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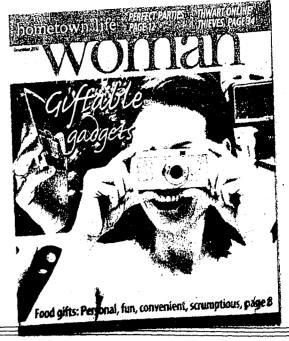
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ArtsNovi will host Go Figure at Gjeto's Salon in Twelve Mile Crossing @ Fountain Walk from 7-9 tonight. This event will feature beverages, small bites provided by Carraba's Italian



Local artist have created fun sculptures made from 12" artist mannequins that they have donated. These creative pieces will be in a silent auction. ArtsNovi is asking for a minimum \$5 donation at the door or a toy (not wrapped) for he Salvation Army Toy Shop.

Please come out and support local artists, eat, drink

Help fight Alzheimer's

The 9th Annual Magazine Charity Event 2010 will be held 10 a.m. 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Emagine Novi Theatre in Novi to aid the

Alzheimer's Association. There will be hundreds of autographed items of movie and entertainment memora bilia, new DVDs and CDs and signed items of sports memorabilla. There will also be raffle tickets for sale, good for any item located on the specially marked tables.

Goodfellows edition for sale Friday

"No Child Without a Christmas" isn't just a saying around the Novi Fire Department -- it is a call to action. A call that occurs each year around this time to help those who are not able to provide for their family due to the economic times we

Members of the Novi Goodfellows are hitting the streets from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 from 9 collecting money to provide toys, clothing and food to over 100 families and typically over 200 children in the Novi community.

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Five vie for open city council seat

Decision to be made at Monday's meeting

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi Mayor David Landry said the city was "very fortunate" to have five high-caliber candidates apply to fill the vacant seat on the city council.

And judging by how the candidates handled their interviews on Monday night, they did not disappoint. Each of the candidates - Laura

Casey, Anamaria Kazanis, Ed Kramer, Lou Martin and Wayne Wrobel - was given time to make an opening statement and then fielded questions from the current city council members, including Kathy Crawford, who is the council member being replaced.

Some of the questions to the individual candidates differed, but for the most part they were all asked similar There was a sixth candidate who

applied, Ed Leininger, but he decided to withdraw his name prior to the meeting.

The Novi City Council will appoint the new member at its regular city

council meeting on Monday and they will serve until November 2011.

LAURA CASEY

Casey is currently in her second term as a member of the Novi Library Board where she serves as the vice president.

The 10-year Novi resident said she feels her experience on the board and serving in several leadership positions makes her a good fit for city council.

"I feel my time on the library board has given me a unique opportunity and some unique skills in learning how to operate within the civic organization," she said.

She said her experience working with the library's budget and planning objectives mesh with the role of a city council member.

Casey felt the most critical component of being a city council member was setting goals and objectives that "will help drive the city forward."

ANAMARIA KAZANIS

Kazanis is the least experienced of the five candidates with three years serving on the beautification commission and economic development corporation.

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Turkey Tunes

Second graders at Novi Woods Elementary school sang songs like 'Gobble, Gobble' and 'Turkey Trouble' during the Turkey Tunes performance last week. For more photos, see A5.

Local districts moving slowly on shared services

Novi Schools hopes to do more with city

STAFF WRITER

The opportunities to share services between the Novi Community Schools district and two surrounding school districts appear to be few and far

Superintendents and board presidents from Novi, Northville and South

Lyon met in late October to discuss consolidation, shared services and more, and the groups came away from the meeting with little in terms of ideas to work together.

Still, Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubzinski isn't willing to call it quits.

"One of the things we learned is we need to continue to not give up on

having those types of meetings and suggesting when there is a vacancy in any of the district's personnel to at least explore opportunities to combine or provide those services differently," she said.

Glubzinski shared the results of the meeting with her board at its Nov. 18 meeting, telling them that consolidation of districts is "not on the near term," and having a joint superintendent also was ruled out because it would "change the character of the

particular district." Working with Northville appears mores realistic than South Lyon as Northville officials remain interested in coordinating summer school and potentially sharing high school curriculum opportunities.

South Lyon officials said they feel their district is in good shape and will continue to operate independently unless forced to change by the state.

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Hunting for a cause

Novi teacher donates extra venison to Detroit soup kitchen

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Killing one deer during hunting season might be good enough for most hunters. But not for Novi Middle

School teacher Pete Cemate. Not when it means he wouldn't be able to donate his extra venison to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

"It's pretty fulfilling," he said. "When you bring it in there and see the people picking it up they are so happy to have it.

"They have a genuine, sincere thankfulness, and it really opens your eyes."

Cemate has been donating his extra meat to the kitchen

for several years, and for the

last two years has been ask-

ing his colleagues in the Novi Community School district to do the same.

In the first year, he was able to donate 40 pounds of venison, and last year he collected 240 pounds.

He also got donations from the kitchens at several schools that had food that was going

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They said they have already done internal consolidation and do not have personnel resources to share.

Glubzinski did say one of the positives from the meeting was the ideas she received from the other districts as to how they share services with their cities. Northville is in discussions to share buildings and ground care, while South Lyon shares a milding and snow removal and

lawn care with its city. Novi is in preliminary talks with city officials about a shared parks, recreation and community education department.

"I always wondered why we don't share very basic things with the city," said board Trustee George Kortlandt "What about snow plowing, what about maintenance of facilities? Why don't we start at that level?"

The district also is going to. look at other nearby districts such as Farmington Hills and Walled Lake about possible opportunities to work together. "We don't want to give up on the idea of consolidating services," Glubzinski said. "But the timing

and depending on the district. nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Kramer is the only candidate it in a pot make it stew and

on that can come in the future

Crawford ends three-year tenure on council to join county

Kathy, husband Hugh to be sworn in Dec. 20 to help the city recover costs related to extraordinary emergency situations.

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Kathy Crawford is done as a member of the Novi City Council. The lifelong Novi resident completed her final meeting Monday night to make way for a new council member and

to continue her transition to her new role on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners serving the 9th district. She helped interview the five candidates who applied to fill her seat at her last meeting and was upset she was not going to be able to vote on controversial ordinance amendments designed

Crawford has already received her committee appointments for the county and is one of just two commissioners given three standing committee She is vice chair of general govern-

ment, on the finance committee and on planning and building. Her general government committees nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

Service Agency and as an alternate on Area Agency on Aging. Crawford and her husband, Hugh, who was re-elected to his seat as the Michigan state representative serving the 38th District, plan to be sworn in at the Novi City Council meeting on Dec. 20 because

include Oakland Livingston Human

they want to do it in their hometown.

issues he has faced on the

One of those challenges is

knowing where to go to get the

"I may have a preconceived

idea but I have to check that

at the door before I come

in," he said. "You don't know

everything, you have to learn

how to get information from

other individuals and work as

Wrobel also shared ideas

respective boards.

correct answers

to have previous city council experience, having served for

employee said he believes the She has lived in Novi for 15 city has done a good job in a years and owns her own statistics consulting firm. She said sees her role on city

council as "carrying out the wishes of the people," and the overall roll of the council as general overseers" that guide Kazanis, when asked what

she would do to make cuts if needed, said she would want details of everything before making a decision. "That is the one time I would be a micro manager,"

she said. ED KRAMER

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one term from 1997-2001. The retired Chrysler

down economy and would like to be part of the challenge to continue having success. "I have a passion for the city and would like to work to

sustain the vision of having a quality residential city that can afford itself," he said. The biggest challenge he said for a council member is working together.

"(We have to) respectfully take into account the facts from consultants, administration and information that comes to (us), and individually we all have different roots, and the biggest challenge is putting make it tasty," he said. Kramer, like the other candidates, was not in favor of additional taxes and said he would be hesitant to use the fund balance to help balance

LOU MARTIN Martin is a former city employee who worked as the

the budget.

public information director for over four years before taking a job in the public relations department for Providence Park Hospital 11 years ago. He said he has an interesting view of how council works. having seen it from the side of an employee, and thinks that experience has prepared him for a role on the city council.

Martin acknowledged if the

city was forced to make cuts

that public safety and public

don't work to make it better services would have to be you are part of the problem, looked at, but he also suggesthe said. ed that the city needs to look at ways to enhance revenue to Wrobel said he learned a great deal from his campaign offset the problem. He also was not in favor of and also from the various

using the fund balance to balance the budget. "It's a slippery slope to walk

Wrobel is a 26-year Novi resident and the only one of the five candidates to run for election in 2009 for one of the three open seats at the time. He served on the planning commission for five years, the master plan and zoning

committee for three years and on improving the oldest part currently is in his third year on of the city, the east side, and the zoning board of appeals, where he is the chairman.

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Emagine adds motion to movie experience

D-BOX seats let moviegoers feel on-screen action

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

online at hometownlife.com

The movie experience at Emagine Novi just got even more realistic.

Moviegoers who thought 3-D technology brought movies to life will now have a chance to feel the action as the theater has added motion movie seat technology to two of its auditoriums.

The seats, developed by D-BOX Technologies, move in sync with the action on the screen, allowing people to feel sensations of motion during select scenes throughout the

People who attended 'Harry Potter and the Deathly

BY NATHAN MUELLER

It was business as usual for

the city of Novi as it one again

received a "clean opinion" on

Randy Morse, partner with

the consulting firm Andrews,

was contracted to perform the

audit, called it the "best opin-

ion a municipality can receive."

"It's a pretty remarkable

accomplishment to have no

of this size and complexity,

especially when you consider

single audit findings or ques-

tioned costs for an organization

the amount of information that

Hooper, Pavlik, PLC which

its annual audit.

seats in Novi. Ruth Daniels, vice president

of sales and marketing for Emagine, said she thought it was "cool" after taking a seat for a test run, and encourages people to try it at least once.

