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NOVI NOW State of the City

The City of Novi in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce invites you to join Mayor David Landry and Novi City Council members for the State of the City address and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at Baromette Renaissance hotel (27790 Novi Road).

The cost is \$27 per person. Reservations be made by sending a check made payable to: City of Novi, attention: Robin Working, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Seating is limited to the first 230 attendees.

Bill allows potent spray devices

A bill increasing the amount of chemicals which can be used in self-defense spray or foam devices was signed into law last week by then-Gov. Granholm. "Michigan residents will now have access to a greater variety of self-defense products that are not lethal and easy to purchase to protect themselves and their property," said Rep. Hugh Crawford (R-Nowi) who introduced the legislation in the state House. "Allowing a higher concentration of this chemical in pepper spray devices makes these products safer for users, and gives a person more options instead of using physical force for protection."

Crawford's legislation, House Bill 6053, increased the amount of the chemical oleoresin capscicum allowed in self-defense, or "pepper spray", devices from two percent to 10 percent.

60-minute boot camp

Novi Choi Kwang Do Academy will be hosting a free 60-minute boot camp at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. A nutritional presentation will follow -- sample a variety of products from the leaders in nutritional cleansing and replenishing. The academy is located at 24404 Catherine Industrial Drive, Suite 306. For more information, e-mail lessons@erinhermanckd.com or call (734) 604-1801.

Walmart rep addresses concerns

City staff recommending conditional approval at Monday's council meeting

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council will weigh in on the plans for the proposed Walmart Supercenter for the first time at Monday's regular council meeting. Walmart's proposal calls for demolishing the former Mervyn's building and adjacent spaces at the Novi Town Center to build a 149,854-square-foot store.

The Novi Planning Commission approved three motions — for a special land use permit, a preliminary site plan and a stormwater management plan — at its last meeting in December to send the plans to city council for its preliminary and possibly final approval.

The City Council also must give preliminary site plan approval to construct a 17,500-square-foot building that would connect the existing Novi

Town Center to the proposed Walmart structure.

One of the main concerns the commissioners had with the plans involved the facade on the front of the store. However, Walmart's consultants have made changes to comply with the city.

"We understand and believe we can work with what the city wants to meet their needs and also do what is neces-

"We recognize that traffic is a common issue when you have large retail going on. However, the positive outlook of traffic is that it means commerce is taking place and businesses are flourishing. It's one of the not-so-pleasant side effects."

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LINDSEY HUBBARD/STAFF, Walmart

2010 - YEAR IN REVIEW

A look back at the year that was

JULY

Parks director leaves for Ohio

Randy Auler, the director of parks, recreation and cultural services, moved on after a nine-year career with the city of Novi.

Auler called the choice to lead the parks and recreation department in Westerville, Ohio, "the toughest career decision I've had to make," but could not pass up the chance to work for an organization that consistently garners national recognition.

During Auler's tenure, the park system has grown from 600 acres to over 1,000, been awarded more than \$3 million in grants, seen programs and participation increase, had parks created or renovated and more.

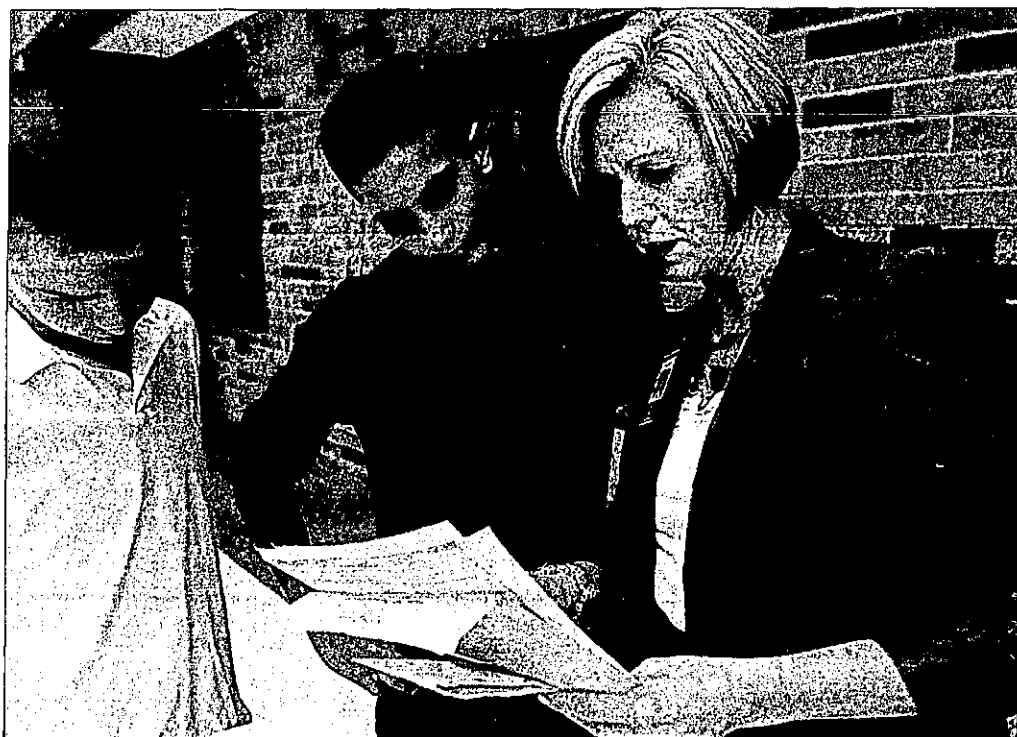
Nancy Cowan has served as interim director while the city looks at options for filling the position.

