dr           | \$140,000 | White Lake              | ****      |
| 271 Westchester Way        | \$352,000                               | 30515 Knighton Dr      | \$280,000 | 185 N Baldwin Rd          | \$125,000 | 61 Melanie Ln              | \$375.000 | 293 Picture Ln          | \$358,000 |
| Bloomfield Hill            |   | 29620 Middlebelt Rd    | \$5,000   | 686 Oneta St              | \$80,000  | 4647 Rivers Edge Dr        | \$478,000 | 8098 Timber TrI         | \$99,000  |
| 2173 Randall Ln            | \$275,000                               | 29620 Nova Woods Dr    | \$154,000 | 145 Persimmon Dr          | \$165,000 | Walled Lake                | ****      |                         |           |
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| Bloomfleid Towns           | hlo                                     | 34864 Pennington Dr    | \$169,000 | 1231 Welland Dr           | \$335,000 | 30107 Chesapeake Cir       | \$125,000 |                         |           |
|                            | •                                       | 29784 W 10 Mile Rd     | \$196.000 | Rochester Hills           |           | 174 Club House Cir         | \$114,000 |                         |           |
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| estate closings recorded            |                        | 2129 S Brookhill Ln                        | \$412,000              | 9951 Hartel Ct                              | \$73,000               | 230 Fairbrook St                  | \$175,000              | 26584 W Six Mile Rd                  | \$73,000              |
|                                     |                        | 45900 S Slonewood Rd                       | \$230,000              | 9970 Henry Rulf Rd                          | \$105,000              | 16121 Johnson Creek Dr            | \$515,000              | 19962 Woodworth                      | \$57,000              |
| of Nov. 16-20, 2009, at th          |                        | 45390 Seabrook Or                          | \$270,000              | 14095 Houghton St                           | \$135,000              | 39626 Muirfield Ln                | \$230,000              | Westland                             |                       |
| County Register of Deed             | s office.              | 43919 Somerset Sq .                        | \$150,000              | 13992 Hubbell St                            | \$138,000              | 42258 Norwood Ct                  | \$67,000               | 35208 Barton St                      | \$60,000              |
| Listed below are cities, a          | nddresses              | 45677 Spinning Wheel Dr                    | \$155,000              | 29600 Jacquelyn Dr                          | \$159,000              | 46391 Pinehurst Cir               | \$490,000              | 36457 Black Dak                      | \$105,000             |
|                                     | 100100000,             | 2103 W Roundlable Dr                       | \$170,000              | 39229 Jamison St                            | \$125,000              | 17166 Spring Hill Ct              | \$425,000              | 36481 Black Oak                      | \$85,000              |
| and sales prices.                   |                        | 41711 White Tail Ln                        | \$127,000              | 33328 Kentucky St                           | \$110,000              | 42434 Steepleview St              | \$228,000              | 36743 Canyon Dr                      | \$130,000             |
|                                     |                        | Garden City                                | 4.45.444               | 38197 Lancaster St                          | \$183,000              | Plymouth                          |                        | 38507 Canyon Dr                      | \$116,000             |
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| 41554 Ayrshire Or                   | \$127,000              | 30750 Florence St                          | \$77,000               | 19029 Norwich Rd                            | \$121,000              | 48763 Beaver Creek Dr             | \$180,000              | 8039 Coventry St                     | \$17,000              |
| 46004 Bartlett Dr                   | \$170,000              | 32211 Pierce St                            | \$95,000               | 30227 Oakview St                            | \$140,000              | 46992 Brooks Ln                   | \$245,000              | 1616 Flynn St                        | \$60,000              |
| 58498 Colchester Ct                 | \$450,000              | 31225 Rosslyn Ave                          | \$58,000               | 29832 Orangelawn St                         | \$115,000              | 41442 Crestwood Dr                | \$144,000              | 34520 Hazelwood St                   | \$55,000              |
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| 45475 Indian Creek Dr               | \$270,000              | 27525 Barkley St                           | \$135,000              | 9128 Stonehouse Ave                         | \$210,000              | Redford<br>13541 Arnold           | \$70,000               | 5924 N Parent St                     | \$19.000              |
| 50324 Jackson Ln                    | \$197,000              | 29493 Bobrich St                           | \$30,000               | 18073 University Park Dr                    | \$63,0D0               | 2636? Barbara                     | \$67,000               | 33203 Parkwood St                    | \$20,000<br>\$42,000  |
| 1423 Liberty St N                   | \$270,000              | 10048 Cavell SI                            | \$40,000               | 18313 University Park Or                    | \$50,000               | 17260 Delaware Ave                | \$108,000              | 33606 Parkwood St                    | \$42,000<br>\$41,000  |
| 7014 London CI                      | \$111,000              | 14575 Cavell St                            | \$171,000              | 11255 W Clements Cir                        | \$80,000               | 17326 Garfield                    | \$42,000               | 8165 Randy Dr                        | \$115,000             |
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will be provided. Register online at www.

