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cery stores. The Dunkin' Donuts mascot also will be on hand for photos.

Michigan Film Gala

Global Pictures and Michigan Movie Magazine and Specs Howard present the first-ever Michigan Film Gala on Dec. 31 at Sheraton Novi Hotel. The Michigan Film Gala will include a showcase of Michigan films starting with "CornerStore", a Red Carpet, meet and greet, a dinner, special guest speakers and countdown to New Year's.

Brandon T. Jackson (Tropic Thunder, Roll Bounce and Big Momma's House 3) will be hosting the event. Special guest speakers include Tanya Ryno (producer of SNL): Rod Harrell (CEO of RLH Talent): and Susan Frishman (entertainment attorney).

The event is open to actors, directors, producers aspiring film-makers and fans.

The showcase begins at 9 a.m.; there will be a Red Carpet event beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a meet-and-greet. The evening will conclude with a dinner, special guest speakers and the ringing in of the New Year with a champagne toast at midnight Jan. 1.

Red White and Tuna

* The Farmington Players will hold auditions for the comedy "Red White and Tuna", the third in the four-play saga of greater Tuna -- third smallest (fictional) town in Texas. It is time for the Fourth of July High School Class Reunion where we re-meet many of the characters from Tuna and a few new ones.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The Barn is located at 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills (north side of 12 Mile Road halfway between Orchard Lake and Farmington). If you would like more details, or to request a script call Maggie Gilkes at (586) 383-0125.

Principal cautions students after Facebook issue

Photos of girls said to be copied off their pages

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi school and police department officials are encouraging parents and students to brush up on their Internet safety skills after it was reported that pictures of high school girls were being copied and posted on a Facebook account from the Middle East.

Principal Carol Diglio and Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said they have not received any

complaints from students, rather they learned of the situation after being contacted by a local television news station last week.

Two other high schools, Livonia Stevenson and Ladywood, also had situations where girls had pictures of them in bathing suits copied off their pages and put on the page of a man named "Salem Issa."

Diglio sent a letter home to parents on Nov. 18 to address the issue.

"While we recognize the positive

educational and social opportunities that are available through the use of the Internet and social media sites such as Facebook, we constantly caution our students of the potential risks of sharing personal information, including photographs," she wrote.

The man is believed to have sent the girls "friend requests," and then used the access he had to their profiles to obtain their photos.

"You have to use common sense in who you are adding as a friend on Facebook and what you are posting," Molloy said. "There are people out there preying on individuals like them."

Diglio said she hopes parents use this as a teaching moment to give their children more information about the dangers of social networks.

She also said it is important for students to regulate what they are posting.

"The thing you worry about is some of them are getting ready to go to their next step in life and it is important to be conscious of what you are putting out there to represent who you are,

The Detroit Free Press continued to this article.

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Julie Williams and her son Joshua, right, give out awards to four Orchard Hills students who earned top honors for the essays they submitted to recognize National Adoption Month. From left, teacher Melissa Israel; Neeharika Aniruddh, runner-up fourth grade; Renee Boudreau, first place fourth grade; Morgan Burt, first place third grade; and Adam Carozza, runner-up third grade.

Students share ideas for giving others a home

Orchard Hills honors winners of National Adoption Month contest

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER -

Four students in the third and fourth grades at Orchard Hills Elementary were recognized last Thursday for their innovative ideas on how to find every child in the world a home.

The students, along with 67 of their peers, wrote essays about child adoption and how they would help children as part of National Adoption Month. The winners and runners-up received Toys "R" Us

gift cards for their entries. Julie Williams, who served as chair of the contest for the PTO, said they wanted to plant the seed of thinking about adoption in the student's heads because she see them as the generation that "could make a difference."

"After reading all of these essays it really shows the goodness in our children," she

Morgan Burt was the thirdgrade winner at the school,

and in her essay she wrote about creating a traveling orphanage.

"It would work with the census program to know which families don't have children." she wrote. "I'd drive to their house and ask the same questions. The main question would be, 'Do you want a child?' If they say yes, I'd give them some files on some children that would work for them."

The fourth-grade winner, Renee Boudreau, also had a unique idea through her program "Sensational Children." In her plan, the organization

would be divided among the different regions of the world and representatives would ask every house if they would like to adopt a child.

"I would pay families (who) adopted children \$200 every two weeks to cover the child's needs," she wrote. "Hopefully, in one or two years every (child) will have a home that they deserve."

Adam Carozza (third) and Neeharika Aniruddh (fourth) earned runner-up honors for their entries. Carozza wrote about creating a "robot family that is programmed to

take care of the kids," while Aniruddh wants to create a center that educates students and ensures no child is ignored based on physical appearances.

Melissa Israel, a teacher at the school, said she views adoption as "the greatest form of humanity," and her students were excited to write

"It gave them a chance to write about something that can extend beyond school and has value and meaning," she

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Santa to help light up Novi

Attendees asked to bring food, winter items for needy

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Santa should have no problem finding his way from the North Pole to Novi next Friday as the civic center campus lights up for inaugural Light Up the Night in Novi event.

A plethora of holiday lights and over 2,500 luminaries from Novi school children will ' make the campus glow with holiday spirit.

Tracie Ringle, communications specialist for the city of Novi, said she hopes people make

the event part of their own holiday traditions. "It is great to have the opportunity to share special moments with your family and be able

to share them within your community," she said. "We hope this is something that will continue to grow." Light Up the Night in Novi is replacing

Ringing in the Holidays, which took place on Main Street and featured a parade. The change to the civic center campus was made

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There are nine women who

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"It brings the ladies togeth-

Women focus on Faith, Fun & Fitness every Thursday

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Their workout complete, the women gather around the snack table. Fitness instructor Stella Schelske of South Lyon has joked with the women at Faith Covenant Church this morning about their workout. reminding them of Halloween

candy recently eaten. The weekly "Faith, Fun & Fitness" sessions are Thursday morning at Faith Covenant Church at 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills. The current session will wrap up soon with a Thanksgiving potluck, with the next session to start in January.

"It's kind of like a Mother's Morning Out," said church member Jean Jacquin of Farmington Hills. She likes that "Faith, Fun & Fitness" draws women of all backgrounds and ages, including

young moms. "They can come and have their children babysat," she said, adding one Japanese mom with young twins was grateful for the help at the church. Jacquin began attending

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when the sessions started in the early 1980s. Her daughter was then 1. "She's now 30," Jacquin said with a smile. "We also take walkers outside and we walk through the neighborhood," she said. Women who attend aren't all

church members. The women at the church have been able to help the Japanese moms with questions like how to find a doctor. Each morning begins with

roughly an hour of exercise, with aerobics done to Christian music, followed by snacks and a program. A recent program was on cake decorating, and on Nov. 4, Faye Buchan of Warren was the speaker.

"I'm showing how to do gift boxes with fresh flowers on top," Buchan said. "These are my examples here," she added, pointing to festive and colorful gift boxes. Just before Buchan began,

the women focused on the 23rd Psalm's meaning, with some translation into Japanese. Keiko Olsen of Commerce Township was invited by originator Jan Larson, who now lives in

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California but visits Michigan in summers. "With the winter weather the exercise is not built into vour daily life," Olsen said.

"This is one time you're going to exercise." Olsen, whose husband is American, also likes the speakers. She's originally from Japan and has been in the U.S. 19 years. She's attended the church program eight-nine

years and is among women

who volunteer at the Hills

church in planning programs. "We've got a lot of Japanese ladies," said Nancy Sjogren of Novi, one of several women who coordinate "Faith, Fun & Fitness." Speakers are her responsibility.

"A lot of expatriate families," Siogren said, noting others have come from Germany and other countries. "We've got an age range, too. "You learn from each other,"

come with me when they were

is open to both women and Sjogren said. "It's fun and men. Participants are primariinteresting." ly Japanese, as well as Korean, The child care for preschool-Romanian and Iraqi. ers is helpful, said Sjogren, Sessions of Spotlight are wrapping up, but will resume whose kids are 14, 12 and 8. "Some of them used to Jan. 24. For details on

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Nancy Sjogren (left) of Novi and Candace Cesarz of Farmington Hills.

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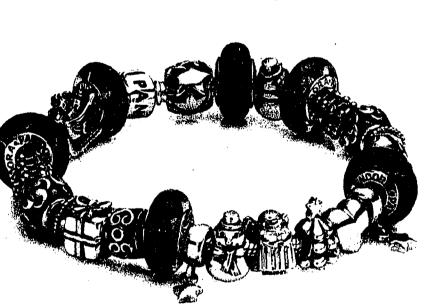
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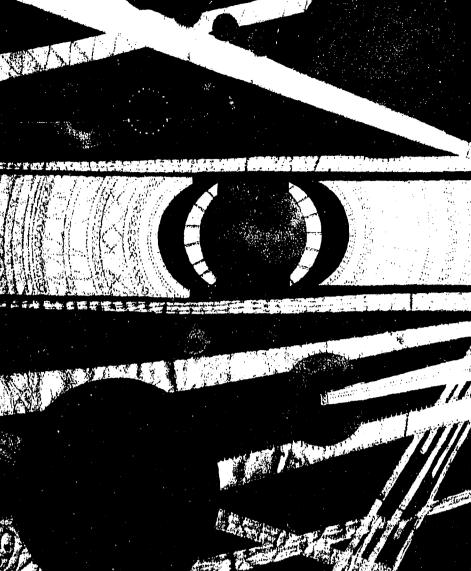
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The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department presents a collection of fiber artwork from the Aussome Study Group at the Novi Civic Center through Nov. 28. The Aussome Study Group's exhibit, Inspired by the Masters, consists of 31 pieces by award-winning, international artists Mary Andrews, Lois Ann Fulton, Karen Olson, Robbie Payne, and Carol Tamasiunas. This collection of unique and colorful quilts explores the ideas, color and methodology of two art Masters, Friedensreich Hundertwasser and Gustav Klimt. The Civic Center Atrium Gallery provides local artists the opportunity to display their work and share it with the public. Upcoming exhibits include Donn Angel Perez, Dec. 10-Jan. 2, and Novi resident David LaGraff, Jan. 7-30. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road and generally open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. 8 p.m., Fridays until 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org. Shown is a piece by

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Three residents file for open city council seat

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Novi City Council will have at least three candidates to choose from as they look to replace outgoing council member Kathy Crawford.

The filing deadline to interview for the appointed position was 4 p.m. on Tuesday, and as of press time Monday, Anamaria Kazanis, Lou Martin and Wayne Wrobel were the only ones to put their name in the mix. Interviews for the seat are

slated for 7 p.m. on Monday at a special city council meeting that is open to the public. The appointment is expected to be

All three candidates have experience with the city, either as a former employee in Martin's case, or as volunteers on a board or commission like Wrobel and Kazanis.

Wrobel appears to have the most experience of the three candidates as he served on the planning commission for five years, the master plan and zoning committee for three years and currently is in his third year on the zoning board of appeals, where he is vice-

He also ran for election to the city council in 2009, losing to current council members Justin Fischer, Andrew Mutch and Terry Margolis. Martin, who worked in the communications department

director of public relations in Novi, while Kazanis used to serve on the beautification commission and the economic development corporation. The seat opened up after Crawford successfully won a seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, She volunteered to step down early so the new council member can get up to speed on the city issues before council's goal setting session in January and budget discus-

The appointed person will serve until November 2011. when the position will be filled via an election.