Father, stepson rescue neighbor

A 73-year-old Novi woman is alive today thanks to the quick thinking of her neighbor and his stepson.

The woman was trapped inside her Meadowbrook Road home after a fire that started in the garage from a firework spread to the rest of the house.

Neighbor Ron Roberts knew the woman would be unable to get out on her own so he ran into the house through the back door and helped her out before the house was



JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New Novi High School principal Carol Diglio goes over schedules and concerns with incoming freshmen Brian Stewart, left, and Ali Taha. Diglio has been at the high school for 16 years as a teacher, administrator and sports coach.

engulfed in flames. His stepson, Anthony Daniel, who was visiting from Atlanta, also sprinted across the street to help Roberts carry the woman away from the home. "I couldn't let someone die, and when you see someone in trouble it's just how you react," Roberts said.

Novi Palooza replaces '50s Festival

The disbanding of the Michigan '50s Festival meant

Novi was going to be without an annual summer celebration for the first time in years.

But thanks to Blair Bowman, president of the Suburban Collection Showplace, that didn't happen.

Bowman, with the help of former festival board members and several volunteers, was able to pull off the event in a little over six weeks and did not charge people a park-

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Council preparing to set goals for 2011

Two policy discussions will kick off Saturday's meeting

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

There will be a different format to the annual goal setting session when the Novi City Council meets on Saturday.

Instead of just talking about the goals for the major strategic themes, the council members will first have a policy discussion on two items.

The first will be about the fund balance, what percentage the council wants it to be and what they would do with excess funds if there are any.

The second is to see if there is any interest in instituting an administrative fee and simultaneously lowering the overall property tax millage rates by an equal amount to offset the costs for assessing and treasury services. A por-

tion of the proceeds would then go towards a long-term reduction of the city's pension and retirement obligations. "It doesn't make sense for the administration to come up with a budget to meet our goals if they don't know where we are going to be comfortable in terms of fund balance," said Novi Mayor David Landry.

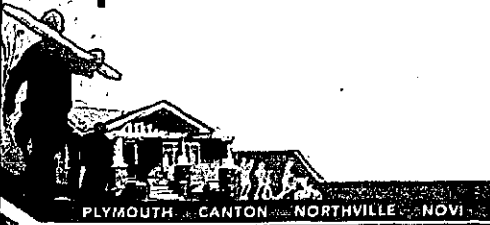
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CHARLES JOSEPH "CHUCK" BRADY
Died December 31, 2010. Born in Brighton, Michigan on March 20, 1923 to Hardee F. (Judson) and Joseph A. Brady.

KAREN SIMPSON BEARD
Age 45, passed away January 2, 2011 at home after a long, courageous battle. She was born February 28, 1965, in Howell, Michigan.

EDWARD A. GRUDZIEŃ
Age 89, passed away December 27, 2010. He was born on October 5, 1921, in Hamtramck, Michigan.

THOMAS H. PALINKAS
Of Whitmore Lake, MI. His Legacy: Age 54, died January 2, 2011 at Arbor Hospice Residence.