The audit report was pre-

last Monday and showed that

2010 fiscal year \$1.46 million

Revenues were \$415,000

Kathy Smith-Roy, finance

director for the city, said the

revenues were better because

the city has less write-offs of

property taxes than initially

thought, and expenses were

less because of some operation-

al changes made by city staff.

She said city officials con-

tinue to anticipate declines in

property tax revenues, and they

the city finished the 2009-

better than anticipated.

\$1,045,000 less.

higher and expenses were

sented to the Novi City Council

"It is something different to enhance your experience at the movies," she said. "I think it's fun, and it's not something you can do everywhere." Guy Marcoux, marketing director for D-BOX, said the

goal is to replicate everything a person would feel in real life The movements are very subtle and only added when justified. It is not like a theme park ride, he said.

lution of cinema," he said. "You

were the first to experience the see in 3-D and hear in surround sound, and on a day-today basis you feel everything around you.

> of the director when they shoot a movie and when you have an action scene." The Emagine in Novi is one of 45 theaters worldwide to have D-BOX seats, Emagine

Canton has already has them, and they cost an additional \$8. There also are two seats in the lobby of the theater for people to try out before seeing

Daniels said Tron is the next movie the theater will use the D-BOX seats for.

"For us it was a natural revonmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

their government is in good

financial condition," she said.

Despite decreasing tax rev-

enue, the city has been able to

25 percent (\$8,500,000), and

included in that number is \$1.4

million the City Council allocat-

ed to set aside for future declines

"That stability allows us, for

the most part, to continue to pro

vide the level of service the resi-

Mayor David Landry said at

dents expect," Smith-Roy said.

Monday's meeting the results

of the report were "gratifying."

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Ryan Tgiros (left), 16, and Kevin Boran, 14, tried out Emagine Novi's new D-BOX seats Saturday afternoon before seeing a movie that features the tech-'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1' with members of the Novi High School boys cross country team. The new seats at the theater are believed to enhance the movie experience by moving in sync with the action in the movie.

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Give 'til it hurts

Novi High senior Zach Mohr finishes up donating a pint of blood during a Red Cross drive at the school on Oct. 29. Mohr said that the experience was "good overall, plus you get to miss class."

HUNTING

to expire while students were gone over the December break. "It was awesome," he said, noting that his van was so packed he could barely see out

problem again this year, and who wants to donate to the is off to a good start as he Capuchin Soup Kitchen can already has two large donacontact Cemate at pcemate@ tions of meat coming in. novi.k12.mi.us and drop their Other co-workers in the disgoods off at the middle school. trict, both teachers and other "Basically anything people staff members, have been want to donate I will take bringing in canned goods and down to the kitchen," he said. other items, and he plans on "They are so grateful to get delivering it to Capuchin in late December.

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Turkey Tunes Second-graders at Novi Woods Elementary school sang

songs like 'Gobble, Gobble' and 'Turkey Trouble' during the Turkey Tunes performance last week. Shown (above, from left) are Emily Anderson.

Riley MacDonald and lan Dixon playing the xylophone. Shown speaking loud and proud (right), Alex Awdish says his line at the

Radio-thon benefits **Toys for Tots Foundation** High school students donated more than 175 toys to foundation The music kept playing and the toys kept coming in as Novi High School's radio station WOVI held a 12-hour radiothon on Nov. 19 to benefit the Toys for Tots Foundation. More than 175 toys have been collected thus far, with more expected to roll in before the Dec. 10 deadline. Aaron Martinez, music direcor for WOVI, said the radio-thon was a collaborative idea from all

the station managers and they hope to do more in the future. "We love being able to give back to the community any way we can," he said. "We love that we get to make sure kids have a chance to get gifts around the holiday season. That is what drove us to do this." Marie Steinbock, program director for the station, said this is something they try to do every year, and were extremely happy to have exceeded their goal. The station, which is completely student-run and can be found on 89.5 FM, broadcast live from the atrium at the high school from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and partnered with the talent

show that also took place that

Rebecca Yarbrough, regional coordinator for Toys for Tots, has been working with the high school students for several years, and said "it's wonderful to see it grow in them." She has volunteered with the non-profit organization for the last 21 years to help ensure no child goes without Christmas, and loves naving the students involved. "When I am asked why I do it, I remember the look on (my child's) face when he opens a present and I know in my heart I put that look on over 100,000 kids' faces," she said Three more Toys for Tots drives are slated for this month in Novi. The first is being hosted by the Motor City Mad Men and WRIF one from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Dec. 7 at The Post Bar, the

night to give students \$1 off

admission for donating a toy.

second is bartender's flair night at TGI Friday's in the Novi Town Center at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 and the third is being hosted by Cub Scout pack 239 at Village Oaks Elementary at 7 p.m. on Dec. 16. For more information on Toys for Tots and the upcoming events, visit www.novi0mi toysfortots.org. nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

\$1.8 million land donation made to St. Catherine of Siena Academy

Academy, an all girls' Catholic High School, announced it has received a 30-acre donation of land worth \$1.8 million from Frank Pellerito of Lakeside Oakland Development Co. The 30 acres of land, located near the Academy building site

to be used as a learning lab

for nature study. Fr. Richard J. Elmer, CSB, St. Catherine of Siena Academy's princiand wetlands encountered throughout the site will create an essential classroom.

"Michigan has a diverse ecosystem, and with this donation St. on Napier Road in Wixom, are Catherine will have a piece of that in our own backyard," said Elmer.

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 community 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 PHOTOS BY MICHELLE DONBERGER 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 48375. Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink. net or Anne Lewis at alew-

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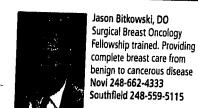
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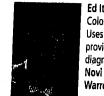


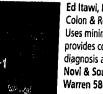
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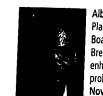








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RUSSELL G. BURNS

JAMES J. HEIDENREICH Attorney at Law, age 79, passed away Nov. 25, 2010. A memorial gathering was held on Nov. 28, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. A memorial service was held on Nov. 29, at the First United Methodist of South Lyon.

LEW JAMES BURT

Age 83, passed away, November 19, 2010 surrounded by his family. He MARY LEWANDOWSKI was born on April, 25, 1927, in River Rouge, Michigan, son of the Age 83, passed away, November late James and Irene Burt. Prior to 27th, 2010 at her home surrounded his retirement, Lew was a Professor by her loving family. She was born at Wayne State University, teaching on April 8, 1927, in Detroit, daughter Labor Industrial Relations. He was a of the late Robert and Nellie Cochell. bin advocate of Union's and was a Mary was a very active member of past member of the Green Oak Twp. St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Board of Review. He is survived by Lyon where she helped with the his beloved wife Dorothea of 63 "Giving Tree" every Christmas. Mary years; his children: Brigitte (Denver) was also involved with Active Faith Doxtator and Thomas (Doreen) Burt. Community Services. She is sur-Lew is also survived by many vived by her beloved husband grandchildren, his sister Joan Norbert of 61 years, her loving chil-Swanson and many nieces and dren, Larry (Mary), Jim (Cyndi), nephews. He was preceded in death Judy (Dave) Boyer, David (Marie) by his son Robert Burt in 1971 and and Paul (Barb). She is also survived his daughter Ruth Ann (Steve) Block by 19 grandchildren, 6 great grand-in 2008. In lieu of flowers, dona-children and is the special Aunt to tions may be made to the American Debbie Rebh. She was preceded in Cancer Society. A memorial service death by her sister Garnet in 1980. was held on Saturday, November Visitation was held on Tues., 27th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. November 30 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL dren; Doug (Betty) Richardson, Sr., 1 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online HOME. Funeral Mass was held on (Lyle) Fallot; 10 grandchildren, 9

A South Lyon resident for 37 years, 188, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online died Wednesday, November 24, 2010 Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com at B.R.D. Inc. due to heart complica-He was 76 years old. Davis who was born in Greenbush, Minn. on Feb. 16, 1934, moved to the Detroit area in 1956. He started his Age 85, of Northville, passed away Ratha, four brothers and four sisters. carpentry business, B.R.D. Inc. in 11/29/2010. Funeral service will be Visitation was held on Monday, 1976 and served as the president of held Thurs., Dec. 2 at 11am at November 22nd from 4:00 p.m. to the Carpenter Contractor's Assoc- Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 iation for several years. He also W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions served as the Management Trustee of appreciated to Angela Hospice or the Pension Fund for the carpenters the Hope Cancer Clinic. of Michigan. Additionally, Davis was a Mason, a Shriner and member of the Moose Lodge. An avid traveler, Ben and Lois visited all 50 states. l Europe and Australia. He enioved spending time with family and friends at his hunting property in Hubbard Lake, summers at his lake house in 2010. Funeral Services were held at Hale, and winters in Okeechobee. Florida. Ben's toys and passions Hartland, on Monday, November 29. home cross-country, riding his trike, please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: area a routidation appreciated. Arrangements by Casterline please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: snowmobiling, his swamp buggy, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com hunting, outdoor cooking and having fun. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and taking them on his excursions. He was even fortunate enough to meet his I first great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his father Ernest Davis, mother Annabelle Smith and brother Neil Davis.Ben is survived by his wife, Lois, of 57 years, his son Rikki and his partner Cathy Eckles of Pinckney; his daughter Ronda (Bowersox) and her husband John Errigo of Brighton; son Richard and his wife Robyn (Wyatt) of South Lyon. His grandchildren include Vicki McLeod of Novi: Tara Moore of Commerce: Rvan Davis of Novi: Eric Eckles and Ashley Eckles of Pinckney; Sarah (Bowersox) and her husband Nick Barish of Ann Arbor; Caleb Bowersox and Molly Bowersox of Brighton; Brandon Davis and Nathan Davis of South Lyon: great granddaughter Madelyn Barish. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Coleen Cooley of Blue Springs, MO;

please send donations to the American Heart Association or Habitat for Humanity. For more information, please visit: www.phillipsfuneral.com

amongst numerous nieces, nephews,

and friends. Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30

at Phillips Funeral Home in South

Lyon. Visitation will be held Monday,

Nov. 29 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. There

will be a Masonic Service on Monday,

starting at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers.