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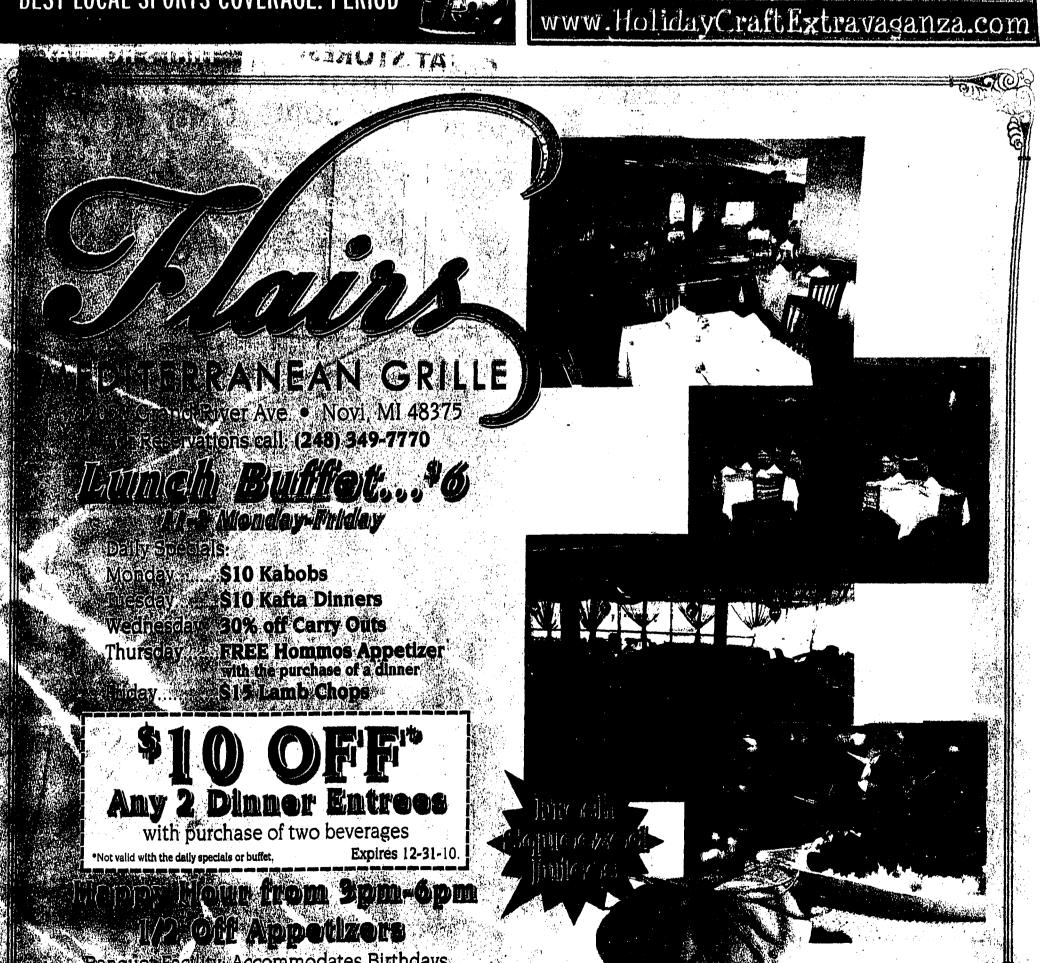
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frustrations of my own career path," he said. "And I want to

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The first career showcase

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BY NATHAN MUELLER

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SCHOOL BRIEFS Donations needed for Senior All Night Party Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and com-

munity members to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee can plan a budget. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI

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Novi High School graduate Jennifer Thomson talks to a group of current students about her career path so far after an undergraduate degree pharmacology from the University of Michigan, and two other business professionals talked to Novi students about the various career paths they nmueller@gannett.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 took after graduating from high school.

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Hope College

Jenna Sutton, a freshman from Novi, participated in the Pull, one of the nation's oldest college traditions, on Sept. 25. She was a moraler for the class of 2014 team.

The Pull, first held in 1898 is an annual fall highlight at Hope. It started as a tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes for the freshmen School graduate, is the daughter of Richard and Tamara Sutton.

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Gabriel Co. **Holiday Cabaret** Holly Ashworth (I), Lauren Zwarych, Carly Bins (hidden), Anna Goward, Morgan Whitehead and Faith Hamelin rehearse a scene from 'Melodies of the Season: A Holiday Cabaret.' The show — playing Dec. 10-12 at the Novi Civic Theatre — includes a variety of holiday songs, along with dance and comedy. Tickets for the 'Melodies

SANTA

because officials wanted to incorporate the "city center," and give people an intimate ook at the heart of the city. The event runs from 6-9 p.m., with the arrival of Santa slated for 6:30 p.m. Santa and Novi Mayor David Landry will light the tree, setting off the start of the holiday season in

age of activities for the family at the event.

The library will have a face painting station and performances from John the Magician at 7 p.m. and

of the Season: A Holiday Cabaret' are available at (248) 347-0400 or cityofnovi.org. The Friends of the Novi Public Library and the Friends of the Novi Civic Theatre are co-sponsoring a free show preview Wednesday,

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Experts share holiday weight control tips

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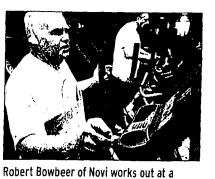
At Annie House's, you just might get stuck with cleanup duty after a holiday meal if you don't join in some fitness fun.

"You make them stay in the kitchen and do the dishes," House, a registered dietitian with Botsford Hospital Diabetes and Nutrition Services, said of couch potato revel-

The South Lyon resident who works at the Farmington Hills hospital is a Michigan State University graduate with a bachelor of science degree in dietetics. She agreed it's tough to stay in shape this time of

"With the nights coming earlier, it's hard to get out" and exercise, House said. "The calories add up and so do the pounds." Pam Horetski is wellness director

at the Farmington Family YMCA. with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science from Oakland



face struggles this time of year staying in shape while attending holiday parties.

University, and a certified personal

"It is behavior modification, not only what you eat," said Horetski, who had a minor in psychology. "It is your lifestyle."

Sleep matters during the busy holiday season, too, she said. "They just run themselves down so much.' People's immune systems are weakened, Horetski said, and they often get sick.

She agreed with House that good eating habits and regular exercise are try to enjoy conversation with family and friends, she urged, avoiding the vital. Horetski has clients keep a food diary so they're aware of what they're

eating and drinking. She finds most people are on maintenance plans now through the end of in moderation. House recommends the year, with Thanksgiving through fruits, vegetables and festive salads Christmas a likely time for weight gain of five-10 pounds. "The extra desserts, the extra

couple of desserts," Horetski said. Botsford fitness facility. Many people will "Calories are calories, it all adds up. Lots of good-tasting food out there. The temptations are high basically from now through the New Year. People are more apt to eat on the run between eating and shopping."

Horetski recommends walking distances to the store when shopping and using stairs if possible. You can carry nutritious snacks with you. "That will deter you from getting to

the point, 'I'm so hungry, I'll eat anything," she said. House urges party-goers to eat breakfast and lunch so they're less likely to binge at a party. At the party, try to enjoy conversation with family food table.

Candies and pastries have lots of calories, as do nuts, which have some nutritive value but must be eaten as good picks.

"There are other, healthier foods there. It's just our self-discipline," House said. Holiday hosts also can help boost

"You are the nutrition gatekeeper at that point," House said. Recipes can be modified, such as serving whole wheat rolls and breads, lower-calorie salad dressings and dips made from

House also recommends preparing stuffing outside the turkey. The traditional Thanksgiving meal includes a lot of carbs, she said. A host could think about serving just stuffing and sweet potatoes and leaving out the corn and rolls.

She also recommends pumpkin

House added high fiber crackers can be a good snacking choice for a

"Just provide a variety," she said. Incorporating fitness into celebrations helps, such as a brisk walk or a football game outside after a meal. House said to avoid second helpings. "My family, they like to do up Thanksgiving and Christmas," she said. It's easy to get carried away with holiday foods, but she urges people to

get back on track quickly. "It's really what you're doing day by day the rest of the year," House said. Horetski, a Ferndale resident, and her family also like the holiday season. "I try to practice what I preach," said Horetski, who grew up on a farm in the Thumb's Port Austin.

cooked meals. "It's about control," Horetski said. "You don't want to take away something you really enjoy."

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Anita Cochran (right) poses with her friend and fellow country singer Terri Clark (left) and country music legend Loretta Lynn in September at a celebration honoring Lynn's 50th anniversary in the music business.



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Coming home

Country music singer/songwriter looking forward to playing for old friends

STAFF WRITER

Anita Cochran has toured far and wide since hitting the country music charts big with her number one smash hit What If I Said back in 1998. Regrettably, the one place she hasn't played is in front of her hometown fans. That will all change in a

couple weeks when the South Lyon native headlines the Operation Injured Soldiers Christmas Spectacular Dec. 4 at Rock Financial Showplace Cochran, 43, is looking forward to coming home, where

her roots run deep — just like

the music that has always filled her life. "I'm really looking forward to it. I only get back to Michigan about once a year, and that is usually spent with family," the 1985 South Lyon High School graduate said. "I hope to see some old friends from school. That would be

Cochran (born Anita Renee Cockerham) has had a very successful career since she moved to the country music mecca of Nashville back in 1994 - something she dreamed about as a little girl playing in a band with her music-loving parents. However, Cochran says her route was a little different than many starry-eyed kids who just show up in Nashville with a guitar in hand - and then don't know what to do.

After high school Cochran anded a job at a well known recording studio — Pearl Sound Studios — in Canton, and learned the business from the inside. Along the way she got to work with such renown artists as Bob Seger and K.D. Lang, which not only made a huge impression on her, but

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also taught her what it meant to be a professional. That was a big advantage, she says, when she moved to Nashville where she still resides today. "You come down here to Nashville and there's so many talented singers. I came up with a different route. Fortunately for me, it's worked

out," she said. Boy has it worked out. She signed with Warner Bros. Records in 1997, and that year released her debut album. Back to You. That album produced the hit single What If *I Said* — a duet with country music artist Steve Wariner. The song climbed all the way to Number One on the country charts in 1998. Everything

changed after that, she says. "Having a Number One song is like winning the lottery. It really was. It takes so many things to happen for a person to get a number one hit. I was so fortunate," Cochran says.

Cochran has recorded two records since her debut, the most recent called Serenity released in 2009. For the last couple years, she has also began producing records, plus touring with country star and good friend Terri Clark. Cochran both opens the show and then plays in Clark's band. They are getting ready to go on a tour of Canada, she

First though, she will play the hometown gig - something she is real excited about both because she will be coming home, and also it is for a

Menu: Steak and chicken, with dessert. Cash bar will be available.

great cause. Operation Injured Soldier, which is based in South Lyon, provides recreational trips for soldiers wounded in America's wars. Many of the trips revolve around fishing or hunting, and most of the soldiers who are aided by the group live in Michigan.

"It's a great cause. It doesn't matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat, for the war or against the war. We should all be for our veterans. Gosh knows we don't do enough for them," Cochran said. "I'm just hoping everyone comes out and supports it." Al Hogan of Operation

Injured Soldier said the group was looking for someone who could draw a crowd for their second annual Christmas Spectacular. Last year's event featured Aaron Tippin, but the group didn't get the response it was hoping.