Northville resident Mark Klutcho holds his largest tortoise, "Thor", a 70-pound sulcata from Africa's southwest Sahara region.

Northville resident Mark Klutcho has loved turtles since he was boy. Helping educate young children. Sparing that Northville's Mark Klutcho likes turtles and tortoises is an understatement.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO
A turtle is a reptile that lives in a shell. Turtles are usually thinner and have broader, flat shells, webbed feet, and live on water and land.

He lives in the house with his wife, Marlene, and their three children, Samantha, 15; Alexandria, 13; and Josh, 8. They used to live in Livonia, and he used to do construction work before he injured his back.

GRACE M. ROSS
Age 85, of Novi, passed away peacefully Dec. 30, 2010. A funeral service was held Jan. 2, 2011 at East Commerce, Milford, on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 at 11 a.m.

FRANK TURCHAN
Age 85, of Northville, passed away Dec. 31, 2010. A service was held Jan. 3, 2011 at Ann Eden Memorial Park.

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For more information call: Char Wilson 586-826-7062
Liz Keiser 586-977-7538

The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line.

Nov 15 during firearm season. In September, a two-day youth hunt takes place in Rose City north of Saginaw that the girls attend.

Even though they are only 15 and 13, Samantha and Alexandria Klutcho have already nabbed five deer between the two of them this year and eight total.

WENT DURING GUN SEASON
The girls shot their last deer on Please see HUNTING, A7

HUNTING

bucks — a six-point in the youth hunt and a four-point in the regular season. "This year, she shot a doe during the youth hunt and a buck and doe in the regular season.



PHOTOS BY PAM FLEMING (HOMETOWN LIFE RECORD)



Alexandria Klutcho, 13, an eighth-grader at Hillside Middle School, displays a young buck that one of the family members shot on one of their hunting expeditions.

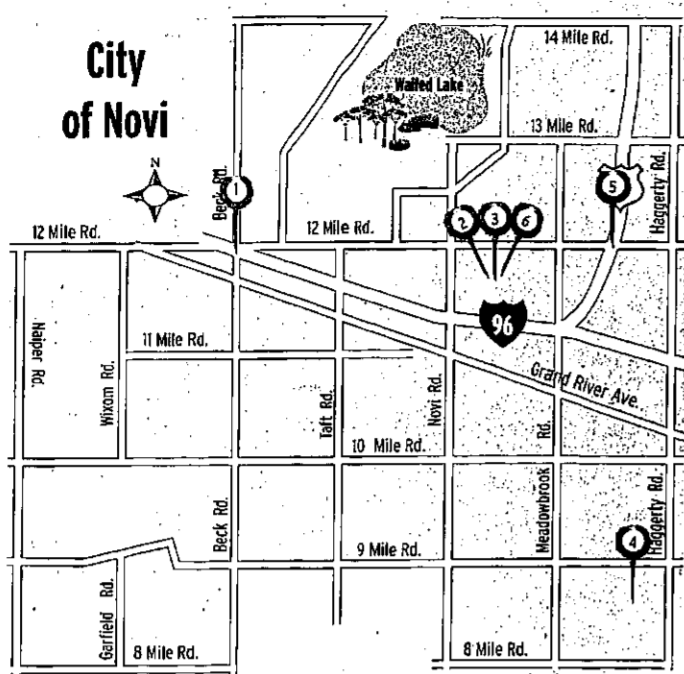
PRACTICE ALL SUMMER
Last year during the youth hunt, the deer she shot was only 100 yards away.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

City of Novi



Driver caught with marijuana

Novi police arrested a woman for possession of marijuana after she was initially stopped at I-96 and Beck Road on Dec. 21 around 3:11 a.m. for having a defective license plate light.

Woman loses wedding ring

A Farmington Hills woman lost her \$11,900 wedding ring on Dec. 18 while she was shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Teen caught stealing from mall

An 18-year-old Novi man was arrested after he was caught attempting to steal from Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall on Dec. 28.

Car damaged in theft

A 2010 black Nissan Murano was broken into overnight on Dec. 29 on Edgewater

and several items were stolen from inside.

The owner told police he forgot to lock the car when he got home and when he returned to the car the next day the radio console was gone and the dome lights also were damaged.

Very drunk driver stopped by cops

Novi police arrested a highly intoxicated driver at 2:10 a.m. on Dec. 31 for drunk driving after being stopped at Twelve Mile Road and M-5.