HAROLD L. RICHARDS

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Age 89. lifelong resident of South Lyon, passed away November 20, 2010. H Schoolhouse, Walled Lake held. Arrangements entrusted to was born on July 7, 1921. Harold Arrangements entrusted to Phillips PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South was a WWII Veteran serving in the Online guestbook United States Army. He is survived by: his wife JoAnn of 31 years; His step children: Richard (Jan) Wallace. Cathy (Harold) Jackson, Gary (Trish) Wallace; five step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; two Age 70 of Highland, Nov. 22, 2010. brothers Kenneth Richards and Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Marshall Richards. He was preceded Milford, on Wed., Nov. 24. Memorials in death by his Parents Glenn and may be made in his name to the Emma (Janke) Richards; also his National Kidney Foundation. For fur- step son Frank Wallace in 1985 ther info: 248-684-6645 or visit: Harold will be buried at South Lyon www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online quest book: www.phillipsfuneral.com.

VIRGINIA L. RICHARDSON Age 82, passed away, November 20th, 2010. She was born on March 28th, 1928 in Hackers Valley, West Virginia, daughter of the late Ernest and Ada (Cogar) Pugh. She moved to Michigan in the early 50's and worked at Howard's Market. She married Ratha Richardson in 1956 and together they raised three children Virginia retired from the South Lyon Community Schools after 24 years as a custodian: was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon and was initiated into Entre Nous Chapter #298, Order of the Eastern transferred her membership to Pinckney Chapter #145, in Pinckney in 2000. She is survived by three chil-Joseph Catholic Church. Memorial great grand children and one great contributions may be made to Active great grandchild; two sisters; Genelda (Connell) Gregory and Faith Community Services, P.O. Box Ronalda (Oral) Clevenger; two sister in-laws, Ilene Pugh and Genevieve Pugh: one brother-in law, Henry

Richardson and a great number of

Online Guestbook

STANLEY L. PETRES

nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband. 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. An Eastern Star memorial and funeral service were held on Tuesday, November 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

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A resident of Hartland and former Hartland Township Supervisor, November 23, Our Savior Lutheran Church.

DONALD A. RHODES

ANTONIO SILVESTRI Age 79, of Novi, passed away 11/25/2010. Funeral Mass was held Monday, 11/29/2010 at Our Lady of Victory. Contributions to National Alonecia Areata Foundation appreci-



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

Time/Day: 8:30am, 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 Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by

appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michae Zuelch, associate pastor

Crossoointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday

or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available.

Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with

Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age

5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study 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; Details: open to the public 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 age 5. Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.o.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. 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 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of

Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

month First Presbyterian

Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday **Location**: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **Details:** Group meet for lunch afterwards. Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

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

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

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May) Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend

through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake ivonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter. Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Better Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

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

Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 11 Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030

Cookie Walk

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymna-

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries: children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - con-

tact (248) 348-9031 Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@noviiewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Peace Vigil

Advent Service

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

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Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit 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 Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a

Christian perspective. Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 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 Baotist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir 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 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.org

online at hometownlife.com

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) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

lvmouth.ora Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12 Details: The service, which follows a format popular-

ized by King's College of the University of Cambridge England, alternates readings from Scripture with the

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singing of songs and carols appropriate for the season of St. John Lutheran 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 the music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford. Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encouraged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28 million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-

Detroit distribution centers. St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington **Location**: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

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Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays **Details**: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most. Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-

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OUR VIEWS

Wrobel our pick to fill **Kathy Crawford's seat**

After voters chose Kathy Crawford for the Oakland County Commissioners' 9th District seat during the election last month, she decided to step down early from her position on Novi City Council to give her replacement more time to get up to speed for goal-setting, budget, etc. (She'll be sworn in as commis-



On Monday, she and her six council colleagues interviewed candidates to fill the remainder of her fouryear position until the election next November. This is not an election — the appointment will be made by council at Monday's regular meeting — but the Novi News offers the following endorsement for Wayne Wrobel.

He is the only candidate of the five who sought a seat on council during the 2009 elecion. Although he did not get our endorsement in that race, we recognized his valued service to the city and feel now is the time for him to

He has, so to speak, paid his dues here by serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals since 2007 (currently chairman); the Planning Commission from 2004-2009 (vice chair in 2008); and the Master Plan & Zoning Committee from 2005-08 (chair in 2008). He is also the president of the Willowbrook Farm Homeowners Association. Professionally, Wrobel has been employed by AT&T for 32 years in a variety of management positions.

His experience from each of the above, along with a master of science degree in administration, would serve this 26-year Novi resident well as a City Council member.

He understands, for example, the pros and cons of megaretailer Walmart possibly coming to Novi, and he's ready to make that situation a win-win. He expressed a need for more bike paths and better roads, issues many residents would easily agree with. He knows that working as a team player is the best way to come up with solutions, and by now he knows where to seek information and answers.

Wrobel's competition is strong: the city's former public information director, Lou Martin; a current library board member, Laura Casey; a former council member, Ed Kramer; and an economic development champion, Anamaria Kazanis. We applaud all five candidates for their willingness to donate

Shop locally, help economy

their time and energy to the betterment of Novi.

For many people, the economic struggles of this state — and the country - continue to have debilitating effects. Loss of jobs and loss of income will have many people cutting back on spending this holiday season.

That isn't all bad. Simpler celebrations may mean people will focus more on the true meaning of each holiday. However, people still need to purchase food, even if they don't host extravagant parties. And, many people invariably will still buy gifts for their loved ones, even if they spend less than they

have in the past. We encourage readers to shop locally this holiday season, whether it be for food or gifts or both.

If every Michigan household spent \$10 each week on Michigan-made products, \$37 million would be put back into the local economy on a weekly basis, according to the grassroots Made in Michigan Movement. Purchasing locally helps other local businesses to grow.

When businesses grow, they hire more people. Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally. Local businesses also support the local community, donating

money and/or services to local schools and service organizations benefiting local children and residents. And, customer service is usually better.

More and more local stores are putting together at least a portion of their inventory from products made in Michigan. With the official start to the Christmas shopping season, plan

to buy as many gifts on your list as possible from local merchants. You can start buy subscribing to the Northville Record, the local newspaper that has supported local businesses for By shopping locally, your gifts will not only benefit your loved

ones, they'll also help the local economy and put local mer-

chants in a better position to survive and, we hope, thrive in the

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked some Orchard Hills students "What are you hoping to receive for Christmas?"



"I'd like to get Civilization IV (video game). I already have Civilization III and the newest version just came out."

Weston Russell



Taylor Swift CD. Maybe still making my list."



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to the business success

from Game Stop. I have another.'

Lily Rae Third grade

this type of (Nintendo)

DS game called Yu-Gi-Oh

Jimmy Peterson

GUEST COLUMN

School district's Office of Academics focuses on one thing: instruction

reatness. Greatness is an ideal, a goal, that many of us strive to meet. Novi Community Schools is no different. The core mission of our school district is to pro-



vide excellent instruction. the new assistant superintendent of Academic Services. I have had the pleasure of meeting many usiness owners, members of clergy and community

to our schools. All those whom I have met share a deep desire to be even better and to continue working towards greatness.

We have several schools rated in the top 1 percent of schools within the state of Michigan, an accomplishment we can take pride in as a community. However, as our stakeholders have shared with me, we must continue to deliver a world-class education to our students. We must help them look beyond our local and state borders, while cultivating our community's place in the world. We must help our graduates deliver on excellence in all aspects of their lives - whether they stay in our community to

make it greater or leave to build others. The Novi Community Schools district will not rest on its laurels. The Office of Academics commits to sharing our vision, articulating what our department will do to meet it, addressing what's expected of our staff and communicating what we need from all stakeholders in order to rise to the challenges that our global society presents to our students on a daily basis.

Our department's vision is really quite simple: Instruction, Instruction, Instruction. Our primary goal is to improve instruction in order to gain improvement in measurable learner outcomes. The term "measurable learner outcomes" does not simply refer to MEAP and MME, but also to other metrics that are perhaps more important to parents and employers.

We know employers want disciplined, self-directed, collaborative, flexible, and deliberate thinkers. We know parents want children who can learn with purpose, explain what they think, explain why they think and feel the way that they do, and use all of that

deliberate thinking to make well-informed decisions. Great teaching involves revealing to students how one deliberately thinks through content and acquires skills to create success over and over again.