Hogan was able to contact Cochran (the two had mutual friends during their high school days) on Facebook and mentioned the annual benefit. She agreed to do it. He is optimistic Cochran's hometown connections will make a difference for the group. "Last year was a bit slow. We only had 180 people come out. Our goal for this year is 350 people. We're hoping

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Catherine Luty is only in third grade, but she already gets it. "It's a bad economy, so we should help the poor to try to survive," she said Monday, during the kickoff of Busch's Market's annual Season of Sharing Food Drive at the Farmington Hills store on Drake and Grand River.

Her Woodcreek Elementary classmate Neha Subrahmanyam also understands what it means to help

"We should help people in our community, to make our community a better place," she said.

Students at Woodcreek decorated the "Ready to Go" grocery bags for the food drive.

group of North Farmington High School students in supporting the kickoff of the food drive to benefit Forgotten Harvest, which goes through Nov. 24 at all 15 Busch's Markets. Locally, there are Busch's stores in Novi at 41840 W. Ten Mile road and in Northville/Plymouth at 15185 Sheldon Road.

The third-graders joined a large helps others realize that Forgotten

It's a partnership that's valuable in many ways, said Russ Russell, the chief development officer of Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit organization that "rescues" surplus prepared and perishable food from 455

sources and delivers it to 158 emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area. Russell said Forgotten Harvest

steps up the pace around the holi-"Hunger knows no season," he said "But the holidays are the most important season of giving for us. Busch's has been a tremendous supporter of Forgotten Harvest and this drive also

Harvest is legitimate and is meeting a tremendous need." Russell said one in five people are facing hunger this year, compared to one in seven last year.

"One in five people don't know where their next meal will come

from," he said. "Hunger has found new addresses in every community, even Farmington Hills. If you support Busch's effort, you're probably helping someone in your own com-

There are three ways to give. Customers can purchase pre-made "Ready to Go" bags for \$10 that are filled with food items for a family in need. Russell notes that \$10 creates 80 meals during the holidays, thanks to a matching grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast

Michigan. Busch's customers can make cash donations in any amount, at the checkout registers. The money goes directly to Forgotten Harvest.

for produce and \$10 gift cards for be converted into produce and meat

The goal is collect at least owner of Busch's Markets. They raised \$106,000 last year. He said everyone can get involved

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Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday

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Friends' Monthly Board Meeting

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Details: Board meetings are typi-

of each month at 7 p.m. at the

cally held on the second Wednesday

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

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LOCAL EVENTS

Senior Luncheon Time/Date: 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 Location: Novi Middle School **Details**: For over 30 years, the Novi Rotary Club has been hosting a luncheon for local senior citizens. providing a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Music is provided by the Novi Middle School Band and Chorale. There will be a special recognition of Peter Dion, superintendent of Novi Schools, for his years of service to the Novi Rotary Club. Please RSVP no later than Monday, Nov. 29. Contact: Erin Cicero at (734) 260-

White Pine Glee Club Concert Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 Location: Novi Middle School **Details:** Concert with instrumentals **Details:** Featuring antique and and women's chorus; admission is

(248)344-0909

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays **Location**: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road,

Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for The Club is seeking new members

to join in the planting, planning and Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail. com or (248) 956-0029

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Time/Date: 11 a.m.-noon every **Location**: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and

Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional informa-Borders Events

Location: Borders Books & Music. 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi (Novi Town Center) Contact: (248) 347-0780 **Book Signings** Lynette Toma, author of i Can

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Diane Dignan, author of Bartholomew's Gift Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

MSU Extension **Location**: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi Contact: (248) 858-0887; smithlin@ oakgov.com; www.msue.msu.edu/

pnerick@aol.com.

oakland Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 Antique Arms Show

Time/Date: Nov. 27-28; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 9-3 Sunday collectable firearms from the Revolutionary War to modern **Contact**: eiko@suzukimyers.com or times. Show offers 500 tables with some of the finest antique arms. swords, knives and accoutrements in the Midwest. Buy, sell and trade. Appraisals are available. \$6.00 Adults, Free to Members and Children 12 & under are free Contact: www.michiganan-

> tiquearms.com Holiday Craft Extravaganza Time/Date: Dec. 4-5; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday Details: The Holiday Craft Extravaganza promises to be a shopping treasure trove of one-ofa-kind gifts, fine jewelry, gourmet treats, holiday décor and more. \$5 per car admission

Contact: www.holidaycraftextrava ganza.com Great Train Expo Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 11-12 **Details**: The Great Train Expo is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast The show offers a variety of operaling model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in

many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place, \$7

noon Tuesday, Dec. 7. Metro Novi BNI **GET TANGLED!**



The Fabulous '50s

Jamie Harrison dances with her daughter Olivia, 5, during Parkview Elementary's Nov. 17 celebration of the 50th day of kindergarten. The morning's fun was 50s-themed and kids danced to Elvis tunes, ate cookies with "50" iced on them and the young ladies wore their best poodle skirts, Bobby socks, and the boys wore jeans and white T-shirts.

for adults; free for children under Location: On the Border 12; admission to the show is cash or Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road check only. However, many exhibitors will gladly accept credit/debit cards for items purchased.

Contact: www.GreatTrainExpo.com

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

(248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-After 5 Networking Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Join us for networking and appetizers; \$10 pre-registration; \$15 Novi Chamber Holiday Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Renaissance Hotel, 27790 Novi Rd., Details: A festive holiday luncheon collecting hats, gloves, socks and toys for the Detroit Wilkins Elementary and Middle School 4th Annual Warmth Drive: \$20 pre-registration required by

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

(north of 8 Mile), Novi **Details**: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast **Contact**: For more information,

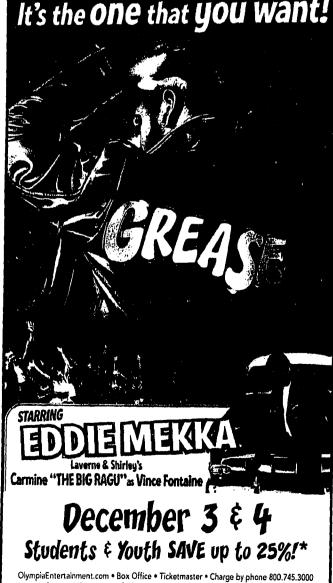
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contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com. Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday circo .ami i Location: Novi Civic Center, Survey Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International.

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NIGHTLIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirtv Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 348-3838 "DON'T BE CRUEL - THE LIFE & TIMES OF THE KING" Dates: Wednesday-Sunday nights through Nov. 28 Details: "Don't Be Cruel - The Life and Times of the King" is not a trib-

ute show. The original production is a multi-media theatrical event brought to life through storytelling, video and a musical montage - putting "Elvis" in the spotlight once again as he chronicles his life through his own eves starting with the day he died. Show times are: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday: 7 p.m. Saturday; and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25 Wednesday. Thursday and Sunday: \$35 Friday-Saturday and available at the theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.

Contact: (248) 348-4448 Liquor Store Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 305.8135

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Live music Fridays and Nov. 26: The Bulltones W Y Nov. 27: Greg Nagy, 15:17 11:10 Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix

& mc Jevon Hollywood Mixx Lounge Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-Thursday-Saturday: DJ

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org The library will be closed all day

Contact: (248) 449-1206 Web: www.novicommunityed.org

you to attend.

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City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider Case No. 10-056 41000 Thirteen Mile Rd

The petitioner is requesting a variance to install a 51 SF ground sign with a height of 5' 5" at the entranceway of the Fox Run Village Community located at 41000 Thirteen Mile Rd. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located north of Thirteen Mile Rd Case No. 10-057 25300 Constitution The petitioner is requesting an extension to variance ZBA09-038 to

allow the continued placement of the existing real estate sign located south of Potomac Drive in Main Street Village. The property is zoned TC-1 and is located south of Grand River Avenue Case No. 10-058 42970 Grand River Ave The petitioner is requesting a variance to install an additional 50 SF wall sign on the building located at 42970 Grand River Ave for

Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza. The property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River and east of Novi Road. Case No. 10-059 43235 Twelve Mile Rd The petitioner is requesting a variance to install the tenant name in both 3 SF tenant locations on the existing ground sign and an additional 90 SF wall sign on the building located at 43235 Twelve Mile Rd. The property is zoned RC and is located south of Twelve Mile Rd and east of Novi Rd.

Case No. 10-060 46470 Desoto Ct Space Project Construction Inc. is requesting a variance to locate an accessory structure in the interior side yard of the property located at 46470 Desoto Ct. The property is zoned I-1 and is located north of West Rd and east of Beck Rd.

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/ Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafavette. South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's news-

online at hometownlife.com

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

holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

Saturdays or by appointment **Priests:** Father Timothy Hogan. associate pastor

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. children's Sunday School and

Genesis Class Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesdays. through Nov. 9 First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month 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.nund .70 ... uit Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.;

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family: 7 p.m. Children's Caravan. Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, 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 Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 newhopecenter. Episcopal Church of the Holy Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or pastor and Father Michael Zuelch.

churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Crosspointe Meadows Church Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-Time/Date: 10 a.m. second 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit

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Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. pro-Sermon: Better Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m. Details: Informative and entertain-Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. ing programs of interest to singles; Merry Widows Luncheon \$5 per person. Check Web site for Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www. **Details**: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Ritter with musical accompani-Day weekend through Labor Day ment of guitar and piano. weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-Cookie Walk Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 11

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Details: open to the public senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Northville Christian Assembly Sturgeon, associate pastor Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Contact: (248) 348-9030 ((Memorial Day weekend through Sundays Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Sundays (Sept.-May) Adults / Youth / Children Healing Service: 4 p.m. first **9 a.m.**: Contemporary service in Monday of every month multi-purpose gymnasium Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service Wednesdays for fourth-12th grad-

in worship center; children's ers (Sept.-April) super church on the second level Men's Club: 8 a.m. second (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) 1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@ Wednesday Family Night fumcnorthville.org **7 p.m.**: Adult elective classes; jr.

grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

734-397-7779

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and sr. high student ministries; Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, children's programs (M-Pact Girls corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Contact: (248) 349-0565 Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth

Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study: 10 am, Worship Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Meadowbrook Congregational

every month Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

> Oak Pointe Church oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every

support and facilitate personal from a Christian perspective. 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact

the church office. Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road

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Preschool/Kids Choir Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or

rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www. novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil **Location**: In front of the church

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of **Details**: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that growth, healing, learning, change Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday **Details:** For ages three to six: ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thaver, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248)

349-5665

olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship **Time**: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 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

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Tiime/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 12

Details: The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appropriate for the season of Advent. Members of the church's music ministry, including Children's and Youth choirs, Handbell Choir, Parish Choir, and contemporary group SonShine, will come together to present

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Remember the loved ones you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the

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Fox Run's Yarncrafters give Olympic effort

The Yarncrafters at Fox Run in Novi gave an Olympic effort this summer so more than 100 athletes will have striped scarves to wear when they compete in the Michigan Special Olympics in February. The monumental but enjoyable project started last June right after Virginia Gardner told fellow Yarncrafters that the Michigan Special Olympics would need 2,500 scarves to outfit the athletes competing in the games in February.

The Special Olympics scarves can be made in any pattern and the Yarnerafters created an assortment of their own patterns for the project and donated the yarns in the two specified colors. They determined it would probably take three or four days to knit a scarf, depending on how much time knitters could devote, and that two skeins of yarn would yield three scarves with a little left over.