Woman caught changing price tags

A 59-year-old woman was arrested and charged with retail fraud on Jan. 2 after she was caught switching price tags on watch boxes at Sears inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

Visit downtown Northville for dinner and a movie

Forget big-box theatres and flavor-of-the-month films. For a truly unique experience, make a date in downtown Northville. The Northville DDA is pleased to announce the 2011 Movies at the Marquis series "Classics through the Decades" sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford.

- Jan. 15 - Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981): Directed by Steven Spielberg...
Jan. 19 - Love Story (1970): It doesn't get more romantic than this timeless tale...
Feb. 5 - Sunset Boulevard (1950): A former silent film star struggles with Hollywood...

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Five Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss
Location: Walled Lake Library, 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11

Weight Watchers Chef Jesse
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31
Location: Novi Weight Watchers Center, Novi 10 Shopping Center at 41720 W. 10 Mile Road at Meadowbrook

State of the City Address Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20
Location: Baromette Renaissance (hotel just south of 12 Mile Road on the east side of Novi Road)

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: Tollgate Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Road, Novi



\$150,000 donation

Residents of Fox Run this year donated \$150,000 to their campus' Staff Appreciation Fund to show their appreciation to staff for jobs well done in 2010.

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads

Ultimate Fishing Show
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; 10-5 Sunday, Jan. 16

Rock Financial Showplace
Location: 4600 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 348-5600

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Michigan's First... Senior ERs
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Advertisement for St. Mary Mercy Livonia Senior ERs, featuring an image of a smiling senior citizen and text about their services and location.

Novi/Northville MEDICAL SERVICE directory advertisement listing various professionals and their contact information, including optometry, family therapy, hand and wrist care, family practice, and dentistry.

Shen Yun Performing Arts advertisement for a Classical Chinese Dance & Music production at the Detroit Opera House, featuring an image of a performer and details about the Jan 20-23 performance.

CALENDAR
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349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.
Networking Luncheon and Seminar

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 12
Details: 10:15 a.m. Learn B4 Lunch seminar; 11:30 a.m. registration and networking; noon lunch. Cost is \$25 pre-registration; \$30 non-member (call Chamber office to register).
Location: Gus O'Connor's, 42875 Grand River, Novi
Business to Business Breakfast
Time/Date: 8:9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18
Location: Seung W Fit Club, 41430 Grand River Ave., Novi
Details: Join for networking, coffee, and a light breakfast. Cost for members is \$5 at the door; non-members \$10 at the door. Please pre-register.

Metro Novi BNI
Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 2091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine



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Skating away

Mary O'Hara (left) gets some figure skating lessons from Marianne D'Angelis on Dec. 29 at the Novi Ice Arena. O'Hara practiced orthonotics for 18 years in Novi and is now turning her attention to skating. Private lessons are offered at the Arena and more information is available by calling (248) 347-1010.

their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freeoathost.us.
Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freeoathost.us

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

NIGHTLIFE

Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater
Location: 42705 Grand River

Autobiography
May 4-22: "Bad Dates"
May 25-June Indefinitely: "The Last Five Years"
Contact: www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 348-4448

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library
Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Website: www.novilibrary.org
Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.
Library will be closed all day on Jan. 17

Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.
Snack Tales
Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10
Details: Each time we meet you will get a chance to listen to some great stories and cook up a tasty snack. Please register for this great program for grades K-4.

E-mail Instruction for Seniors
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11
Details: This half-hour session provides personal instruction by a Librarian on e-mail basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed. Registration required.

English Conversation Group
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 and Jan. 18
Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.
Friends Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12
Details: Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite

you to attend.
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Time/Date: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14
Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. For grades 9-12.
Kiddle Crafts
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15
Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required. Be a Shutterbug with Picasa
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15

Details: Capturing great photos with a digital camera is the easy part. Editing, organizing, fixing, captioning and sharing them takes work. Learn about Google's free photo software, Picasa, and take the headache out of managing your photos. Prerequisite: basic computer proficiency. Registration required.
Internet Instruction for Seniors
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18
Details: This half-hour session provides personal instruction by a Librarian on Internet basics such as navigating the task bar, searching with known addresses and keyword searching. Registration required.
Going Mobile with OverDrive
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18
Details: Did you get a new MP3 player or eReader as a gift but still haven't tried it out? Join us for a "how-to" session on using your eReader or MP3 player and downloading audiobooks and eBooks with OverDrive. Registration required.
Booked for Lunch
Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19
Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of "The Girls from Ames" by Jeffrey Zaslow.