The role of the teacher is the single most important factor in maintaining and making gains in student achievement. The role of the Office of Academics is to help our teachers improve the quality of instruction within every classroom. We, as a district, are building and refining our internal accountability dvocates, in addition to systems to help inform daily instructional decisions. We will continue making a conconducting over 85 visits certed approach to meeting the intellectual, social, and emotional needs of the whole

> How do we improve instruction? We must continue to coordinate our pre-kindergarten through adult education curriculum which includes coordinating and administering common assessments (testing). Common assessments will allow us to center instructional decisions based on common data. Data-driven decision making simply makes sense. For instance, every teacher who teaches a third grade student will be able to benchmark their instructional effectiveness to a common district assessment that all third grade teachers are giving. As we continue to refine our common assess-

ment practices across the entire district, the related processes will ensure that all teachers and students can see clear expectations, and in making them visible, students will be better equipped to rise and meet or exceed those standards. Having a deeply aligned curriculum, combined with valid and reliable common assessments and aligned instructional practices, will empower students to better communicate their own achievement levels and express learning needs to parents and teachers alike. Teachers will know what students know, and students will know what

they know and can do. A strategic and coordinated approach to teacher professional development underpins this whole endeavor. Just as none of us would expect a surgeon to stop learning after graduating from medical school, we cannot stop helping our teachers to learn best practices and expect them to improve. As a district, we must make a commitment to developing the potential of our teachers if we trict. He can be reached at (248) 449-1202 or riwebber@ expect them to help us develop the potential

of our students. My responsibility involves designing meaningful professional development opportunities for our staff, articulating expectations for instructional excellence, and listening to what our teachers need in order the community.

Again, the exciting message that I have heard in Novi, a community filled with excellence, is that we want to be better. This is what excellence is all about - never settling - and I feel privileged to be a part of it. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to better serve our students. I look forward to working with our community at large, in the hopes that every Novi citizen embraces our mission, on behalf of our kids and the future of our community, which will require a laser like focus on student achievement, collaboration among stakeholders, and a desire to learn from each other. No single person or theory is the answer. As teachers focus on instruction, we will ask students, parents, and community members to be focused on a parallel vision as well Learning, Learning: Learning for a lifetime, learning to reach higher expectations, learning to help all students within

will directly benefit from the greatness that will arise from this design. The work of Jim Collins, author of Good to Great and Good to Great and the Social Sectors, has had a profound impact upon how I view organizational success. I encourage you to read Good to Great and the Social Sectors, and I invite you to stop by my office to borrow a copy of this short, yet profound book. It will provide you with some insight as to how the Office of Academics will conduct itself. As we continue to work toward our own vision of greatness, I would like to close with a statement that drives my belief in public education and my belief in our col-

our community reach their potentials in

the 21st century. Our community will know

what our students know and can do and we

RJ Webber is the assistant superintendent for Academic Services for the Novi Community Schools dis-

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GUEST COLUMN

Sign of the times: Financial luck is running out for schools



nce upon a time, the world mostly saw Latin American and African countries lined up for financial aid from wealthier nations. Eastern European countries did so as well, attempting to break the gravitational pull when the former Soviet Union

France took tough action to rein in its

pensions and enact retirement reforms it could no longer afford, street riots

Now Ireland has formally applied to Europe and the International Monetary Fund for a bailout package. Like the stampede in the U.S. in 2008, people in "the know" say fear has grown that without swift and immediate action, "a full-fledged (Irish) banking panic might material-

Closer to home, Chrysler and GM took U.S. tax dollar government bail-Recently, Greece got a bailout. When outs and now things are looking up for

There was a time when America could scold these "lesser countries"

about their financial stewardship. Those days are long gone. America, while lecturing China ("America's banker") about currency manipulation, is sitting on a \$14 trillion debt and is printing money to "stimulate" its economy. For every dollar our government is spending, we borrow 40 cents.

There are only three ways to balance a budget: increase revenues, decrease expenditures or a combination of the

President Barack Obama

has declared, "For far too long, Washington has avoided the tough choices necessary to solve our fiscal problems."

He is absolutely right. Our elected leaders at the federal, state and local levels have been making promises we cannot afford to keep. The time is now - at all levels, be they international, national, state or local - to stop the insanity and get our

houses in order. The reality is setting in. Cutting a favorite program or raising taxes to pay for it is the only solution. Forty-one school districts (including aol.com.

our largest, the Detroit Public Schools), along with the cities of Hamtramck and Detroit, are dead entities walking. For now, they are being propped up, with a big deficit bubble of schools and municipalities on the verge of popping. As we are witnessing, even the luck of the Irish does not last forever. And Michigan's is running out. Bold, decisive action is needed now.

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Artists featured at Providence Park gallery

Artist Lyn Shady of Milford welcomes granddaughter Courtney Shady, grandson Brandon Shady and friend Judy Barr at the opening night artist reception at

It was the first time since her diagnosis that Linda Shady dressed for a visit to the Assarian Cancer Center. Wearing a soft black velvet jacket with dressy slacks and icels, that night she paid particular attention to her hair and make up. She wasn't preparing for treatment. instead, she and 13 other artists attended a reception in their honor at the Nancy Fox "I was on cloud nine. I felt

like the bell of the ball," the Milford resident exclaimed. The art exhibit "For the Love of Paint" was the brain child of instructor, Janis Madias. Her enthusiasm and patience with all skill levels allowed students to blossom. Impressed with their talent and artistic growth, Madias pursued the next step - arranging their own show at the Nancy Fox Gallery with an evening reception to kick it off. "I begged to have this show.

I kept at it, asking 'Can we please do this?'," Madias said. The response to the reception proved that art and cancer treatment can mix.

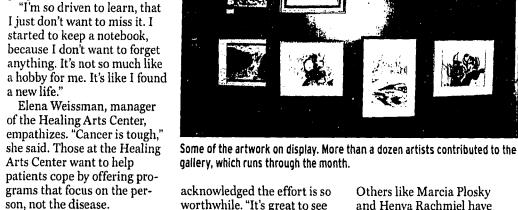
Although the class is not limited to cancer patients, many of the students are patients or cancer survivors. Others artists are staff members who decided to join, such as Barbara Rice, who noticed the class while volunteering at the center. Members are quick to

critique each other. "That's what's fun about this environment, everyone has a different style. That excites me that I can learn from other people," said Shady. "I never saw a group of people who

embrace, encourage as well as

to make this art show happen." Shady's cancer treatment was a low point in her life, physically and emotionally. Accustomed to an active and ambitious lifestyle, the diag-

could work together like this



worthwhile. "It's great to see "She (or he) can come to the people have pride in the work. art class and they're not a can-

Many students of the class like Junko Ota have produced amazing artwork with no previous training or background.

previously used watercolors It's exactly what we want them and other mediums, but are excited to be promoted in their own show.

"I think that anyone that has seen it for the first time will assume the artist has had

a lot of practice. I've seen a lot of great work has come out of that class," noted James Tester, program coordinator and CAM therapist. "The passion to create is in that group." Barbara Couyoumijian's art-

work expresses her passion in bright colors and native dress. She enjoyed artistic activities, but somehow life and raising family didn't leave much time o pursue it. "I've always wanted to do watercolor." She joined her sister-in-law Julie Couyoumijian, a cancer

survivor, in class about two years ago and has participated "I love how our personalitie mix. I'm still learning, even though I knew fundamentals.. It gets me out of the house

and connects me with other people," she said. The concept of The Healing Arts is to promote health in mind, body and spirit. Not a typical facility, it's a place

where photography and knit-

FEATURED ARTISTS

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Several artists are taking part n the "For the Love of Paint" exhibit at Providence Park Hospital: Barbara Couyoumijian, Julie Couyoumijian, Etsuko Kishi, Junko Ota, Deborah Ploski, Marcia Ploski, Barbara Rice, Henya Rachmiel, Lynn Shady-Renard, Jane Toomajian, Marilyn Wolff, Chikako Yamada, Annette Jaworski and Jed Bromfield.

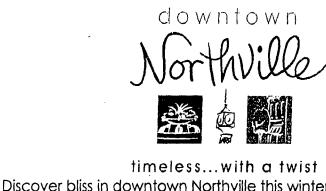
ting groups meet; healthy cooking and yoga classes are held. A massage can be scheduled. A ceramic workshop s located on the lower level, staffed by Judy Beresh. The pottery made there has also been featured in the gallery

earlier this year. The building itself is inspiring. Massive two-story windows provide a tranquil view overlooking a pond. Inside the PHOTOS BY ELENA WEISSMAN courtyard area, where yoga classes are held, water features The art gallery is adjacent to the atrium. The upper level classroom also enjoys a view of the pond. The overall intent throughout the building is to provide a calming refuge. Serious treatment goes on here as well, and is the basis for the center. Cancer patients check in for the radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The infusion center is located to the right of the spacious indoor atrium. Doctors' offices

> "For the Love of Paint" artwork will be on display until the end of December. The pub lic is welcome to browse the free gallery during business hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday Friday. Madias' classes are held Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Assarian Cancer Center located in the Providence Park complex on Grand River Avenue in Novi. For more information on classes call (248) 465-5455.

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For several months during

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in her hands helped to lift her

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she added. "It's about seeking

Although a new show is a

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beauty wherever you can."

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Attorney's killing is full of mystery

Novi victim ran two firms saddled with controversy

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BY ERIC D. LAWRENCE GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

More than a month after attorney Nicholas Ianni Jr. was fatally shot in his Novi apartment, his killing remains

Novi police continue to investigate, but they have not made any arrests or identified a person of interest in the Oct. 20 shooting. Janni died of multiple gunshot wounds, the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office reported. "We're talking to a lot of people that knew the man," Deputy Police Chief Tom Lindberg said this month.

Ianni had many business acquaintances, but several reached by the Free Press declined to speak publicly, and records show the proud Michigan State University graduate's life appears to have been a complicated one.

The 55-year-old medical malpractice attorney had more than \$20 million in consent judgments against him or his companies, Ianni and Associates in Bloomfield Hills and New Millennium, a malpractice insurance company registered in Bermuda.

In some cases, Ianni's companies are accused of failing to honor settlement agreements, leaving doctors and other clients high and dry.