By August, Deloris Roman and fellow Yarncrafter Shirley Handley were curious to know how the project was coming along. So, they hosted a "Special Winter Olympics Knitting Spree" for all Yarncrafters to show their designs and accumulate their

scarves. "We met on a beautiful day on the poolside patio and enjoyed looking at the wonderful assortment of scarves while we knitted and enjoyed dessert," said Roman, a Fox Run resident since 2005 and founder of the Yarncrafters in

al people asked when we could do this again. I guess it was a huge success," she said. "Everybody really gravitated to this project because it's for Special Olympics," Roman said. "We couldn't bear for



Members of the Yarncrafters at Fox Run in Novi are pictured here modeling just a few of the 100+ scarves they knitted for athletes competing in the Michigan Special Olympics in February. Seated on the floor: Shirley Handley and Carolyn Bradley. Seated: Deloris Roman, Dorothy Robbins, Barbara Katterman, Peggy Schimpke, Virginia Gardner. Standing: Norma Nook, Delores Felice, Ruth Hayes, Jytte Wynn, Nan Pritchard, Bing Sung, Geneva Corbin, Mildred Perry, Yarncrafters not pictured include: Rosemary Beggs, Helen Casey, Bobbie Chirio, Joyce Christensen, Carolyn Gundlach, Elaine Gustafson, Takeko Hayashi, Sue LaMont, Jean Lytle, Jan Pickell, Nancy Ryan, Jane Schimeck and Anne Worpell.

some of the kids not to receive a scarf. We just wanted to do our bit. It's been a real fun project and everybody has

Roman said the project is winding down now so all scarves can be shipped to the Michigan Special Olympics before the Christmas rush.

The Yarncrafters isn't the only group knitting scarves, nor is this project the only one that members support. The Yarncrafters formed

to knit and crochet items for charity. Members knit together twice a month from September through June. Roman notes it's a very congeple. At least 20 people attend each meeting with some members working on their own and joining the group to bring

work they've finished. "We all chit chat and share ideas," Roman added. "It's strictly a social time and we're talking about everything, but everybody knows enough to stay away from politics. And, if we have a problem, there's always someone there who's a very good knitter who can

"We mainly make lap robes, afghans, children's hats, scarves and hats for people going through chemotherapy,' Roman said. All of the items are given to hospitals, church clothes closets for the poor and

for Renaissance Gardens." "We also are currently involved in knitting helmet liners for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and baby blanket squares for Beanie Baby stuffed animals that are distributed to shelters and children's hospitals,' she added. The helmet liners are provided to the Military Moms of Michigan that sends them overseas. Residents at Renaissance Gardens, the extended care neighborhood at Fox Run, wrap the stuffed animals in the blanket squares. The group accepts donations of acrylic yarn or members provide their own supplies. They also sell some of their items at the Holiday Fair at Fox Run to fund the cost of wool yarn specifically for the helmet liner project.

Roman adds that making the scarves for Special Olympics athletes has been a monumental project and that all the Yarncrafters are looking forward to seeing pictures of the Olympians in their scarves. "Wouldn't that be fun," she said with a grin.



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Gas prices have crept up again, but that won't stop Michiganians from traveling this Thanksgiving holiday period (Wednesday, Nov. 24, to Sunday, Nov. 28). According to AAA, around 1.3 million of us will travel 50 miles or more from home — that's nearly 9 percent more than last year.

Even though travelers are still cautious with their discretionary spending, and unemployment is still high, AAA Michigan President Steve

And when it comes to Michiganians, the mode of travel 94 percent of us prefer is vehicle. Actually, that's the same percentage

what's bolstering Thanksgiving And when it comes to Michiganians, the mode of travel 94 percent of us prefer nationally, which is is vehicle. Actually, that's the the highest AAA has same percentage nationally, which is the highest AAA has ever recorded for this ever recorded for this particuparticular holiday. lar holiday. Locally, expect to Locally, expect to pay pay \$3 per gallon — up 42 cents from 2009.

That's an increase we can live with; one we can't is the number of fatal crashes.

Wagner says many people are

in better financial shape now

than they were a year ago. That

(combined with the need to

spend time with loved ones) is

That's an increase we Eleven people lost their can live with; one we lives on Michigan roads last Thanksgiving. There are several steps that Michigan's State Police and AAA, through their Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)

partnership, are urging all motorists to follow this holi

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GUEST COLUMN

new governor is elected. Let's

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lapsed into a per-

Our democracy

has been hijacked

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If we do not stop this politically

death of our state and nation.

destructive behavior, it will be the

Michigan is in a deep economic

hole and people are angry. When

Make sure your vehicle is winter-ready, too, and carry a winter emergency kit: snow brush, shovel, ice scraper, flashlight, first aid kit and gloves, hats and blankets.

Following this simple advice will help save lives. Even if you don't plan on traveling, here's something all of us can do - focus on making the "Happy

Thanksgiving" greeting a true statement. It's not easy in these economic times, especially with unemployment over 12 percent. But that's lower than a year ago. And with Ford showing profit and GM's stock sale, the automakers appear to be on the road to recovery. And the recent election has given many hope of

recovery, too. But will any of these truly define "happy"? Perhaps for some. We know it doesn't come from material possessions. Sure, they make it easier, but do they bring lasting and genuine joy? Probably not. Doesn't true happiness come from being content with

what we have - no matter how meager our possessions or how trying our circumstances? As you sit down to celebrate Thanksgiving, look

around. Find the blessings in your life - family, friends, children. Take stock of the things that mean the most to

And then put the happy in your Thanksgiving by being grateful for your many blessings.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think this winter will be warmer or colder than normal?



fact it's been this cold already, it'll be a colder than normal winter."

"That's hard to tell right now. Let's wait until the severe weather gets here." Gene Michalak

"You know, the way it's been this year so far, I think it's going to be a warmer

Aparna Athreya



"It's off to an interesting start so far. I'm hoping it's not too rough of a

Rick Ladue

LETTERS

Fight crime in Novi

I never really thought too much about crime and viewed Novi as a safe city. However, recently I have considered law enforcement as a career

We the people of Novi can step up and do our part to improve crime. I encourage everyone to make sometime to explore the Novi Police website and learn about how you can help. Programs such as Novi's Eyes and Ears, residential security survey and Child Watch, to name a few, will help in the fight against crime and make Novi a safer place to live. Younger citizens

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all need to do our part to make Novi even safer and ensure the next crime isn't against you.

Six-hour school schedule needs

of Novi High School with the decision. Frustration with this new change in scheduling has been felt throughout the whole high school this year. With school events, sports, clubs and homework, students are feeling more stressed than ever with two more classes to balance into . their busy day.

After school students go to sports practices, club meetings and other activities and then have to fit in time for homework. With two more classes in this new schedule, it is nearly impos sible to get everything accomplished and still get the right amount of sleep. Not only will the sixperiod system affect students' amount of sleep, it will also impact their grades in a negative way. With too much homework to handle, students are now struggling more than ever to keep their grades high. With more and more complaints from students, changes need to be made at Novi

The Novi school board needs to highly reconsider their decision on the six-period schedule and make a compromise with the citizens of Novi. Without the support of the Novi citizens. the community will start to degrade. There are several solutions to this drastic problem. A simple one would be having budget cuts in different areas of the school. This could help get back a four-block schedule but still save money. To inform the community of Novi about the struggles of the high school, the school board needs to bring the scheduling issue to their attention. To get this complication known by the community, students of Novi High School need to attend school board meetings and speak out about the scheduling difficulties. Changes need to be made before the students of Novi crash and burn in frustration.

Alyssa Yarrish

Crime is all around us. You only need to turn on the TV, hit the web or open a newspaper to see its devastating effect. Stolen purse, catalytic convertor and GPS were all part of the Nov. 11 Novi Police Briefs. It is time for the citizens of Novi to join the cause in improving Novi's image as a safe city.

Lisa Weiskopf

In fairness, Novi's crime rates are very low and the recent trends are favorable when comtistics published by the FBI, burglaries dropped 21 percent and larceny/theft 14 percent from 2008 vs. the Michigan overall performance of 2 percent increase and 4 percent drop, respec-

choice and this has sparked my interest in

examining crime as I am exposed to other areas. My mother recently took a job with a health care firm based in Deerfield, III., and she lives in the surrounding area. When I have visited, I was struck by an impression of just feeling safe. As I researched, to my shock, their rate is about one half of Novi's. As an example, their burglary rate is 1.21 incidents per 1,000 people versus 2.5 in Novi. Now this does not seem like much, but with Novi's population it would amount to about 70

extra burglaries a year. can get involved as well by participating in the

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to change back

As many people know, the recession is affecting everyone across the country, and schools all over are using budget cuts to help them through these hard times. Novi schools are one of the several districts that have been involved in the heated debate over making risky budget cuts to save money. One of the most talked about cuts made by the Novi school board was the choice to go from a four-block system to a six-period system at Novi High School. Unfortunately, this effort to save money has infuriated the students

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Hob Nobble Gobble all the way home

SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST

The Parade Company went into overtime this year to host the 21st Annual Hob Nobble Gobble (HNG) four days earlier than the traditional night before Thanksgiving. In previous years, the HNG had been held at the Michigan

State Fairgrounds, but when

it closed down, a new site was Touchdown for the Ford family who stepped in and offered up Ford Field for one of the largest fund-raisers of the year, which boasted a sold-out crowd of 1,800 in the new venue on Saturday. Ford Field was turned into a veritable carnival, with rides that ncluded an enormous Ferris wheel and giant swinging ship, games, prize giveaways, food galore along the 50-yard line and spectacular entertainment including dancing and a performance by R&B singer

"Ticket sales were as strong as ever and we've had a wonderful reaction to the switch to Saturday night," said Parade Company President and CEO Tony Michaels. "Many people said that it was an easier, more enjoyable night because they

ticket price alone. The Hob Nobble Gobble.

Clown Corps and Big celebrates its 84th year. Saturday's Hob Nobble Gobble brought in over \$100,000 for the Parade

Ford family for their generous support. They did everything they could to make it a successful night," said Hob Nobble Gobble Chair Elaine McMahon of Birmingham. They, along with title sponsor PVS Chemicals, made a fantastic contribution to the

wouldn't have the hustle and bustle of the holiday the next

Watching people go down the giant slide in ball gowns was worth the tax-deductible

along with the Distinguished

Heads Corps, help raise the funds to produce America's Thanksgiving Parade which "We have to thank the

Adults and kids left Ford

Field Saturday night, tummies satiated and arms overflowing with stuffed animals, hats and balloons. Exhausted by incredibly happy, partygoers had five days to gear up for America's Thanksgiving Parade. The two-hour Parade will be featured on WDIV-TV

The Oknayans of Novi - Gasia, 10; Armen, 6; Elizabeth; and Talia Oknayan, 12 - come every year to the Hob Nobble Gobble. Elizabeth's father has taken her for at least 15 years - "back to the Cobo Hall days."

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As the last patron filed out, McMahon joked, "Well, by throwing this great bash on a Saturday night, it will give people a little recovery time 'til Thanksgiving."