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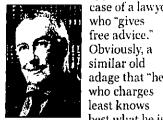
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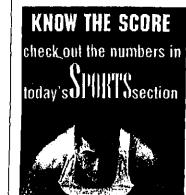
best what he is Robert Meisner worth" applies in this case.

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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-asso ciates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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#### FORD TOPS GM IN FEBRUARY SALES, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Advertising Feature







By Dale Buss

February marked the first month since August 1998 that Ford Motor Co.'s monthly sales topped those of chief rival General Motors Co., providing an unexpected jolt in a month when the broad industry was handicapped by severe winter weather in the northeast regions of the country -- and by the spillover from Toyota's safety-recall debacle.

Total U.S. auto sales for the month were 779,743 units, an increase of about 13.5 percent from year-earlier sales of 687,182, when the American automotive market was at the very bottom of one of its biggest slumps ever. And the February pace represented a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 10.4 million units, a number at the upper middle of most SAAR projections.

"The good underlying news is that the industry hasn't gone into reverse in terms of its recovery," said Jessica Caldwell, senior industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "At the beginning of the month there was weak retail performance, but when Presidents' Day [sales] came around and there were good deals out there, we saw strong sales even stronger than history would indicate."

Especially for Ford. The long-time No. 2 U.S. automaker became No. 1 again for at least a month, decades after the last time that Ford was the nation's most

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Ford's sales increased by 43 percent over February 2009 and by 22 percent over January of this year. Car sales were up 54 percent versus a year ago; utilities were up 39 percent; and trucks were up 36 percent. Ford brand sales rose 46 percent in February; Lincoln sales increased by 19 percent; and Mercury sales were up 24 percent.

"The strength of our new products and Ford's leadership in quality, fuel efficiency, safety, smart design and value are resonating with customers," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service.

Edmunds.com's Caldwell agreed. "They've got a balanced portfolio of products; they're not putting all their eggs in one basket." She also noted that GM now is down to only four core brands, just like Ford's stable (including Volvo for now). "That equals the playing field." Strong fleet sales also boosted

It also helped Ford that Toyota had pretty much left the field in February. Toyota's overall U.S. sales were down nearly 9 percent - almost 11 percent for the Toyota division, which has borne the brunt of the bad news about recalls. Over all three of its brands, because of



The Lincoln MKZ is

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the publicity and lost momentum in its dealerships, the company sacrificed about 18,000 sales in February compared with typical levels, estimated Bob Carter, the Toyota division general manager.

But Toyota also announced what Carter called "the most far-reaching [incentive] program that Toyota has ever conducted," beginning immediately and extending through April 5. It includes zero-percent loans or hugely discounted lease prices on a range of models that covers about 80 percent of Toyota's business.

"It's aggressive," Carter said, "but rather than just discounting our vehicles, it shows our long-term confidence in the value of the Toyota

For the moment, only GM said right away that it would also offer a new round of incentives: zero-percent financing on models that account for about 55 percent of its volume, but not on any of its hot new sellers such as Chevrolet Camaro and Equinox.

The succession of storms in the

Hot sales of the Ford Fusion were one big reason that Ford surpassed GM's overall totals in February.



Midwest and, especially, the Northeast and mid-Atlantic affected every automaker to some degree, of course, but GM seemed to make the point that its business might have been hurt worst. GM sold 14 percent more vehicles during February than a year earlier, largely on the strength of extremely robust fleet sales.

But GM figured that retail sales in its Northeast region for Chevrolet were down 17 percent, as snows kept customers from showrooms - or outright shut dealerships -- while Chevy's retail sales rose in every other region of the

OEM executives on Tuesday continued to point to economic storm clouds hovering over the industry's long-term outlook, as regular reports on business and household finances provide a mixed picture at best. "The primary risk is in the housing market and in [weak] employment," said Michael DiGiovanni, GM's top U.S. market analyst.

And, said Ford's Czubay, "Consumer confidence seems to have reached a



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