Library Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19
Details: The public is welcome to attend these meetings as the Library Board discusses topics including planning, policy decisions, annual budget, and broad operational oversight.
Meet Mark Crilley - Resident Artist Extraordinaire
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19
Details: Mark Crilley is a Novi resident and author. He has created the Akiko and Miki Falls series. This fall he launched a new graphic novel series called Brody's Ghost. Come and learn about his process of story-telling and drawing.

Walled Lake City Library
Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Phone: (248) 624-3772

EDUCATION

Novi Community Education
Contact: (248) 449-1205
Web: www.novicomunityed.org

SENIORS

Novi Senior Center
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-0414
Blood Pressure Checks
Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays
Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge.

Panera Bread
Time/Date: 8:15-9 a.m. Tuesdays
Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day. Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and conversation. No charge.

Bingo
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays
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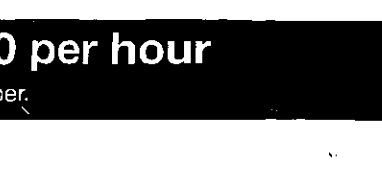
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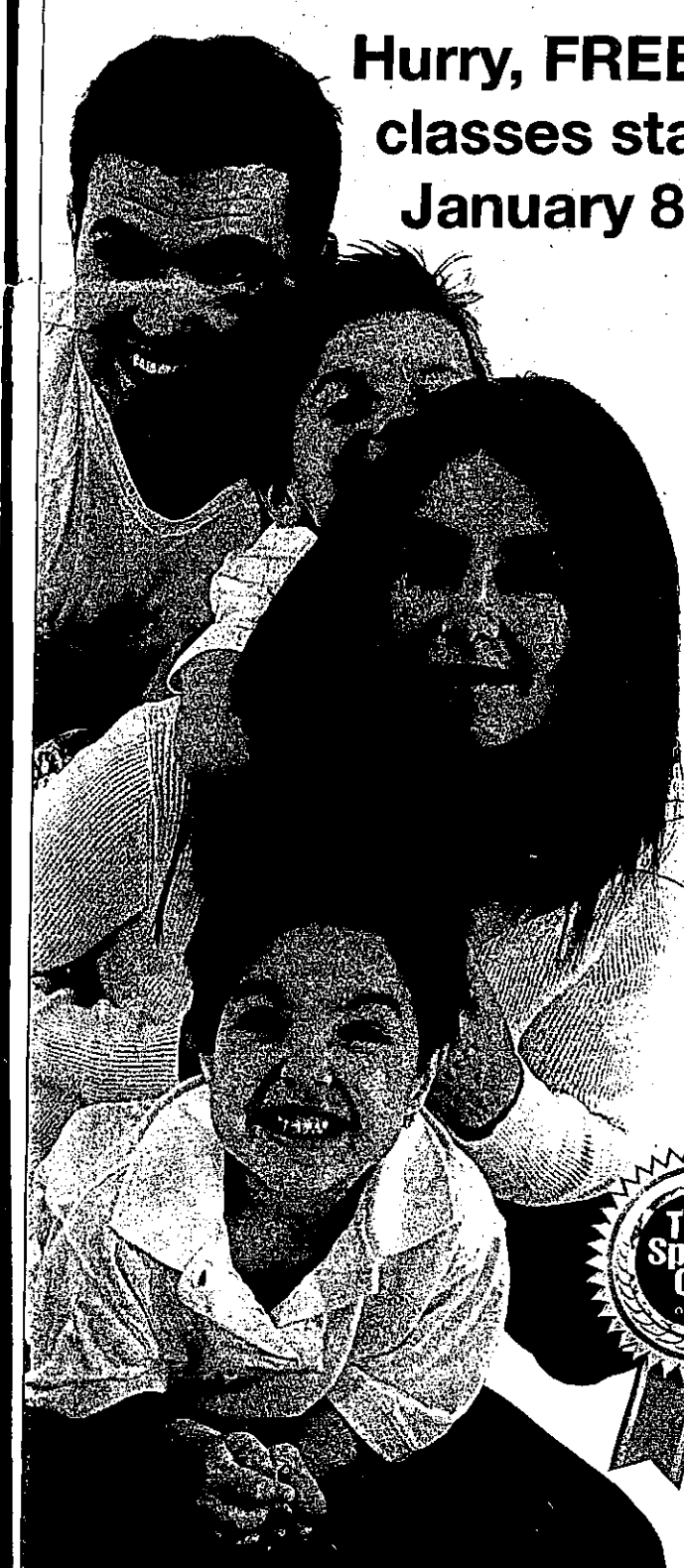
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Mustang Jonathon Alandt tries to evade the grasp of South Lyon East's Matt Kusynski. Alandt is the 2010 All-Area Player of the Year.