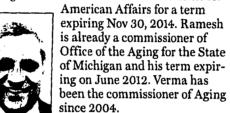
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Governor reappoints Verma

The Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm has reappointed Ramesh Verma from Novi, Michigan as Commissioner of Asian Pacific for



thus you are deserving of special recognition by

Granholm has given her tribute to Verma which says "Ramesh for your exceptional accomplishments as Michigan citizen and continued commitment to the service of others,

all the citizens of Michigan" Verma is a trustee of Novi Library Board and Treasurer of Michigan Democratic party. He said that he is honored and humble by this appointment and will do his best to perform the

Phillips joins Tastefully Simple Novi's Valerie Phillips has become an inde-

pendent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company. These independent business owners offer delicious food samples at home taste-testing parties, along with easy ideas for everyday meals, recipes, serving suggestions and fun. All of Tastefully Simple's products are open-and-enjoy or can be

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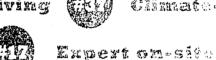
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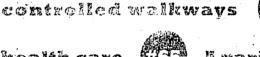
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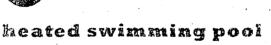




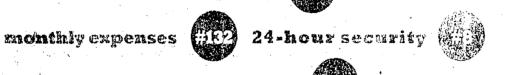
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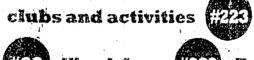
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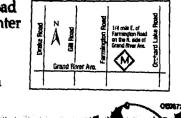
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you lose your job, savings and home, people tend to get mad. The only way to climb out of I am not suggesting Democrats the ditch is to work together. Now or members of his own party roll is the time not to retreat to our

to join together and develop a shared vision and common agenda. Sensible compromise is the canvas petual election cycle on which democracy and effective government is painted. Rick Snyder won the election.

Now is the time for him to lead - and do so boldly. Let's use him as an instrument of change to reinvent Michigan and get us working

again. The "loyal opposition" — Democrats and even members of his own party (many of whom are more partisan, ideological and further to the right than Snyder) - need to find ways to sail in the direction he is attempting to take to reinvent the state. And stick with him as opposed to tossing in the anchor to every solution he

over and play dead. They have an important check-and-balance role to play. However, the continuous Rottweiler attacks on every proposal brought forward must end. Honest debate on the merits - offering suggested modifications, changes and new ideas - is

It's time to end "gotcha" politics.

Becoming the party or caucus of

" No" or "Hell, no!", jamming a

stick in the spokes of every pro-

healthy and productive.

mode, remaining in our partisan political lanes.

Can't we all just get along? Election rancor leaves voters weary

Yet, there is no doubt that this partisan idiocy will not miraculously disappear

from under the Capitol dome because of Snyder's appearance. If Michigan has

a chance to reinvent itself and get the state working again we must all begin

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We have lost a decade and thousands of jobs by staying in a continuous election

move Michigan forward. Snyder is a pragmatist with disdain for nonsensical ideologi-

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posal offered, is not legislating. It's obstructionist and does nothing to cal debates that resemble a pogo stick convention - lots of jumping up and down but not getting any-

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If Michigan has a chance to rein-

Perhaps 2011 is a new beginning where progress and results trump pandering and partisan politics. Clearly, a working Michigan would lift all boats. So, let the campaign end so the

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Man arraigned in fatal crash killing South Lyon resident

A Novi man was arraigned Nov. 15 on charges stemming from the Oct. 31 fatal car crash killing South Lyon resident Donald Dinatale.

Robert Bennett, 54, appeared in 14A District Court in Pittsfield Township and faced five charges including operating while intoxicated causing death, possessing a weapon under the influence, operating with a high bloodalcohol concentration and operating while intoxicated. Sheriff officials said Bennett's

legal limit in Michigan is .07 or below. Bond for Bennett was set at \$5,000 cash surety. He is

scheduled to return to court

for a preliminary examination 1 p.m. Dec. 14. Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office community engagement director, said the Office was waiting for the Novi man to be released from the hospital before charges could be

brought. According to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, the 2008 Chevy truck driven by Bennett was traveling blood alcohol level was .19. The eastbound on Ford Road

at about 6:30 a.m. at nearly 80 mph when he was unable to stop, crashing into the rear of the 2010 Ford Focus driven by Deputies said the South

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Lyon man's vehicle was pushed upon impact into a 2010 Chevy driven by a 56-year-old Whitmore Lake woman. The Whitmore Lake woman and Novi man were transported to St. Joseph Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Dinatale, 57, was pro-

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nounced dead at the scene.

Novi Woods evacuated due to electrical problem

Students returned to school the following day

Novi Woods Elementary students went on an impromptu field trip last Wednesday when they were forced to evacuate the school because of electrical

The evacuation occurred shortly after 9:30 a.m. when the power went out in half of the building and came back on followed by a loud

Principal Pam Quitiquit helped get the students to the Novi Meadows sixthgrade gym and called the fire

Police and fire department personnel, as well as staff from the school district, walked the entire building, including the roof and air handling systems, and found no fire of evidence

DTE Energy workers arrived and determined the problem was with their pole on Taft

"high wire crew" to fix the problem. They said it would take about two hours for that Because the air handling

systems were not working

and heat and air could not be moved from the building, remainder of the day. Parents were called by the teachers to pick up their stu-

Students were back in school

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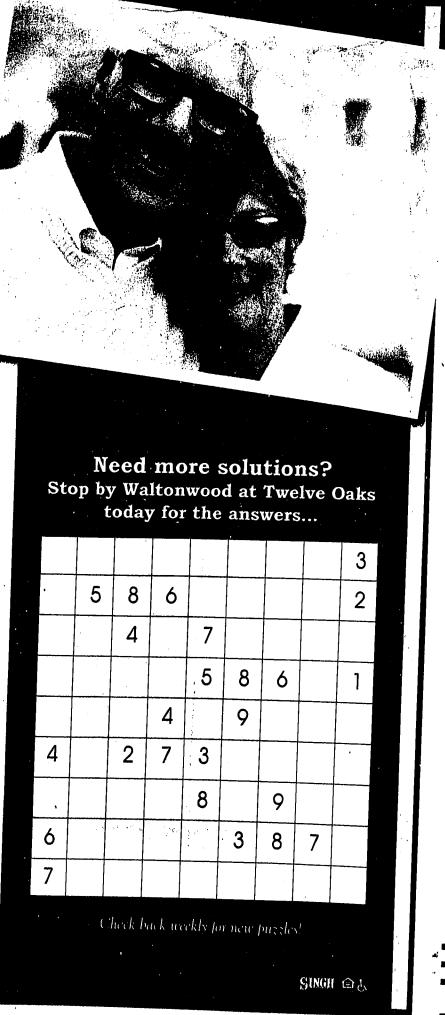
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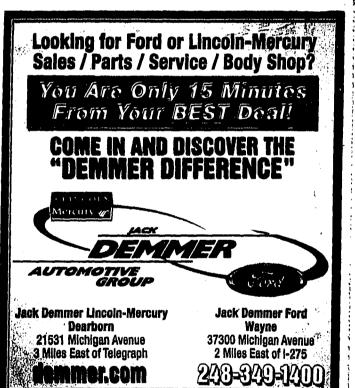
A singing luncheon

Elizabeth Coleman (above) enjoys a performance at the Novi Senior Center on Nov. 18 during its annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Attendees enjoyed a brief review of the recent musical put on at the Novi Civic Center by the senior center honoring the nation's fighting forces throughout the 20th century. Caroline Giese (left) laughs as she gets a hand from a fellow Novi Senior performer and her husband George, right, in re-tying her bow tie. The group were about to perform on at the center on Meadowbrook for its



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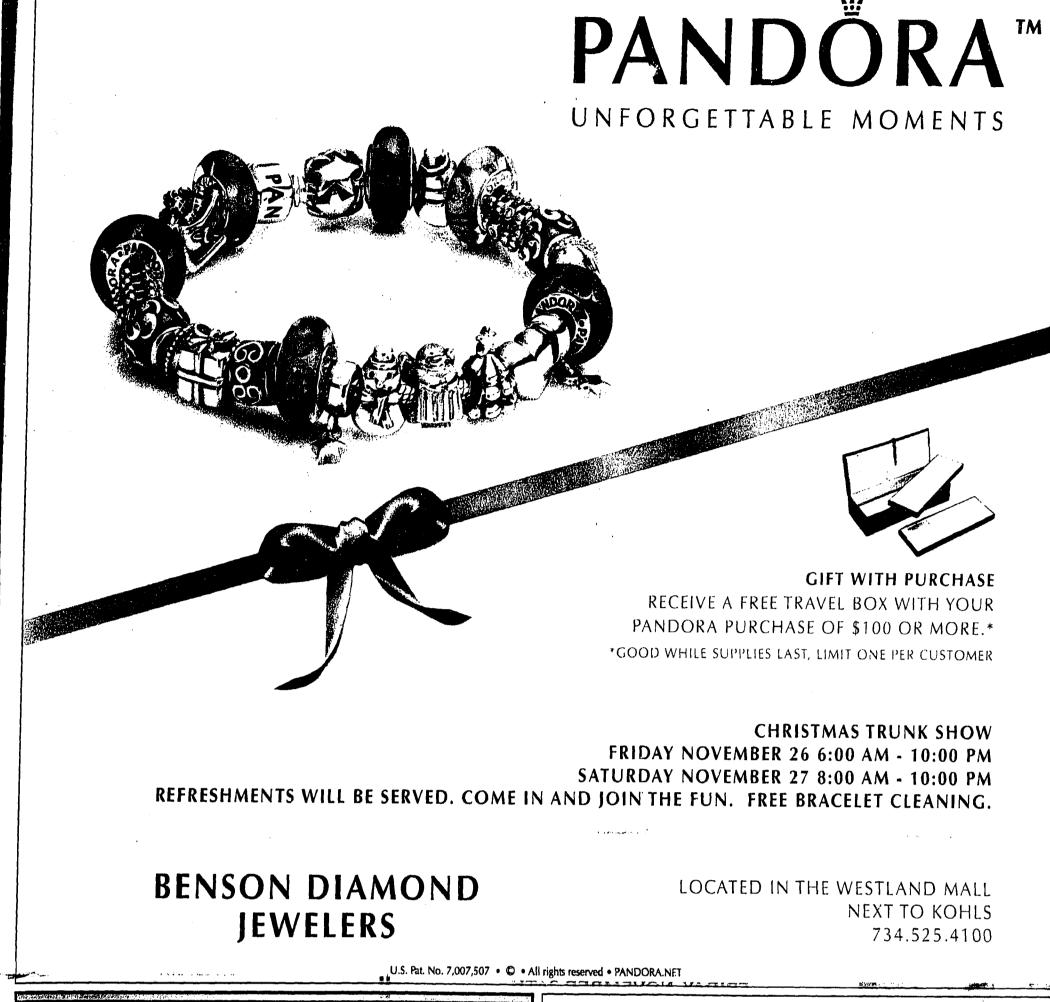
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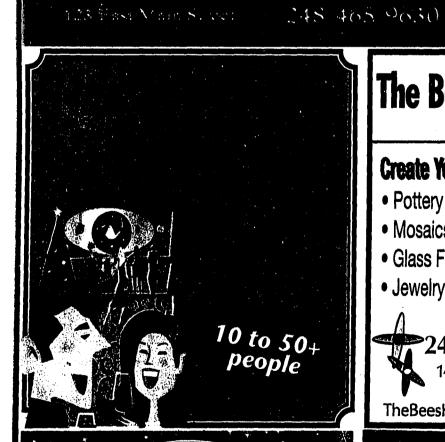
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By Alison Accavitti Advertorial writer

Abbey Park's Lyon Township community will transform into a holiday haven filled with festive cheer this Friday, kicking off the annual Festival of Trees celebration that supports local charity and community giving. "Various community groups

will deck our halls with holiday trees trimmed to the 9's and 10's, said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator, "Our residents, their families and the local community are invited to vote through Dec. 12 for their favorite tree with a \$1 donation. The winning tree will be announced at our Holiday Party. All proceeds will go to the charities designated by the groups and organizations competing in this year's festival."