For example, Dr. Cynthia Aks of Southgate sued Ianni and others in Oakland County

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

A 54-year-old Farmington

Hills man was found dead late

The man reportedly left his

home at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday formed an autopsy Thursday

Wednesday night after appar-

ently drowning himself in

in March, saying they failed to pay a \$160,000 settlement on a medical malpractice claim despite assurances that the money would be paid. The suit contends that her bank accounts were eventually frozen because of it.

Birmingham attorney Kenneth Morgan, the receiver in one of the cases in which Ianni was a defendant, said Ianni had told him before his death that he was close to securing money to pay various claims against him and his "It appeared possible, but

I couldn't say whether it was likely or not that within a reasonable period of time all debts and/or claims that I was aware of in my role as receiver against New Millennium may have been paid," he said. "Whether it would have ultimately transpired that way couldn't be known, but credible people confirmed what he was telling me as true."

Ianni had a \$9-million life insurance policy, Morgan said, but that policy was used as collateral for various loans. As a result, he said, the beneficiaries in his family are unlikely to be paid.

Ianni's business dealings revolved around the opaque world of offshore medical malpractice insurance.

In search of cheaper medical malpractice insurance premiums, doctors in the U.S. may opt to sign on with a medical

Township, but never arrived.

Novi police were called into

the investigation around 9 p.m.

Wednesday and found his body

in the water near the shore

around 11 p.m. after tracking

his cell phone to the location.

Medical Examiner's Office per-

The Oakland County

malpractice insurance compan from a place like Bermuda. The danger, some experts say, is that if the company becomes insolvent or fails to honor a claim, then clients have little recourse. "The attraction of Bermuda to insurance companies is the

taxes are low and the regulations are nonexistent, virtually nonexistent," said Bob Hunter, director of Insurance for the Consumer Federation of America. "That obviously means less protections for the purchaser of this insurance." The Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance

Regulation labels New Millennium as an unauthorized carrier, although the insurance code does allow such companies to operate as long as they pay a 2.5 percent The insurance office would not regulate Ianni because

he did not hold an insurance license, according to Jason Moon, spokesman for the office. "There are a number of unauthorized insurance companies that are based outside the United States, and a number do sell medical malpractice" insurance, Moon said. He was unable to say how many Michigan doctors are

clients of such companies. Three complaints were filed this year against New Millennium, Moon said. The reasons for the complaints were either not specified or they were listed as a liability matter, said Moon.

ary, he was born in Poland and

and has worked in the informa-

tion technology field for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife

Farmington Hills man found dead in Walled Lake tent of .18 percent. death was suicide by drowning. According to the man's obitu-

Highly intoxicated driver stopped by raised in Oak Park. He graduated from the University of Michigan **police**

> Novi police arrested a 29-year-old man at \$\int_2:08\ \alpha.m.\ on Nov. 21\ for drunk driving after an officer observed his vehicle swerve several times while traveling on Grand River Avenue

approached the car smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside. The man said he had been drinking and consumed his last drink "about 20 minutes ago."

tests and then failed the tests. A preliminary breath test registered a BAC of .19 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is

while intoxicated and held until sober.

Police recover stolen property

🔁 A Novi woman plans on prosecuting a suswhile it was parked on Rockledge Police located the suspect and arrested him

She was able to identify the items because her address was in the GPS and the iPod had a special engraving on the back.

According to the police report, the driver was not injured when the officer arrived and he admitted to drinking at a bar in Royal Oak. He said he was driving north on Manor Park when his vehicle malfunctioned.

liminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. He was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating

off her vehicle overnight on Nov. 19 while it was parked at her apartment complex on Wellington Drive.

The woman said she noticed the plate was missing the following day, telling police some-one unscrewed it from the car.

Fusion found on blocks

A Ford Fusion was up on blocks on the pect stole the rims and tires from it.

The victim told police she was visiting her mother on Peachtree, and when she woke up in the morning to take her dog for a walk the car

have no suspects.

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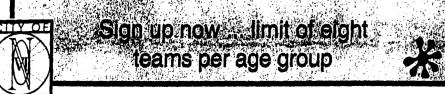
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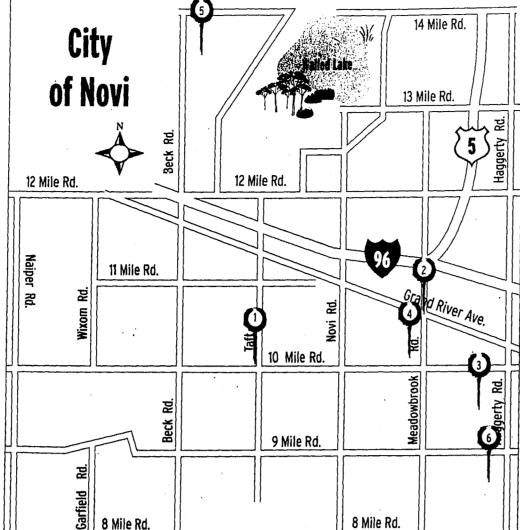
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POLICE BRIEFS

Minor found drunk at Novi High

A Novi High School student was arrested at 7:50 p.m. on Nov. 19 for minor in possession of alcohol after police found him passed out in a bathroom stall at the high school.

According to the report, when the officer arrived the teenager was unconscious but breathing. Medical personnel were able to revive him, and when speaking with the officer his speech was slurred and eyes were bloodshot. The teen admitted to drinking and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol con-

He was medically cleared and then arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was released after posting bond.

The officer stopped the driver and when he

The man walked into his car when asked to come to the rear of the vehicle for field sobriety

The man was issued a citation for operating

pect who allegedly stole items from her car

with her Garmin GPS and Apple iPod on him.

Drunk arrested after rollover accident A 27-year-old man was arrested at 9:43 p.m. on Nov. 21 for drunk driving after rolling his vehicle on Manor Park Drive, north of Ten Mile

The man failed field sobriety tests and a prewhile intoxicated and released when sober.

Plate stolen off car

A Novi woman had her license plate stolen

Police have no suspects.

Omorning of Nov. 18 after an unknown sus-

There was no evidence to process and police

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller



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Novi Fire Department promotes four

announced the promotion of Lieutenants Ĵohn Martin and Thomas Johnson to the rank of captain, and Fire Protection Officers II Ramon Alvarez and Joe Shelton to the rank of lieutenant. A formal promotion ceremony was held Nov. 23 in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers.

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These opportunities have become available as the result of a retirement earlier this year and the implementation of a more effective supervisory deployment as recommended by the International City/County Management Association review of Public Safety staffing and resources in 2009. "I am honored to have the opportunity to promote officers John Martin, Thomas



and Joe Shelton" said Public Safety Director David E. Molloy. "We are very fortunate to have four outstanding command officers who demonstrate a strong commitment to teamwork, possesses a wealth of experience gained from working a variety of diverse assignments, and who are committed to the mission, vision, and values of the Novi Fire A 2008 graduate of



Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire Staff and Command, Captain Johnson holds an associate's degree in fire science from Oakland Community College, He began his career with the Novi Fire Department in 1976 as a paid-on-call firefighter and was promoted to full-time training officer in 1990. Promoted to fire protection officer II in 1995, Johnson holds certifications as a paramedic instructor

has attended classes at the National Fire Academy, Fort McCLennen Chemical Weapons School, New Mexico Bomb School, and Nevada Test Site Radiation

A recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University School of Fire Staff and Command, Captain Martin began his career with the Novi Fire Department in 2003 and was promoted to the position of training officer in 2005. He earned an associate's degree in fire science from Macomb Community College and is working toward his bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University. Martin is a licensed paramedic and paramedic instructor

coordinator in the State of an adjunct instructor with Macomb community College Fire & Emergencies Training Staff and Command in 2009 county and state boards for both Fire and EMS. Also a recent gradu-

ate of Eastern Michigan University's Fire School of Fire Staff and Command, Lieutenant Alvarez began his career with the Novi Fire Department in 1987 and has held the position of assistant shift supervisor/fire protection officer II since 2005. He attended the Fire Academy at Oakland Community College (OCC), and also earned an associate's degree in business administration from OCC. Alvarez plans to earn his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan

Lieutenant Shelton graduated from Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire and has been with the Novi Fire Department since 1998 serving as the assistant shift supervisor for the last five years. He is a certified paramedic and holds national certification as a fire inspector. Additionally Lieutenant Shelton has been certified as fire officer from the State of Michigan, NIMS, Incident Command, Advanced Auto Extrication, Building Construction, Confined Space Hazmat, Search and Rescue, and Surface Water and Ice Rescue. Shelton remains active in many committees including the department's Safety





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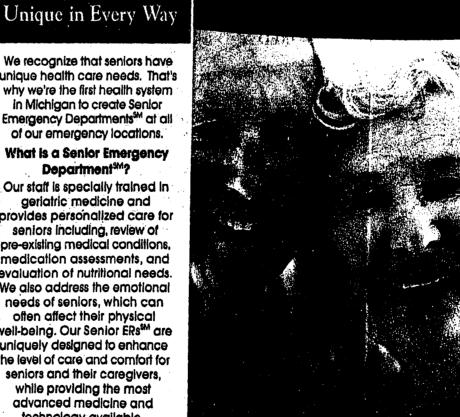
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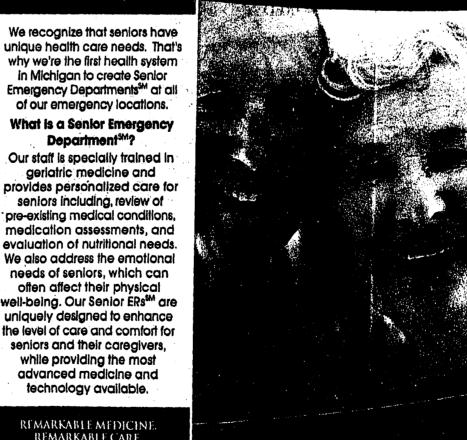
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with ROTC Cpt. Renn Moon (left) and Sgt. Brian Paquette, will join an elite

group of musicians who will perform during halftime at the U.S. Army All-

Texas. The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 125

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high school senior marching musicians and color guard members from across

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Marching Band Selection Committee consisting of The National Association

for Music Education (MENC), Drum Corps International (DCI), Head Director

and Show Coordinator Nola Jones, and All American Games.