Northville's Alandt's versatility stands out

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

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The 2010 season proved no different as we had teams scrapping their way into the playoffs and compiling some impressive numbers along the way. Even the teams that didn't advance into the post-season had talented athletes at the core of their squad.

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But a choice, albeit difficult, was made, and the final selection for the 2010 Hometown All-Area Football Team Player of the Year is none other than Northville's Jon Alandt.

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Catholic Central takes second in Tournament of Champions

10 Shamrocks place in the top four of tourney standings

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It was indeed a tournament of champions that was held last week in Goodrich. The tournament, which is considered by many pundits as the toughest regular-season tourney in the state, featured the best high school teams in Michigan. When the smoke cleared and the dust settled, history was made and a champion was crowned as St. Johns managed to earn the title with 224 points while Catholic Central took second with 201. It was the first time in the tournament's history two teams scored over 200 points.

"I'm very proud of our young men and the way they competed at the Goodrich Tournament of Champions," said Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock. "I feel like that is one of the toughest regular season tournaments in the state and we had 10 guys place in the top four. I like the way our guys wrestled back in the consolation rounds. We had four guys wrestle back to take third and that says something about how resilient and tough these young men are."

Taking first place finishes for the Shamrocks were TJ Fagan and Alec Mooradian, while Ken Bade, Drew Garcia and Miles Trealout took second place finishes. Taking third place for the Catholic Central grapplers were Maliek Amire, Logan Marecki, Nick Mason and Andrew Erickson, while Evan Toth took a fourth-place finish and Joe Silvestri finished seventh.

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

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Boosters plan dining fund-raisers

The Novi Athletic Boosters Club is offering sports fans several opportunities during January to enjoy a dinner out and support Novi sports teams at the same time through its Dining to Donate fund-raising program. In the program, diners simply present printed flyers at specified eating establishments and have dinner as they normally would, and the restaurants pledge to donate a percentage of those sales to the Boosters.

Fans will have three opportunities to enjoy a meal at Olga's Kitchen - Westmarket, while supporting the Boosters. Dates are Jan. 7, 10 and 11, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Guests are asked to present flyers at the cash register, and a percentage of the bills will be donated.

Bigger Dave's, 26062 Novi Road, will have Novi Athletic Boosters night on Jan. 24 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. The restaurant will donate 15 percent of the total purchases to the Boosters. Patrons are asked to present flyers to their servers.

Proceeds from the events will benefit all Novi high school and middle school athletic teams. For additional information and to download flyers, please visit www.noviatleticboosters.com.

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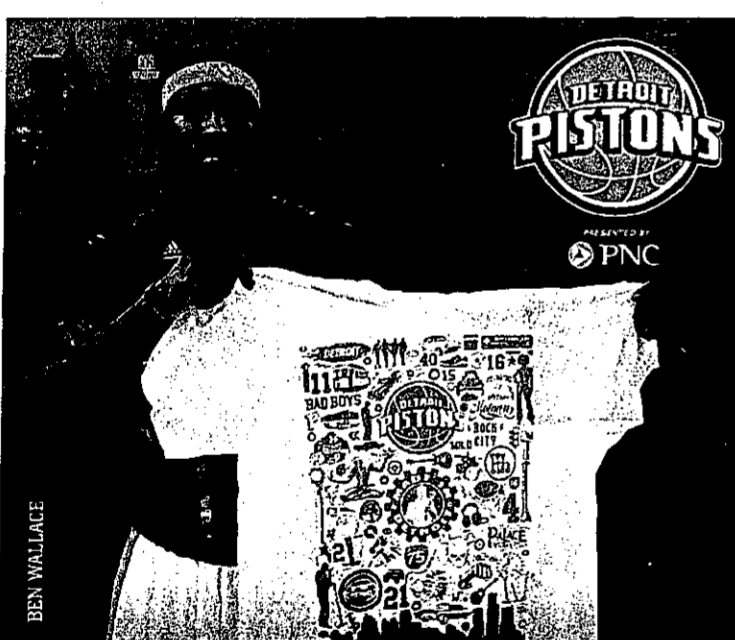
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Chamber welcomes new board

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will be installing its 2011 Board of Directors on Jan. 12 during the monthly networking luncheon...