Located on Milford Road just south of Grand River Avenue in Lyon Township, Abbey Park has transformed into a popular attraction for seniors looking for affordable retirement living near friends and family. The community has welcomed 32 new residents since September and has leased 130 apartments since opening in January 2009.

"A lot of residents here are from the South Lyon area and further out," said Thomasine Blake, 82, who moved from Farmington Hills to Abbey Park in August 2009. "They just make me feel so welcome here. I

haven't met one person who isn't nice." Many residents share Thomasine's Helen Spehar, 93, said she moved to Abbey Park to be closer to her son, who

"My son Bob saw this unit, and he loved it," Helen said. "I really like it here, and I'm really, really happy. I have friends who live here too."

Something for everyone

The Festival of Trees is just one of many exciting activities scheduled at



Festive holiday decorations, warm smiles, lots of cheer and an extensive schedule of visiting performances by local schools and community group make Abbey Park at Mill River a great place to spend the holidays.

Abbey Park. Residents recently enjoyed martinis and a little midnight madness at the community's first Pearls, Pumps and Pajamas Party. In celebration of the autumn season, residents were treated to an Oktoberfest event including serv-

A recent post on Abbey Park's facebook page: "My grandmother is moving in today." I think she'll like it!"

ing wenches, musical entertainment,

marching waiters, bratwurst, cabbage,

German potato salad and apple strudel

A typical week at Abbey Park

kicks off on Sunday with an elegant

Champagne Brunch, all faiths church

service and relaxing time with family

and friends. An average week at Abbey

Park offers over 45 events and activities,

including live entertainment, Bingo,

ly dinner trips, chair fitness classes.

card clubs, two ice cream socials, week-

shopping, scheduled chauffeured trans-

portation, movies and a weekly Happy

- along with a little beer.

- Holly Wolf, granddaughter of Eve

"Anything our seniors are willing to do, we make available to them," Ward said. "We encourage residents to be as active as they can be for as long as possible so they can maintain their inde-

Residents also enjoy monthly casino

Like a community all

their own, residents operate

a small Country Store with

basic grocery and personal

items, and participate on a

the daily menu and activities

council that weighs in on

trips, trips to Kensington Metro Park

and the apple orchard, attendance

at local plays and concerts and visits

to annual festivals, such as Milford

Memories and Pumpkinfest.

Live, longer, happier and healthier

A full activity schedule, great food and a wealth of amenities are just the beginning at Abbey Park. The community features 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a beautiful dining

> room, delicious meals, in addition to a café, theater, chapel, library, fitness center, beauty shop and the reassurance of a full-facility Abbey Park resi-

dents are no strangers to the local community. Group trips are planned for events like the Milford Veterans Day Parade and Milford Memories Summer Festival, plays and performances at South Lyon East High

Abbey Park has generously supported many local events and organizations including South Lyon Pumpkinfest, the Lyon Township Kite Festival, Lyon Film Festival, the Center for Active Adults

School, shopping trips and

other nearby restaurants.

dinner outings at Deadwood

Bar & Grill in Northville and

Active Faith Community Services, Operation Injured Soldier and the Lyon Area Rotary Club in addition to Grace Care Center in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. Located across from Coyote Golf Course, Abbey Park offers affordable luxury. From beautifully landscaped grounds and courtyards to an elegant lobby with fountains,

fireplaces, a grand piano and

comfortable lounge areas, residents are proud to welcome visitors to their new home.

Life at Abbey Park includes a variety of complimentary conveniences that are often an added expense at other communities. On a daily basis, housekeepers make the beds and take out trash, and residents can enjoy a continental breakfast in the cafe, and a delicious lunch or dinner in the Grand Dining Room. Once a week, all residents are treated to full cleaning services, including laundering bed linens and towels. There are nine floor plans to choose from, ranging from one to two bedrooms, with walk-in closet options. All apartments include either a balcony or a patio and a medical monitoring system that is easily accessed from several areas within each unit. Heat, water, electricity and basic cable services are also

With an average of 45 weekly events and activities to choose from, days at Abbey Park are full of fun and friendship. Activity Director Cindy Kometh and Hospitality Director Charles Duty work full-time to provide opportunities for great food, socialization and enter-

The community stays connected on its facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com and search "Abbey Park" to to check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events. The community also produces a monthly newsletter, weekly activity schedule and a daily posting of menus, schedules and photos from previous events on their in-house

"Our friendly staff members arrive each day and work with one directive: to treat our residents as if they are our own parents," Ward said. "As a result, we all feel like part of one big family here; this is our home away from



Last year, 16 community groups participated in Abbey Park's Festival of Trees. Proceeds from every \$1 vote will benefit charities designated by groups and organizations competing in this



SECTION B SPORTS

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As his teammates skate around him, Novi goalie Michael Pesendorfer mans the net against South Lyon.

Wildcat icers tear through opponents

Novi shuts out two at Metro Invite

The 'Gats (2-0-0) were scheduled to host Plymouth Salem last night in the Rocks' season opener before hitting the road 3:30 p.m. Saturday for their first road game of the season, at Plymouth

"If we stay out of the box, yea." Novi coach Todd Krygier said of liking his chances against the two KLAA South schools. "If we actually keep playing our game and keep out of the box, I'm looking forward to playing anyone in the state."

Novi will then host defending KLAA champion Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Novi Ice Arena in what could be an early measuring stick for the young season.

Two games into the season and the Wildcats' ice hockey team is shaping up to be an offensive dynamo. Novi outscored two opponents a combined 10-0 while hosting the Metro Invite at Novi Ice Arena last Friday and Saturday. The team

also totaled a 76-15 shot advantage. "I thought we played well. It's always nice to start out with two wins," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "(Michael) Kruse is doing a real nice job on defense. Everyone did pretty

A senior playing his first season with the Wildcats, Kruse paired with veteran senior Nolan Valleau to keep Novi's zone clear, helping senior netminder Michael Pesendorfer pick up his first two shutouts of the season behind seven- and eight-save performances. Novi started out hot against Rochester United in Friday's opening contest, demolishing a usually physical team 8-0.

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Wildcat Mason Pew in action against South Lyon on

Wildcat swimmers finish 11th in state

Berman earns All-State honors after committing to MSU

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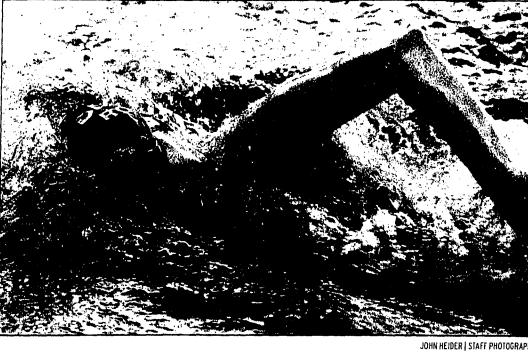
A tough preliminary round left Novi's swim and dive team at the short end of the stick batting for a Division I state championship. The girls who advanced had a much better showing during the second day of competition, allowing the Wildcats to finish 11th. Between three individuals and

two relay teams qualifying last

Friday for two events apiece in last Saturday's finals, Novi finished with 70 points in a pool of 38 schools at Oakland University. Saline repeated as state champions with 307 points, followed by Holland West Ottawa's 221 and Bloomfield Hills Marian's 194. The KLAA Central Division was well represented, as South Lyon finished fourth in Division with 190.5 points and Livonia Stevenson and Northville tied for

Plymouth Salem was 21st with 27 "In awe at how fast the meet was from top to bottom, a lot of crazy fast swims," Novi coach Eric to a migraine headache during Lynn said. "Huge representation by the KLAA, showing just how

ninth with 72, just ahead of Novi.



Salem's Abby Aumiller swims at Friday's MHSAA state final preliminary round at Oakland University

backstroke champion Andrea VanderMev had a bittersweet showing at this year's meet. Due eliminary swims on Friday, anderMey landed outside the top eight in 59.80 seconds, meaning

she would not be able to repeat

as state champion (56.12 seconds in 2009) during Saturday's finals flight and could finish no better than ninth place in the event, but no worse than 16th, by swimming

in the B-final. The sophomore did just that, finishing ninth in a career-best 56.07 seconds, a full 2.6 seconds faster than the 10th-place finisher, but also 0.66 seconds better than the overall runner up. It was 3.92 seconds faster than anderMey's season best and

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CC hockey bows in season opener

Orchard Lake St. Mary's gets edge against defending state champion

BY SAM EGGLESTON

Detroit Catholic Central hockey coach Todd Johnson isn't kidding himself or his team: They knew heading into the season that they weren't going to be

To be the best, you have to play the best, and the Shamrocks hockey team found out in their seasonopening game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's that sometimes that means taking a loss or two. The

Shamrocks, the two-time defending Division I state champions, fell, 3-2, against the Catholic High School The Detroit Catholic League foes to start the year

excellence that has come to be

Central Shamrocks hockey team will "(The) schedule is tough," be back on the ice said Johnson. "We're not Wednesday when going to win every game." Despite the tough schedthey take on Grosse ule. Johnson admits that his Pointe North on the team has a lot of work to do in road at 8:30 p.m. order to maintain the level of

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expected from them. "It was a high intensity game that was very even but we made a couple of big mistakes that ended up in our net," he said.

Scoring for Orchard Lake St. Mary's was Cody Milan, a freshman who tallied two goals. His first game in the first period on an unassisted, shortnanded breakaway goal. He added a second score on a power play in the second period with assists from Shane Bednard and Conner Lyons. Trevor Bardallis scored the final tally for the Eaglets with Alex Fasan getting the assist.

Stats for Detroit Catholic Central were not available at press time but can be seen on the team's website at www.mihl.org.

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Catholic Central's Joe Dubè lost only one game out of 24 in nis first two matches during the MHSAA regional tennis games hosted by Novi High on Oct. 8. Here he is shown playing on Friday morning against his second opponent.

CC's Dubè earns best in area again

If the state coaches association names a studentathlete Mr. Tennis, it should be no surprise that he also earns the All-Area Player of the Year honor. That distinction goes to Detroit Catholic Central senior

In the one singles slot for the Shamrocks, Dubè was 24-3 this season (116-8 career) while finishing second in the state after winning Catholic League and regional championships in his flight.