Sounds of the season: Community groups set to perform holiday shows

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The holiday spirit will take over Novi this weekend as several festive events are planned to jump start the season. Kicking off the holiday is the cialist for the city. "It's a great inaugural Light Up the Night thing that shines this time of in Novi event. The civic center year, especially here in Novi." campus will be full of activity for the entire family, ranging is the first of two performancfrom crafts and entertainment es by the Novi Choralaires. to the lighting of the tree and a Their first show with the

to 9 p.m. Friday and is free to will take place at 7:30 p.m. the public. "Anything we can do to

increase that sense of community is important," said Tracie Church of the Holy Family. Ringle, communications spe-

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in advance at the Novi Parks office, Novi Senior Center or Also taking place that night at the door. The Novi Concert Band has Talacoda Handbell Quartet

tuned up for its annual free show that will take place at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Novi Civic Center. Diran Kochyan, assistant director and first chair

on Dec. 3 at the First United

Methodist Church. The second

show is at 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 at

Tickets for the show are

\$12, and can be purchased

The event runs from 6 p.m. is titled "Christmastime," and clarinet, said "it's going to be a really good concert" that is audience oriented. Some of the songs the band will play include "A Christmas

> Festival," "The Polar Express" and "White Christmas." "People are going to have a great time and it will bring a smile to their faces," Kochyan

Another big holiday event taking place at the civic center is the theater department's show called "Melodies of the Season: A Holiday Cabaret." The show, which is based on the 12 days of Christmas,

features 25 actors ranging in age from 7 to 21 years old who will perform holiday music and skits.

Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for the city of Novi, said this is a different kind of holiday show than in past years as "it's more than just singing or dancing or acting, but a combination of all three."

Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 12. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children (age 3-17) and seniors (over 60).

Other free events taking place this weekend at Novi Middle School is a show by the School of World Music and Dance from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 4, and winter family concert by the White Pine Glee Club at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5. "We hope Novi families start a new tradition and come to one of our many musical opportunities this holiday sea-

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son," Sorrentino said.



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years ago. He is currently a member of the Marine Corps bomb squad and is stationed at Camp Pendleton. The bride's attendants will be Melissa Rush (sister), Angela Scott (friend), and Abby Kiser (friend). The groom's attendants will be Aaron West-Guillen (brother), Taylor Gash (brother), and Ryan West (cousin). A reception will be held at North Tahoe Event Center. The cou-

ple will honeymoon in St. Lucia and then reside in Temecula.

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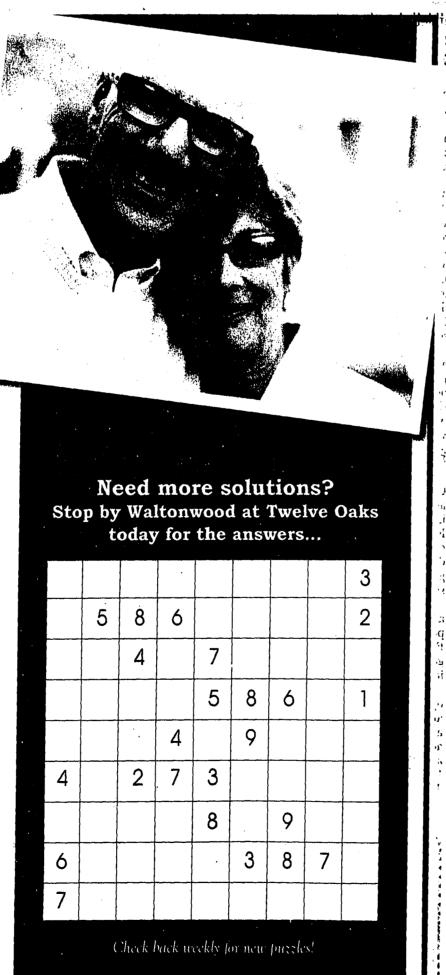
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candies and baked goods without taking time from their busy schedules to make their own. Cookies are \$8 per pound with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among tables laden with trays of holiday cookies and other delights. Doors open at 9 a.m., but

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Theater. Registration begins at

6:30 p.m. The Barn is located

p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at the

Farmington Players Barn

The exercise program will Susan Frishman (entertainment at 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd. in take place on the second and attorney). fourth Wednesday of the month The event is open to actors, starting on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. directors, producers aspiring Reservations are required and film-makers and fans.

can be made by contacting the The showcase begins at 9 Activities Department at (248) a.m.; there will be a Red Carpet 477-2000, or novi admisevent beginning at 7 p.m. folsions@cienafacilities.com. lowed by a meet-and-greet. The The Manor of Novi is located evening will conclude with a at 24500 Meadowbrook Road. dinner, special guest speakers and the ringing in of the New

Michigan Film Gala Year with a champagne toast at Global Pictures and Michigan midnight Jan. 1.

hosting the event. Special guest

(producer of SNL); Rod Harrell

speakers include Tanya Ryno

(CEO of RLH Talent); and

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

entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Free coffee and "broken cookies" will be served to those waiting in New this year will be an

opportunity for visitors to tour Meadowbrook's Meeting House (sanctuary) decorated for Advent. Guides will share information about the history and architecture of the church. Tours will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run throughout the cookie walk. Proceeds from the event go to the church and its mis-

Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads in Novi. For further information, contact the church office at 248.348.7757 or www.mbccc.

Balancing hormones naturally seminar

Rosalyn Rogers, a certified nutritional consultant and board certified in integrative medicine, will address a free seminar -- Balancing Your Hormones Naturally -- at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at The Better Health Market 42875 Grand

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Athletic boosters plan fund-raiser at Bagger

The Novi Athletic Boosters Club is inviting sports fans to take time out from the holiday rush and to enjoy a relaxing din ner with friends while supporting Novi athletic teams at the

Dec. 15 is Novi Athletic Boosters night at Bagger Dave's, 26062 Novi Road. For all patrons who present the required certificate to their servers and dine between 5-9 p.m., Bagger Dave's will donate 15 percent of the total purchases to the Boosters. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit all Novi high school and middle school athletic teams.

For additional information and to download the certificate. please visit the Athletics Page on the www.novi.k12.mi.us web site or Fund-raisers Page on the

Exercise at The Manor

The Manor of Novi, one of

Ciena Healthcare's 33 nursing and rehabilitation communities in Michigan, is the new host of Ernie Clark's POWERSIT, a free exercise program specifically designed for seniors. The program is open to its residents and seniors in the community. With the help of Ernie Clark a former Detroit Lions football player and founder of Life Long Fitness, participants can "sit and get fit" and learn about improv-

ing their health and fitness. "This free program is an opportunity for our residents and area seniors to socialize and get involved in physical activities to heal and maintain a healthy mind and body," said Lisa Berthold, administrator,

The Manor of Novi.

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Plymouth Salem senior Connor Berlin moves the puck up the ice as Novi sophomore Mark Baker chases him down during Salem's Nov. 24 victory over the Wildcats.

Rocks come back late, defeat Novi 5-4

Three goals in 88 seconds give Salem victory

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"Stevenson's always got a good team. There's no easy games," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "I'm happy where we're at."

er between Novi and Plymouth The Rocks opened their season

Despite the game's momentum favoring Novi early on, Salem struck first when junior Mark McGee slapped home a power

play goal with 6:23 remaining in the first period. think we got in some pen-Those who came out to Novi Ice alty trouble. They kept working Arena on Thanksgiving Eve were and came back," Novi coach in for a high-octane KLAA open- Todd Krygier said. "We killed 32 minutes of penalties the last two

games before this." Salem senior netminder with a come-from-behind 5-4 vic- Brandon Price came up big with tory over Novi (2-1-0) on the road 3:35 remaining in the first period when Novi senior Nolan Valleau glided in uncontested and deked

to the side, but Price covered the "He was outstanding. He kept

really spectacular saves," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. Price wasn't fast enough with 42 seconds to go when Novi senior

Zach Mohr got two chances at the in the back of the net after senior Michael Kruse moved it around behind the goal for a centering pass. Senior Joey Ferriss was also credited with an assist.

Novi took their first lead of the night with 14 minutes to go in the second period when Ferriss put a rebound in from the left side following a save by Price on a shot by Mohr. Junior Kent Burnett set up

Please see HOCKEY, B2

Catholic Central icers beat rival **Brother Rice**

Hockey team comes from behind to earn win

BY SAM EGGLESTON

If there's one thing that has always been impressive about the Detroit Catholic Central hockey teams coached by Todd Johnson, it's that they don't panic just because they get behind in a game That was evident again last week when the Shamrocks found themselves trailing Catholic High School League rival Brother Rice. Instead

of losing control, the team just went out and did

The Shamrocks will be back on the ice Saturday when they host DeLaSalle at 7

p.m. at Compuware

The Shamrocks found themselves trailing, 1-0, in the first period after Brother Rice's John Hickman took a pass from Thomas Ebbing and fired it into the back of the net past goalie Connor Pankow. Catholic Central

what they do best and

earned the victory, 3-2.

regrouped, stayed calm and scored two goals to start the second period Both goals were scored off the stick of Ryan Keller who scored the first at the 15:35 mark and the second at 8:24 with both coming off assists from Charlie Green.