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Company: Carrabba's Italian Grill
How long on the board: four years

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Name: Rachel Hindelang
Company: Resulits Systems Corporation
How long on the board: elected November 2009

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Name: Sam Morgan
Company: Gasiorok, Morgan & Greco, P.C.
How long on the board: beginning first term

Directors
Name: Erin Cicero
Company: Servpro of Novi
How long on the board: second year

Directors
Name: Mary Jane Scott
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Name: Tim Herrington
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This month's contest features Happy New Year. Share with us what 3 things you want to do in 2011!

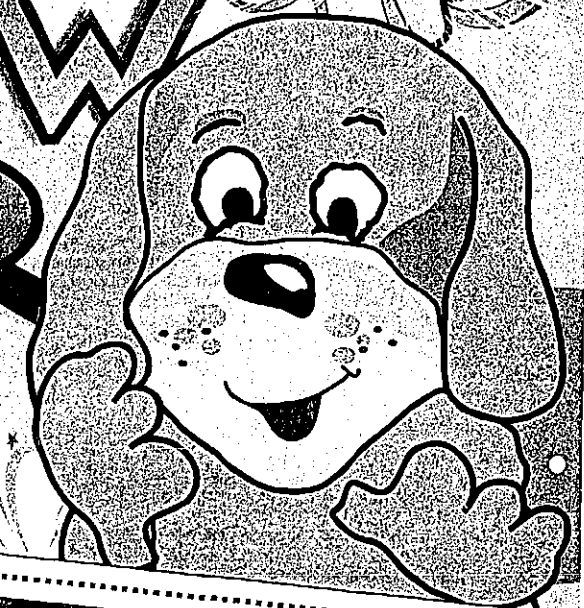
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Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

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Deadline for submissions: 2/1/11

Everyone who enters will receive a letter from Scoop and a small gift!

Send your entries for the New Year Contest to:

Scoop the Newshound

c/o: Michele Austin

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Tell Scoop what you plan to do in 2011

Form with fields for Youth Name, Youth Age, Youth Community, and Parent's information to contact winning entry.

SELECTED WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR NAME, AGE, HOMETOWN, PHOTO AND LETTER PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT SCOOP HOUND DOG HIGHLIGHTS.

Lucky winners from last month's contest

Send in your letter and photo, you may win a spot on Scoops Hound Dog Highlight page!



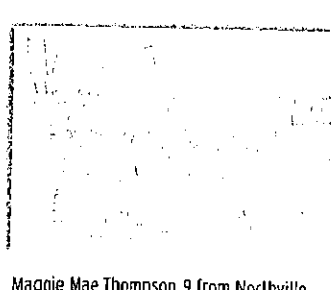
Scoop celebrated the holidays by visiting Santa at the Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Park, in Westland.



Angel Calhoun, 7 from Canton enjoys picking up her live Christmas tree.



Abigail Said, 9, along with Sara, 1, Adam, 4, Cecilia, 14, Noah, 12 from Westland love to decorate their house for the holidays.



Maggie Mae Thompson, 9 from Northville saved up her own money from doing chores, to celebrate the holidays by giving gifts to the poor.

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!

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Association party mixes business and pleasure

Fun was on the agenda Dec. 16 when the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held its annual holiday party.

"This time we just had a good time," said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAAR, of the event held at American Legion Post 32 on Newburgh in Livonia. WWOCAAR had done a charitable bowling fund-raiser for the Farmington-Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families in the spring.

The December party drew just over 200. "We had a lot of Realtors," Smith said. "We had a lot of people related to our businesses," including bankers and attorneys. Fun was mixed with business talk as industry leaders look to 2011 and improvement in the housing market. "We have a lot of hope for what's going to be coming down the road," he said. A new governor of either party brings change.