"Joe has been one of the most successful student-

athletes in the history of the Catholic Central tennis program," CC coach Joe Stafford said. "Joe is a 4.0 student and I am very proud of how he has conducted himself in the classroom, as well as on the court. He has been a class act, an outstanding team captain and great teammate. He has shown a great deal of poise and maturity in his four years at Catholic Central. He has inspired his team-mates and coaches with his leadership, determination and self control.' Dubè has been named All-State and All-Catholic four times apiece. He also won this season's Hoxie Award (Outstanding Male High School Tennis Player) from the U.S. Tennis Association's Southeastern

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RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Rachel Barrett, Milford

Kerri McMahan, Novi

Nicole Mosteller, Northville

Rachel Coleman, Northville

Gina McNamara, Northville

Lauren Kettle, Milford

Alex Rodriquez, Northville

Sarah McDonald, Lakeland

Maggie Sadler, South Lyon

Christina Swain, South Lyon

HONORABLE MENTION

South Lyon: Caitlin Millis,

Meghan Shelton, Katie Beaber

South Lyon East: Courtney

Collins, Sarah Sherman, Callie

Northville: Claire Courtney

Milford: Alana Noone, Jennie

Shayna Joyner, Mikaela Jaklic

"She has the desire to be great

and the willingness to learn

what it will take to develop

Feigley, Brittany Greenleaf,

Olsen, Megan Hoorn

Novi: Victoria Cortez

Erin Dunne, Northville

Lina Erlingis, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Jackie Mullins, Novi

Erin Zimmer, Northville

Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland

FIRST TEAM

"I thought we played well, obviously. I think Rochester is a little down this year, or a slow start," Krygier said. The Falcons didn't have much of an answer for the Wildcats, who kicked off the season when sophomore Jon Mencer put one in the back of the net after junior Jacob Mastropaolo and Valleau set him up. Mencer had a second goal later in the game to put

Novi ahead 5-0. Following suit with goals of their own were junior Brock Krygier (two assists), senior Zach Mohr (one assist), junior Dylan Shepard (one assist), junior Kent Burnett (three assists), senior Joey Ferriss (one assist) and Valleau, who assisted on Burnett's goal, in activity after the whistle and addition to Mencer's seasonopening goal. Sophomore Mark Baker chipped in with one assist and Kruse and iunior Curtis Herzog each had two assists apiece as the

Wildcats rolled. Todd Krygier said his team moved the puck around well, but the team's ongoing problems with penalties continues and got worse during Saturday's 2-0 victory over visiting Clarkston.

"Against Clarkston, it was one of these games where there were too many penalties and it interrupted the flow of the game," Todd Krygier said. "We've got to



Novi Wildcat Joey Ferriss faces off.

stay out of the penalty box. Fortunately, our penalty kill was strong and their power play was weak."

Novi picked up 12 penalties against Clarkston and eight against Rochester, slowing the Wildcat offense as they had to stay on their toes while playing shorthanded much of the game. "There was just too much stupid mistakes. There's no

reason for that," said Todd Krygier, who noted he hoped to fix the problem before KLAA play this week. "We'll put an end to it. All we can do it focus on the next game." to make the transition from Pesendorfer held down the fort in goal while senior

Taylor Howell got the game winner. Ferris and Burnett assisted, and Howell in the game. Valleau was also First Team All-Conference. credited with an assist on the second goal.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer develop so much in only her

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Milford's Barrett leads strong list of underclassmen

SPORTS WRITER

Milford girls cross country has had quite a storied past. What Rachel Barrett did this year rewrote the record JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER books for Milford freshmen. Barrett capped off a stellar

> season with a 16h-place finish at the State Finals, finishing in 18:09. Her time places her second all-time for Milford girls behind only 2006 State Champion Carlie Green. "Rachel's performance at the State Finals sure was an impressive one," said coach

Brian Salvers. "For a freshmen to place 16th in one of the fastest races in state history speaks volumes about her composure and ability to perform under any circumstances. She is a runner well beyond her years, as performances such as this reveal. "Rachel has impressed me with her poise, confidence and character all season. These traits have allowed her

middle school to high school in a seamless fashion." Barrett's strong season allowed her to earn All-State honors, finish second at returned the favor by assist- regionals, earn county medaling on a goal by Ferriss later ist and ran to a spot on the

"Rachel is obviously gifted

physically, but it is her coachher talent. I am very excited ability that allowed her to about the possibilities of her distance running career at and former Novi News staff writer. first season," said Salvers. Milford High School."

> FIRST TEAM MORGAN BRIDGEWATER, LAKELAND

The junior Eagle highlighted her season with an All-State performance at the State Finals, finishing 18th in 18:13. Throughout the season, she finished fourth at the the State Finals, finishing West Bloomfield/Brother Rice 52nd in 18:59. She earned Invite, fourth at the Holly Invite and fifth at regionals. "Morgan did not have a bad

race the entire season." said coach John Kababik. "By the State Meet, she blossomed into one of the best runners in "She's a great leader who KERRI MCMAHAN, NOVI

and All-Region. have provided a 1-2 punch to honors.

28th at the State Finals in

petitiveness and leadership abilities.' NICOLE MOSTELLER, NORTHVILLE The Mustang freshman set

a new school record with a 18:41 finish. She went on to finish 39th at the State Finals her focus and persistency." in 18:50. She earned All-Regional and All-Conference honors. "She's an outstanding addition to the program real

competitor, hard worker and determined, great pack run- She earned All-Conference ner," said coach Nancy Smith. honors and led the team up "She was medalist at every invite we attended." RACHEL COLEMAN, NORTHVILLE the way. Another super freshman for the Mustangs, Coleman holds the second best all-time per-

18:43. She finished 50th at

the State Finals in 18:56. She

earned All-Region and All-Conference honors. "She's a real competitor, great racer, great pack runner and medaled at all invites," said Smith.

The Mustang freshman finished one spot behind her other freshman teammates on the all-time list with an 18:53. ran her best time of the year She set the time at the State Finals, finishing 43rd overall. "She's a competitor, a great addition, a great racer and hard worker," said Smith.

ERIN ZIMMER, NORTHVILLE

The Mustang junior made her second appearance at All-Conference for the thirdstraight year and All-Region 19:57. for the second time. "Gina worked hard to com-

GINA MCNAMARA, NORTHVILLE

pete with her three freshman teammates," said Smith. the state, achieving All-State finally had someone to chal-

LAUREN KETTLE, MILFORD son-best time of 20:06. Injuries held the Milford

to finish fourth at regional, helping to lead the team to 18:31. Her accolades include All-County, All-Conference the State Finals. Kettle finished 56th in 19:02 at states. "Kerri has been competitive She earned Academic Allall year," said coach Marsha State, Regional Medalist, and Reid. "She and Jackie Mullins Third Team All-Conference

our roster. She has great com- "It was Lauren's perseverance that personified our regional championship team," said Salyers. "No matter the situation, she kept focused and worked to overcome barriers and obstacles. Her success this season is a tribute to

SECOND TEAM

JACKIE MULLINS, NOVI The Novi sophomore had a season-best finish of 18:54. until the county meet when an injury hurt her the rest of

ALEX RODRIQUEZ, NORTHVILLE The Northville sophomore made a return trip to formance for Northville with the State Finals, finished in 102nd. Her season-best time of 19:07 came at the regional meet. She earned All-Conference honors. ERIN DUNNE, NORTHVILLE

The Mustang sophomore ran a season-best 19:53 to finish 143rd at the State Finals. It was her second appearance at states.

LINA ERLINGIS, MILFORD The Milford freshman at the State Finals to finish 117th in 19:35. She ran the eighth-fastest time for Milford freshman. She was a medalist at the County meet. SARAH MCDONALD, LAKELAND The Eagle junior finished

off the season by finishing 216th at the State Finals. She also placed 12th at regionals. She ran a season-best time of MAGGIE SADLER, SOUTH LYON

The South Lyon junior won Team MVP honors. Her best time of the season was 20:03. Christina Swain, South The Lion junior has a sea

BILL BELL & ALEX BRIZARD (NOVI JR/SR. 2D)

entire year."

ALL-AREA BOYS TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joe Dubè, CC FIRST TEAM Michael Dubè, CC Eric Guindi, CC Michael Trupiano, CC Kevin Renehan, SL East Alex Kim, Milford Willy Willson & Kevin Hodges, CC Bill Bell & Alex Brizard, Novi Jason Carless & Greg Richard,

"Michael was dominant this year. He never looks rattled SECOND TEAM and always gives a 100% percent effort," CC coach Joe Tudor Bahmata, SL East Stafford said. "Michael only Pavan Rao, Novi lost one set in a tiebreaker all Matt Evasic, Northville year. His 33 6-0 set victories is Nate Albanelli, Northville a record for the CC tennis pro-Andrew Ying, Novi gram. Michael is a very tough Brandon Kosinski & Derek competitor and is looking to Mumaw, CC pick up right where his older

online at hometownlife.com

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FIRST TEAM

MICHAEL DUBÈ (CC FR. 2S)

and winning a state cham-

pionship at two singles, the

younger Dubè earned All-

Racking up a 32-0 record

State and All-Catholic honors.

He won 33 sets 6-0 this sea-

brother left off for us."

ERIC GUINDI (CC JR. 3S)

Earning a state champion-

ship at three singles, Guindi

went 32-1 this season (87-6

career), while earning All-

Catholic honors and a 3.9

"Eric is a tough competitor

who knows how to win," CC

coach Joe Stafford said. "In

his three years at CC, he has

amassed 13 state finals points

championships. He is a char-

The tandem went 30-2 to

winning regional and Catholic

League titles. The pair earned

"Willy and Kevin are both

All-Catholic league honors.

talented singles players and

vidual titles in singles this

year. When I told them we

bles this year, they said that

they would do whatever the

team needed," CC coach Joe

unselfishness that makes for

a state championship team.

No. 1 doubles was a very deep

flight this year with a lot out-

standing teams and this was a

position of strength for us the

Stafford said. "It's that kind of

probably could have won indi-

needed them to play No. 1 dou-

grade point average.

ning attitude."

(CC JRS. 1D)

Sanders, Novi HONORABLE MENTION Alex Garrigo, Lakeland Ross Kynast, Lakeland Matt Satterfield, Northville Anthony Rossi, Northville Drew Baldwin, Northville Brian Manney, Northville Michael Chang, Novi Nishant Kakar, Novi

Stephen Kovacinski & Brandon

Jon Thompson, Novi for us and two individual state Andrew Cho, Novi acter person who brings a win-WILLY WILLSON & KEVIN HODGES The duo set a school record for victories with a 29-2 record while winning KLAA finish second in the state after Kensington Conference and

> regional championships en route to finishing second at the state meet. "Bill Bell and Alex Brizard were a very strong No. 2 doubles team. Their 29 wins and appearance in the finals of the state tournament shows how dominating this pair was for Novi this year." Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "This team

won seven three-set matches and seemed to play their best tennis when the pressure was KEVIN RENEHAN (SOUTH LYON EAST JR. 1S) Finishing second in

Michael is a really hard worker the KLAA Kensington and a very smart player." Conference, Renehan plowed through the competition and

champion 6-1, 6-2 as Renehan compiled a 23-2 record and regional championship. He won 15 matches 6-0, 6-0.

"Kevin is not only a great individual player but is also a great team player," East coach Matt Admiraal said. "He works very hard to improve his game and also works hard to help the other players on our team improve. He has a great attitude

RICHARD (NOVI SO/SR. 1D) The KLAA Kensington Conference champions went 22-4, with two of their four losses coming to CC's tandem en route to a state semifinal

Richard proved to be one of the top doubles teams in Division 1," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Jason's consistent groundstrokes and Greg's aggressive net game produced a very good doubles team that had many big wins during the season.'

results for a freshman, but wait 'til next year." Amassing a 31-1 record, Trupiano plowed through the competition to win an indi-

also won the Catholic League and regional titles while earning All-Catholic honors. "Michael was rock solid for us this year and he dominated on the court," CC coach Joe Stafford said. "He lost two sets all year and he only lost eight games total in four matches en route to winning an individual state championship at No. 4 singles at the state finals.