Brother Rice continued to be a pest though, tying the game just 20 second later off a goal by Eric Dibble, with an assist from Jake Jaskolski The Shamrocks weren't phased, however, and secured the win the in final stanza as Michael Babcock scored a short-handed goal with 11:07 left in the contest for the 3-2 final. Tyle VanNorman assisted on the goal.

The game was a bit scrappy at times, with Catholic Central picking up six penalties for 12 minutes in the box and Brother Rice getting caught eight times committing fouls for 16 min-

Pankow earned the win between the posts, stopping 30 shots on goal and allowing two to get by him. PJ Bridges, the goalie for the Warriors, faced 46 shots and but allowed three into the net. Catholic Central is now 1-1 on the season.

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

Wildcat cagers tipping off soon

Ozeir, Armiak to lead Novi squads

CORRESPONDENT

With several winter sports kicking off this week, the gym at Novi High School will soon be filled with basketball games. Both the boys and girls teams are coming off successful seasons that earned them one championship trophy apiece, but are also both working on

integrating new pieces into their starting lineups. The girls team may have the biggest chip on their shoulders. as they dominated the competition all year long and finished 18-4 (9-1 KLAA Central Division champions), but lost two of their last three games - both against Canton - to end

Novi's girls basketball team hosts Saline tomorrow and Walled Lake Western Tuesday. Both games tip off at 7 p.m. The boys team plays Western on the road Tuesday at the

trict semifinal loss against the Chiefs, who had also defeated Novi 46-33 in the Kensington Conference championship Eighth-year coach Bill Kelp

will have a young lineup, as four starters graduated - three basketball. their season with a 39-37 dising senior starting guard Alyssa

guard Maddy Sinkovich (5-feet-6). Armiak was the team's best defender and most complete player last year. As the third scoring option, she averaged 5.6 points per game, 3.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.9 steals and shot 42.7 percent from field. The squad will also carry one

leadership.

who are now playing college The 'Cats will look to return-

three juniors who didn't play varsity ball last season. Kelp said his team would try to use the youth and athleticism to play an up-tempo game as he looks to his seniors for Although the girls squad fell

freshman, two sophomores and

short of their postseason hopes,

regional finals for the first time

the boys team advanced to the

in school history. Piease see CAGERS, B2

CC seniors run to 2nd State Title

Catholic Central senior Andrew Garcia-Garrison couldn't have ended his senior season under much better cir-

Champs, and he ran to a 10th-place individual finish to reach All-State status. also for the second straight year. include a best time of 15:35, regional champion, Sturgis champion, a fouryear run of Catholic League titles, a

meet record this season. career at Bucknell University.

of the Year Garcia-Garrison, the First-

the State Title. Three runners qualified

Team nominees would walked away with

Area runners are, even without Runner

cumstances. The Shamrocks repeated as State

Garcia-Garrison's season highlights regional championship and a 16-0 dual Garcia-Garrison will continue his

To show how strong this field of All-

for All-State and two more finished in the top-40. AUSTIN ZEBROWSKI, CC

JOHN-PAUL ZEBROWSKI, CC The Zebrowski twins are a virtual mirror of each other. They also capped off a high school career with consecutive All-State performances. Austin finished eighth with a season-best time of 15:35 at the biggest meet of the year. John-Paul was next in just four seconds back for his best time of the year.

They are both National Merit semifinal-

GARRET ZUK, LAKELAND The Eagle junior ran a 15:56 to finish 35th at the State Finals. His season highlights include a PR time of 15:55, a

third-place finish are regionals and an eighth-place finish at the Jackson Invite. He is Academic All-State. "Garret is an extremely smart and tough competitor," said coach Joe

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Mohr's shot and was credited with an assist. It only took Salem 41 seconds to tie the game 2-2. Junior Austin Sartorius took the puck up the left side on a shorthanded two-on-one 11 seconds into a penalty kill and ripped a shot wide left of the goal from the left circle. Sartorius followed his shot as it bounced off the back boards, the left outside of the net and into the left edge of the crease for a tap shot into the goal before Novi senior could backpedal from the top of unassisted effort.

the crease. "A couple of those goals were what I would call weak. He's working hard. Games like that happen," Krygier said.

Sartorius nearly got another goal 1:21 later when Pesendorfer attempted to clear a puck up the center and Sartorius intercepted it between the circles for a rip that Pesendorfer deflected wide

off his left pad. Price came up time after time to keep Salem in the game, but was called for delay of game with 4:47 remaining when he knocked the net out of place during a Novi shot attempt. Price nearly got the Rocks through the ensuing penalty kill when junior Curtis Herzog skated across the middle to screen Price during a shot by junior Dylan Shepard, and the rebound came right to Herzog, who put it in the back of the net from the right side of the crease

with 2:57 to go in the period to restore Novi's lead at 3-2 heading into the final intermission. Ferris and Novi sophomore Price had 33. "I knew that our guys Jon Mencer had two quality chances apiece, but Price continued coming up huge for Salem until Valleau got what

appeared to be the insurance goal with 14:26 to go in the Sixteen seconds into a power Both teams were slated to play. Valleau slid a one-timed slap shot between Price's left foot and the right goal post for

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"You score three to four goals Krygier said. "Sometimes you win games and you take it for

a 4-2 lead when he received a

long pass from the far faceoff

Mohr hit the right post 47

seconds later during a five-onthree power play and Salem turned on another gear after successfully killing it off. The start of the end for Novi came when Mencer was put in the penalty box for holding with 5:51 remaining. Salem senior Michael

Hochkins ripped a long shot that Sartorius put the rebound to 4-3 with 5:07 to go. During a collision in front of the Novi goal 56 seconds later, Salem senior Connor Berlin managed to slip the puck into

After another 34 seconds, with 3:39 to go in the game, Salem senior Ryan Quigley got a breakaway up the left side from the halfline and deked right across the goalmouth for a backhanded goal to give the Rocks a 5-4 lead.

occurred in a span of 88 sec-"I think Salem did a great job working. We turned the puck over. In general, it was turnovers," Krygier said. "Two of their last three goals were

The three Salem goals

defensive turnovers at the blue Mohr crushed McGee into the glass next to the Salem bench with 90 seconds to go, but the display of power did nothing to even the score on the board, as the Rocks started their season off with a 5-4 vic-

Novi held an overall 37-30 shot advantage, but Salem commanded things late with a 14-8 advantage in the third period. Pesendorfer made 25 saves and

have the capability. We work hard and never give up," Ossenmacher said. "Whether it was one shift or 30 shifts, everyone gave their all. It was as complete a win as we've had."

be in action Thanksgiving weekend, but Novi's Saturday contest at Plymouth (O-O-1) was FROM PAGE B1 rescheduled to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Compuware Arena. Salem was slated to face off Saturday against Canton (1-0-0).

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he competed in and set personal best times at the end of the season with a stress fracture in his foot. Garret's pain tolerance has no ceiling." EVAN SMALLMAN, MILFORD

The Milford senior earned All-State with a 12th-place finish at the State Finals with a PR at 15:42 for the fourthplace Mavericks. His time puts him fifth back on goal, cutting Novi's lead all-time at Milford. Smallman was a regional and county medalist along with First Team All-Conference.

"Evan was a great lead runner for us all season," said coach Brian Salyers. "He ran remarkably well in dual meets and gave us netminder Michael Pesendorfer the net to tie the game 4-4 in an a low ticket in the big meets. He is a man of few words - he works hard and isn't afraid to race. It has been a pleasure to work with him on a daily basis." CODY SNAVELY, MILFORD

The Maverick sophomore just missed earning All-State honors, finishing in 32nd (15:54) at the State Finals. But he will have a couple of more cracks at it. His season highlights include medaling at regionals and county, Second Team All-Conference and Academic All-State.

"Cody was our rock of emotional and competitive consistency all season long, said Salyers. "Cody is knowledgeable, motivated and always prepared. It is easy to forget he is just a sophomore. Our guys always knew they could count on Cody, and that trust was essential to our suc-

JOE SCHUBRING, NOVI The Wildcat senior finished his career at the State Finals, finishing 43rd in 16:01. That time would be close to All-State most any other season. He ran a season-best 15:59 at the KLAA meet and 16:00 at regionals for 11th overall.

"It is a pleasure that to know that he is always able to be in the front in all the races that he is in," said coach Rob Smith. "Joe can lead a race - not all athletes can do that. Joe knows pace better than most athletes, so he can actually run fast under almost any circumstance. For me, winning the KLAA Kensington Conference was a real treat."

CHAD CINI, NORTHVILLE The Mustang leader put up a monster season-best time of 15:48 at Huron

ALL-AREA CROSS COUNTRY

RUNNER OF THE YEAR Andrew Garcia-Garrison, CC FIRST TEAM Austin Zebrowski, CC John-Paul Zebrowski, CC Garret Zuk, Lakeland

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Lakeland: Ryan Carrigan South Lyon: Mike Brodowicz, Mark Cogo, Zachary Weidman, Connor Weidman, Billy Cooney, Andrew Janos, Spencer Ruggiero, Justin Pearson South Lyon East: Alex Kuligowski, Matt Darr,

Blake Powell, Andrew DeMoss, Jonah Boyd Meadows for a ninth-place finish at regionals. His season-highlights include a fourth-place finish at the KLAA meet and

finished off the season in 61st at the State

lan Juntunen, Alex Hoorn, Riley McKenzie,

"Chad was our No. 1 runner all season," said coach Ed Clifton. "He stepped up to become one of the elites in this area with his 15:48 time at Huron Meadows. Chad plans to run next year in college, and this year showed what he is capable at on the

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the nominees for the Second Team would

The South lyon senior led the team in

every race this year. His PR of 16:06 came

52nd. Highlights included first-place fin-

ishes at the Ypsilanti End of the Summer

Classic and the Larry Steeb Invite; a sec-

ond-place finish at the Petoskey Invite; a

third-place finish at the KLAA Conference

meet; All-County with a 12th-place finish;

The senior led the Cougars to its first-

ever trip to the Division 2 State Finals as a

team. He led the Cougars in six races and

finished second on the team in four others.