"We have some hope that some of the programs in Michigan will be revitalized," Smith said. He noted home sales are comparable to the past but values have declined.

"They're coming back slowly but surely but they'll take a while," he said.

By Julie Brown



Cleveland Jackson of Brown Realty and Roxanne Fitzpatrick of Keller Williams Farmington Hills share a smile at the WWOCAAR party in Livonia.



Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Ann Arbor, Sheila Grimes-Birard of Coldwell Banker Preferred and Johnnie Gates of Century 21 M.L. catch up on happenings at the WWOCAAR holiday party.



Jean Paul Pilot of P.R.O.S. Home Inspections, Neil McCloskey of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, and Jeff Zyc of CUTCOC enjoy their time together at the recent WWOCAAR party.

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Law's aim: Protect brokers

Q: I understand that commercial brokers now have a lien on the property to satisfy their commissions. Do you have any information on that?

A: Michigan Public Act No. 201 of 2010 (Commercial Real Estate Broker's Lien Act) was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Oct. 5, 2010, to protect commercial brokers against losing rightfully earned commissions. The Act allows a lien to be placed on commercial property for nonpayment of the commission. The legislation is intended to prevent future lawsuits in regard to commissions. The Act only applies to written commission agreements executed after the Act's effective date of Oct. 5, 2010, to "commercial real estate," which is defined as any property that is not: (i) vacant property zoned for single-family use, (ii) property with four or fewer residential units, or (iii) property with more than four residential units if such units are single-family units that are sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed on a unit-by-unit basis.

With respect to leases, a broker may record a lien at any time within 60 days after a lease is signed, which attaches once the tenant takes possession of the property. The statute of limitations for a broker's lien is one year after the attachment of the lien and the parties can escrow an amount sufficient to satisfy the lien so that the buyer or seller cannot refuse to close a transaction due to the escrow account requirement. An escrow account is not required if either (i) alternative procedures are available that will allow the transaction to close and are acceptable to all of the parties to the transaction, or (ii) the proceeds from the transaction are insufficient to satisfy such lien.

Q: Our condominium has a prohibition on exterior attachments to the unit and several of the board members have been upset with pumpkins being put on the porch of our condominiums. I think this is unreasonable and irrational. What do you think?

A: Generally speaking, the Board of Directors has wide latitude in ensuring the aesthetic integrity of the condominium. Of course, that decision making process can be abused and it would appear that prohibiting pumpkins from being placed on the common elements for a limited period of time would be unreasonable unless there is a safety or other legitimate reason for doing so. However, the ultimate decision process rests with the board and your best recourse may be to elect board members who are more receptive to being neighborly.

Robert M. Melsner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also writes Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmselner@melsnerassociates.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact: Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laielle@kw.com.

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Tax appeals

Learn strategies for property tax appeals from David E. Nykanen. He will cover actions you need to appeal your assessed values at the local Boards of Review. Presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Jan. 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members, \$20.00 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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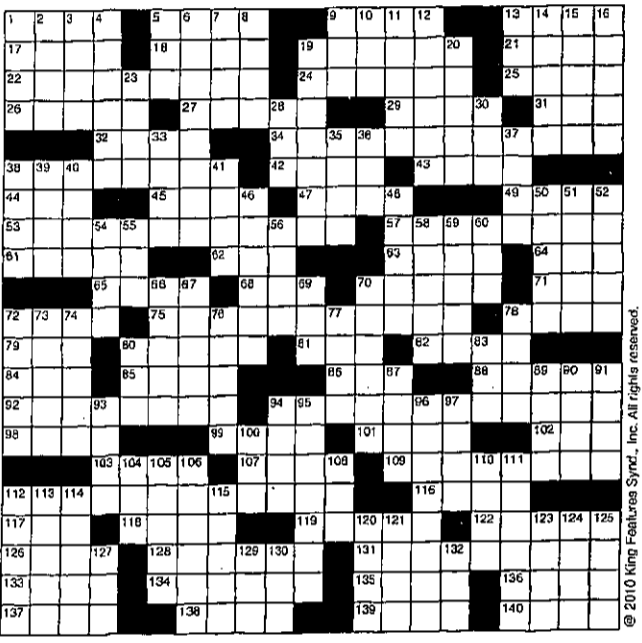
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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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 10 MR. ARNER'S
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