SECOND TEAM defeated the Lakes Conference BRANDON KOSINSKI & DEREK

MUMAW (CC SRS. 3D) The pair of 6-feet-3 seniors

went 27-5 and finished second in the state within their flight. They also earned All-Catholic honors alongside regional and Catholic League titles. NATHAN FAROOQ & CHAITANYA KANITKAR (NOVI SRS. 3D) After winning the KLAA

JASON CARLESS & GREG with a 18-4 record. TUDOR BAHMATA (SLE JR. 2S) The 15-1 record would have been even more impressive if it included more tournament play. Bahmata didn't play in the KLAA Kensington

"Jason Carless and Greg Northville.

ALEX KIM (MILFORD FR. 1S) A student at International Academy West, Kim went 22-3 and won the KLAA Lakes Conference championship. He was also a regional finalist and state qualifier for the Eagles. "For once I have a very easy and obvious choice to send

you. Alex played No. 1 singles and went a solid 22-3 for the season," Milford coach Rich managed to improve through- son best 100 fly time by 0.74 Kynast said. "Pretty solid MICHAEL TRUPIANO (CC SO. 4S)

vidual state championship. He

At 16-9, Albanello was a KLAA Kensington Conference She set season bests in both the champion and regional runner 50 free and 100 free, finishing up. His conference championship was a three-hour match that avenged a prior loss earlier in the season. ANDREW YING (NOVI FR. 2S)

Although his record dropped finals. Bloomfield Hills Marian's to 12-14, Ying made it to the Jaynie Pulte won the event in a KLAA Kensington Conference Division I record 23.24 seconds. semifinals after taking many opponents to extra sets tance, Buha knocked 0.44 seconds off her best 100 free time, throughout the season. finishing in the finals in 53.90

just 0.11 seconds behind champion Kayla Douglas of Livonia

Franklin (55.96). VanderMey had a similar situation in the 200 individual Kensington Conference cham- medley. A poor preliminary pionship, this pair fell short of swim placed her in the B-final, other titles. They regional run- where she took ninth in a seaners-up and state semfinalists son-best 2:07.26, which ended up being better than the overall fourth-place finishers 2:13.17. Ann Arbor Huron's Anna

Division I-record 2:02.87. Friday, she was ill and had a Conference tournament, but migraine; but being the great won his regional flight, as well swimmer she is, was still able as key matches throughout to hold onto top 16 in both of the season against Novi and her swims, the IM and back." Lynn said. "On Saturday, feel-STEPHEN KOVACINSKI & ing much better, she hit ninth BRANDON SANDERS (NOVI JRS. 4D) in both of those swims, with

seconds, breaking the one-

Brighton's Morgan Zebley won

the event in a Division I record

Working with double the dis-

With a 23-5 record, the pair won the KLAA Kensington IM and second fastest time in Conference championship the back." before finishing second at Senior Becca Berman set regionals and then losing in the state semifinals. Two of

verbally committing earlier in their five losses came to Ann the week to swim at Michigan Arbor Huron. State University next year. PAVAN RAO (NOVI SO. 1S) Berman edged out her previous The young leader of the best in the 500 free by 7.22 sec-Wildcats' squad, Rao's record onds, as she finished seventh in is deceiving at 14-12. He 5:04.01. Stevenson's Savannah advanced to the regional semi- Hatt won the event in 4:55.66. finals among a strong field and Berman also beat her sea-

out the season. MATT EVASIC (NORTHVILLE SO. minute mark in 59.68 seconds. Winning the KLAA Kensington Conference cham- 54.57 seconds. pionship behind a 19-6 season.

Evasic was also a regional rune eight, All-State in the 500 and NATE ALBANELLI (NORTHVILLE

16th in both events. Buha knocked her 24.77-seconds best down to 24.53 seconds in the 50 free preliminary, and

finished in 24.91 seconds in the

Andrea VanderMey swims the breaststroke at Friday's MHSAA state final preliminary round at Oakland seconds. Ann Arbor Pioneer's DeMonte won the event in a Hanna Cowley won the event in 50.80 seconds. "Andrea had a tough time on "Maranda also swam excep-

tional. She squeezed into the very, very fast 50 and 100 free top 16," Lynn said. The Wildcats didn't have anyone competing in the 200 free, 100 breaststroke or 1-meter dive, and the 400 free relay team didn't make it out of preliminarthe fourth fastest time in the ies, but the other two relay teams

made the final day of competi-VanderMey and Buha teamed season bests in two events after with seniors Sarah Sultana and Madalyn Buha in the 200

medley relay and tied Salem for 11th in the event in 1:52.33, just shy of their season best 1:52.29. Marian's team won the event in 1:46.27 The Buha sisters teamed with junior Abby Hall and sophomore Kara Berg in the 200 free relay and finished an All-State

seventh place in 1:40.43, which was better than their season best 1:40.64, but not as good as the 1:40.22 the group swam the day before during preliminaries. "Overall, in a season that has

"Becca had a great meet; top brought a team with a new coach top 16 in her fly," Lynn said. and lots of confusion, we had a Sophomore Maranda Buha great season, all swam fast and I was consistent as Novi's third couldn't be more satisfied," Lynn individual state finals finisher.

With a strong core of returning swimmers, the Wildcats should be in good shape next fall. However, the losses of Berman, Madalyn Buha, Sultana and seniors Jacque Carless and Abby Glenn will open up large holes in the lineup, especially in the three relays, requiring younger Wildcats to step up.

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HAVE A STORY IDEA?



A masterpiece

Holland Michigan-based photographer Gary Odmark works on one of his acrylic oil paintings during the recent Great Lakes Art Fair at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Odmark and hundreds of artists from across the country displayed and sold their wares.

Hear federal tax lectures

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will present federal tax lectures from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

Hear the latest in business and individual federal taxes from two of MACPA's most highlyrated speakers, Steve Dilley and Doug Van Der Aa. This comprehensive program gets you up to date on the key issues that affect your clients today. Spend the day with Steve and Doug - this program is guaranteed to make an impact! Recommended CPE Credit is eight hours. Cost for MACPA members is \$215; \$315 for reg- beverage redeemable upon a future visit at any

Register at www.michcpa.org using the course code FTL or call 888-877-4273. Cooper-Standard's third quarter

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive Inc., announced strong financial performance for the third quarter of 2010.

Cooper Standard reported sales for the third quarter of \$585.7 million, an increase of 13.1 percent over the third quarter of 2009. The company's sales for the first three quarters of 2010 were \$1.8 billion, an increase of \$442.7 million, or 32.4 percent, from the same period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to an improvement in automotive production volumes in most regions of the world.

Gross profit in the third quarter was \$102.1 million or 17.4 percent of sales. Gross profit for the first three quarters of 2010 was \$312.8 million, or 17.3 percent of sales, compared to \$175.2 next snowstorm" said Troy Clogg, owner. "This is million, or 12.8 percent of sales, for the first three quarters of 2009.

The company posted net income for the third quarter of \$20:8 million compared to \$10.8 million in the previous year. The improvement was due to the increase in automotive production volumes and the company's improved cost structure. Caribou Coffee helps Goodwill

The "12 Days of Christmas" campaign sponsored by 89x Radio and Caribou Coffee encourages Metro Detroiters to donate new toys for area children whose parents are unemployed and working toward new jobs with help from Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Donations will be accepted at all 19 Metro

Detroit Caribou Coffee locations - including Novi (47490 Grand River Avenue) from Nov. 26 through Dec. 7.

The toys will be available for purchase in Goodwill Industries' Santa Shop, which offers individuals receiving employment education and training support from Goodwill the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their children at greatly discounted prices. Santa Shop shoppers are Goodwill Industries clients working to pecome trained, trusted and ready to work.

Anyone donating a new, unwrapped toy to Goodwill Industries at any of Metro Detroit's 19 Caribou Coffee locations throughout the campaign will receive one dollar off a Caribou area Caribou Coffee location.

Troy Clogg joins SnowCare for Troops

Troy Clogg Landscape Associates, LLC of Wixom joins ranks with the SnowCare for Troops' program, a new community-based program to provide free snow removal services for military families with a spouse or family member serving in the armed forces. Troy Clogg Landscape Associates will participate with snowplow and landscape professionals from across the country that donate their services and time to ease the burden on military families seeking help on the home front. SnowCare for Troops is a national program coordinated by Project EverGreen and underwritten by THE BOSS Snowplow.

"We're proud to support the SnowCare for Troops program and lend a hand to help our local military families who already carry so much on their shoulders, the last thing they should be worrying about is digging out after the just one small way we can say thank you for their dedication to country and military service."

Before the first snow flies, Troy Clogg Landscape Associates is urging interested military families to register for participation in the SnowCare for Troops program by calling (248) 685-0123, visit www.projectevergreen.com/scft or call toll free at 1-800-611-2956. Participation

Along with the participation from Troy Clogg Landscape Associates, there are many opportunities for the community to get involved, including loaning snow removal equipment to volunteers or groups, and donating money, transportation or gas cards to offset the snow

Oakland County offers December workshops

Business owners and entrereneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars n December, 2010 offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating

Unless otherwise noted, eminars are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford, For ore-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/ peds/calendar, or call (248)

858-0783. Fundamentals of Starting a Business is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 2,

from 6-9 p.m.
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26 - Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

16 - SBA Forum on Small Business Lending 16 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM) 23 - WBE Certification Orientation

23 - Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM) The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

by Denise Roberts, Sales Partners-Troy. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m.-noon

Pre-Business Research - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference

Librarian. This workshop is

free, but pre-registration is required. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6-9:30 p.m.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 16, from



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By Sally Rummel Advertorial Writer

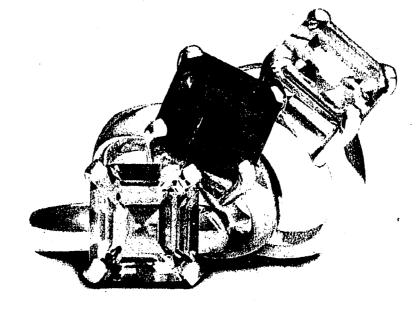
You are attending a holiday party and everyone comments about the fashionable, sophisticated bracelet you are wearing. You smile, and say, "I just got it at Rottermond Jewelers, and you won't believe the price."

This new line of high fashion, sophisticated, well-priced jewelry is from Metalsmiths Sterling, a European inspired company established for over ten years has just launched it's brand in the U.S. this year to the applause of sophisticated jewelry lovers who want something unique, well-made and at a price point that makes you feel good about wearing it.

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"We feel this is going to be one of the most sought after designers lines that we have added to our store this year," said Cindi Rottermond, Vice President of Rottermond Jewelers in Milford and Brighton. "When Metalsmiths Sterling" was introduced at a jewelry show earlier this year, it was the most sought after line by jewelers. We are proud to be one of only three jewelers in Michigan to carry this fine

The quality of the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line speaks for itself, yet has been tigious of honors, named as a member of the American Gemologist Society (only 5 percent of designers are awarded this honor) and won the prestigious award by jewelers as "Best of Show", "You can' watch for the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line as an official jewelry supplier to Fox Studios and in upcoming episodes of "Lie to Me," said Cindi. "One of its edgier collections, 'Ink,' has already been spotted on celebrities like Richie Sambora and Lionel Ritchie."





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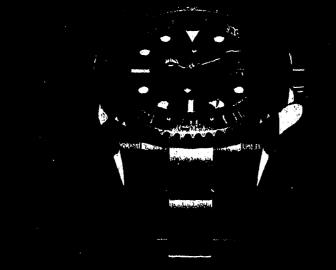
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