His best time of 16:57 came at the Larry

and finished 161st at states.

MACKENZIE BOYD, CC

and 15th at regionals.

Nate Benton, Milford

SHAWN SHOVE, MILFORD

DYLAN DANOWSKI, MILFORD

RYAN BOYD, CC

Team honors.

Steeb Invite. He finished 10th at regionals

The fourth senior came across the line

in 39th at the State Finals in 15:59, the

fourth finisher for the State Champs. His

highlights include a sixth-place finish at

Oakland County, sixth at the league race

The Shamrock junior capped off the

ished ninth at the league race and 24th at

regionals. He is also Academic All-State.

The Maverick senior capped off his

career with a season-best time of 15:57 at

the State Finals for 36th overall. It was his

fourth trip to the State Finals. Other high-

lights include medaling at regionals and

county along with All-Conference Third

The Maverick senior ran a season-best

time of 16:11 at the State Finals for 63rd

overall. He medaled at both regional and

county meets. He is also Academic All-

The Milford senior finished right with

teammate Shove in 64th at the State

Finals (16:12). The Milford Homecoming

King earned Third Team All-Conference

medaled at the county meet and earned

scoring at the State Finals by finishing

49th in a personal-best 16:13. He fin-

and All-Region with a 13th-place finish.

ERIK HEATHCOCK, SOUTH LYON EAST

at the State Finals where he finished

be in the running for a top-five finish at

BLAKE YARD, SOUTH LYON

Fourth-year coach Cory Heitsch guided his team to a 19-6 (8-2 Central

Although the team lost their top four guards, a forward and a center to graduation, the Wildcats return reigning All-Area Player of the Year Samer Ozeir. The 6-feet-8 senior led Novi in scoring (15.5), rebounding (9.1) and blocks (1.6) per game last year, and is expected to do so again with a new backcourt behind him.

Senior forwards Chris Milon (6-feet-

7) and Rob Laney (6-feet-5) are both expected to be key contributors in the frontcourt, Milon neaked in the playoffs last season, earning 3.8 points, bette Lyon and will also dompete for time at runners-up) finish and district cham- 3.7 rebounds and one block per game. guard. Laney averaged 6.0 points and 4.2 rebounds per game and is becoming a mid-range threat as well. Returning seniors Nate Hill (6-feet-5) and Brady Sheldon (6-feet-5) will also mix into

> Looking to replace the several guard vacancies are seniors Brian Bush (6feet-1, 2.3 PPG, 0.3 assists), Avery McIntyre (6-feet, 0.8 PPG, 0.2 assists) and Zac Dotinga (6-feet, 1.2 PPG, 0.2

assists), who are the only returning guards with varsity experience. Junior Scott Kempa transferred from South

Both teams expect to be in the title hunt again, but need to settle into their new lineups in order to duplicate and surpass last season's successes. Each team kicks off their season

next week with a string of games against all three Walled Lake high

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 10-103.11**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 10-103.11 TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, "DRAINAGE AND FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION," ARTICLE II, "DRAINAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY," IN ORDER TO AMEND THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE; TO ADD A NEW PROVISION, SECTION 12-24, "PROHIBITED ACTS," MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO CAUSE OR PERMIT TEMPORARY OR PERIODIC DRAINAGE OF WATER ONTO ADJACENT PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSENT; AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12-28, "DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER, REGULATING WITH THE DISCHARGE OF

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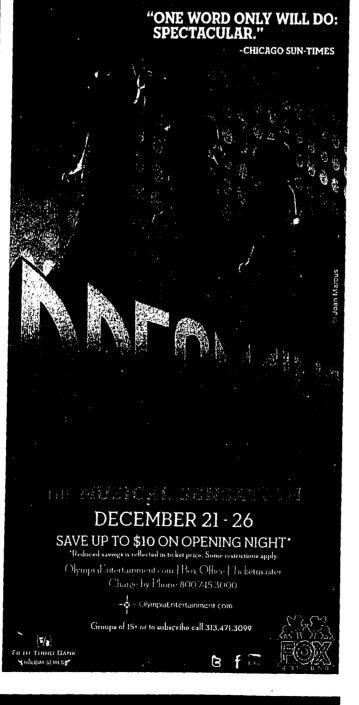
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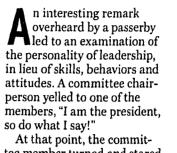
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Don't settle for so-called leaders



tee member turned and stared as if he was looking from the screen of a Warner Brothers cartoon at an amused audience. After he blinked, he turned away from the audience, back to the committee chairperson and said, 'Excuse

Needless to say, the conversation went completely downhill and after the individuals finished marking their territory, the committee president finished the meeting by mumbling to the person next to him, "I am the president and that's all that's what's important."

Important to whom? The general body of research on leadership is inclusive and expansive in that the probing lens opens wide enough to take into account the smallest pebble on the longest shoreline. While there has been consistent agreement for the the throne. Somehow, in the various camps of leadership, trait, behavior, style, situation, transformational and others, the one area still left completely open to discussion and dissent is in the area of individual

pointed out that the committee chairperson 'volunteered' for the job because he felt he would be the most effective at leading the committee memthe motives of someone who volunteers to lead a group of people, we tend to assume that

the person who Takin' Care volunteers is of Business thing noble Lee Meadows and of needed

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value. Far too often it is revealed that the volunteer has power and control issues that can only be acted out and acted upon once they are safely tucked into a leader-

In conversations that took place away from the committee meeting, it was revealed and later confirmed that most of the committee members would not want to be someone who had a direct reporting relationship to the committee chairperson. Now that suggests that there had been enough independent interactions with the committee chairperson to have formulated a collective opinion. Yet, without so much as a little resistance, they allowed the 'volunteer' leader to assume

midst of that ascension, a transformation of the personality took place or, maybe, it just revealed its true self. When the situation was described to Walsh College doctoral candidate Tracy Flaggs, she smiled and said, "It's a classic dilemma. You have someone who is willing to do the job and, instinctively,

you know that there is going to

In her work on Courageous rarely, question Leaders, Tracy Flaggs notes that her research shows courageous leaders take action for a purposeful result.

"In this case," Flaggs said, "the committee chairperson is taking action for a personal result and, therefore, not really leading. Just because a person driven by some- wants to lead does not mean that they should lead."

When personality is factored into the leadership equation, the result are as mixed a fruitcake and can be just as distasteful. Unfortunately, when a dysfunctional personality occupies a formal leadership position, the followers are unlikely to rally in support The conventional, unstated wisdom among followers is that it is easier to comment on how a leader fell off a cliff than to explain why the person was pushed. Leadership is not an activity that can be taken lightly and requires more than just a passive nod of approval

just to get out of something. Tracy Flaggs mentioned that where leadership is concerned, her research points to a disturb ing pattern. "Often times, we don't get the leaders we want because we are too willing to settle for what is available.

Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D is a Professor of Management at Waish College working at the Novi Campus. He teaches Leadership and Management in the MBA and Doctoral programs and provides a number of consult ing services for the surrounding community. He is the author of the leadership fable, "Take the Lull By the Horns: Closing the Leadership Gap." He can be contacted at Imeadows@ walshcollege.edu.

Mayflower recognizes Premier Boshuko's Michigan presence, the City of Novi Premier Relocation, LLC, Novi, an agent contributed to administrative fees and infra-What is it that compels a of the nationwide household goods carstructure improvements to support the project. person to want to lead? It was rier Mayflower, was honored recently by the

"The consolidation and expansion of Toyota Boshuko's prototype operations in Novi is a perfect addition to the research and development facility currently located in Novi," said Ara Topouzian, Economic Development Director. BrightStar accredited In Announcement of the retrognition aconferred TRAINER L-810-Place a

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and loyalty scores as rated by their customers in The Joint Commission conducted an on-site evaluation of BrightStar of Novi on Oct. 13. The accreditation award recognizes BrightStar of Novi's dedication to complying with the Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

"In becoming accredited, BrightStar of Novi was evaluated against a set of national standards by The Joint Commission's surveyor experienced in the delivery of home care services," said Gina Zimmermann, M.S., senior executive director, The Joint Commission. "Achieving oil filters, and power train systems for a variety accreditation demonstrates BrightStar of Novi's commitment to providing high quality and safe care to its clients."

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recommendation, the MEGA Board approved

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expand in Michigan over a competing site in

Toyota Boshuko employs over 27,000 world-wide which includes their research and devel-

opment center facility located in Novi. This MEGA project is expected to create up to 75

ity created by the project has the potential to

retain an additional 35 indirect jobs and will

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ness in Michigan, the State of Michigan MEGA Board approved a five-year High-Tech MEGA

Hawaii, with more than 400 Mayflower repre-

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

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,

ing your butt, but not getting the results you want? You're asking yourself, "Is this it? What am I missing? Learn the secrets and skills that will give you a tremendous competitive edge and dramatically mprove your income! Learn how to give an effective 60 second elevator pitch, learn valuable networking tips and how to network effectively and get Invited In! Presented by Denise Roberts, Sales

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8, from 9 a.m.-noon **Pre-Business Research** - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research vour 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.

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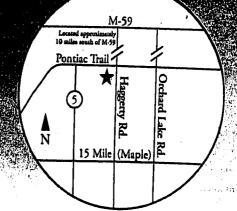
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