

## 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 demoiishing the former Mervyn's building and adjacent spaces at the Novi Town Center to build a 149,854-square-foot

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 con-struct a 17,500-square-foot building that would connect the existing Novi

Town Center to the proposed Walmart "We recognize that traffic is a common structure. One of the main concerns the commissioners had with the plans involved on. However, the positive outlook of 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-

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issue when you have large retail going traffic is that it means commerce is taking place and businesses are flourishing. It's one of the not-sopleasant side effects." LINDSXY KUDDLESTON, *Walmart* 

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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 S3 million in grants, seen programs and participation increase, had parks created or renovated and more.

Nancy Cowan has served has 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 away from the home. ran into the house through the back door and helped "I couldn't let someone die,

her out before the house was and when you see someone in



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.

trouble it's just how you react," engulfed in flames. His stepson, Anthony Daniel, who was visiting from Atlanta, also Roberts said. Novi Palooza replaces sprinted across the street to help Roberts carry the woman '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

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Bowman, with the help of former festival board members and several volunteers,

was able to pull off the event n a little over six weeks and did not charge people a park-Please see REVIEW, A2





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The City of Novi in partner-Ship with the Novi Chamber of Commerce invites you to

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1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at Baronette 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 soray 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 emselves and their proper ty," said Rep. Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) 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 potions instead of using physical force for

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

60-minute boot camp Novi Choi Kwang Do Academy will be hosting a free 60-minute hoot 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

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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 poloffset the costs for assessing icy discussion on two items.

fund balance, what percent-age 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

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Council preparing to set goals for 2011

The first will be about the

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we are going to be comfortable in terms of fund balance," said Novi Mayor David Landry. Please see GOALS, A3 and treasury services. A por-

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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



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## REVIEW

ing or entrance fee The Novi Palooza featured a fireworks show, live entertainment, car show, crafts and more.

"We wanted to keep it simple yet fun with enough activities to make it worthwhile." h said

AUGUST Crawford knocks off Capello

Kim Capello's run on the Oakland County Board of ners came to an end at the hands of Novi City Council member Kathy

Crawford. Crawford beat Capello with 56 percent of the votes to his 23 percent, and advanced to the November general election to compete against Karen Zyczynski for the chance to serve the 9th district for the

School board stands pat on pay-to-play fees

2010-11 budget

The 12 union members

cuts of \$4,000 per person

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After much debate, the Novi Board of Education decided to return its pay-to play fees to the previous year's

Initial discussions called for raising the fees to a \$350 flat fee at the high school and \$225 at the middle school to elp balance the budget, but the board asked the superintendent to look at othe

options Supt. Pete Dion was able to keep the fees the same because the athletic expense draw on the general fund was less than budgeted, thus making up for the projected increase in the upcoming

The fees remained at \$175 per sport at the high school with a cap of \$350, and \$75 per sport at the middle schoo apping out at \$225.

School district welcomes assistant

superintendent

With three school administrators retiring at the end of the school year, RJ Webber hopes to be the bridge between the old and new administrators.

Webber, who served as orincipal at South Lyon High School for three years. aid Novi has a lot to offer him personally and profes-

"I felt this could be a very ood opportunity for me to push my own comfort level and learning," he said.

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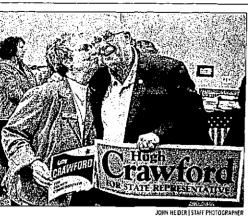
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Kathy gives husband Hugh Crawford a fittle peck on the cheek as they gathe with supporters at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace on Nov. 2 to await word of their election campaign results.

Police take concessions bright future. Inducted into the 54th class The Novi City Council were local stars Jack Roush approved \$48,000 in wage/ who lives in Northville, and Meg Mallon from benefit concessions from the Novi police command group Birmingham. to help the city with meeting Diamond Jim Brady's a \$1.1 million cost reducti

forced to find new home target that is a part of the Mary Brady knew the end was coming. She just didn't know it would come so quick agreed to wage and benefit and the group was one of the Brady, who owns Diamond Jim Brady's bistro, was pre-

few to not have an expired contract and still negotiate a pared to close her bistro after 19 years in December to make way for a Walmart ercente However, she received Charity organization

notice in early September that she had just 30 days to pack up and was "shocked" by the A group of Novi churches rt notice. are banding together to form the city's first community-Brady plans on reopening the restaurant in the Novi

Town Center in 2011. wide benevolence organiza tion to help people through "I don't know if we would reopen if we didn't stay in this The organization will be an area," she said. affiliate of Love In the Name OCTOBER

### Walmart submits plans to join Novi Town Center

Michael Zerkich is serving A struggling Novi Town as the acting director while he organization gets off the Center could get a huge boost ground, and even though they as Walmart submitted plans have not officially started, are to possibly construct a supercenter in the retail center. Zerkich hopes the group The plans call for a 149,854comes operational some square-foot store that would be in the same location

that once housed Mervyn's: Michigan Sports HOF Approval will be needed from the Novi City Council for the comes to Novi store to come to Novi. For the first time in history, the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame induction cer-

the zoning for the district, and would bring more than emony ventured into Oakland 300 jobs. Firefighters agree to State icons gathered at the Rock Financial Showplace new contract

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(now Suburban Collection Showplace) to honor the The plans of restructuring 12-member class, and share the Novi Fire Department the hall of fame's vision for a took a step forward after the



Way off Novi Road, A 55-year-old Nicolas Anthony Janni was found dead nside of multiple gunshot wounds to the torso. The investigation is ongoin

will both he working 12-hou

schedule Jan. 1, while the FPO's must wait until the art-time firefighters agree to the same schedule. The city is still in negotia tions with them at this time.

Novi apartment

A 55-year-old Novi man was found dead inside his River Oaks West apartment after being shot several times

his torso Nicholas Anthony Ianni, a medical malpractice attorney, was found by Novi police on the morning of Oct. 27 after a business associated called for a welfare check because he had not heard from Ianni in a couple of days. Ianni's death was ruled a homicide, and Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said the

man owned a lot of people money and "that could have played a factor." He also did not believe Ianni's death was a "random

investigate and have made no arrests in the case.

## NOVEMBER

The proposed retail use fits to school board

Jason Manar has only lived in Novi a year, but voters had enough confidence in him to elect him to the lone open seat on the Novi Board of cation.

United States Department of Novi Professional Firefighters Justice and has four children. edged out his competitor Union accepted a new contract that would alter their Brien O'Meara by 344 votes schedules and save the city to fill the seat vacated by Katie Raeon. The new contract includes

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dent by soliciting input from the co employees. Dion, who along with Assistant Superintendents Gail Credit and Bob Schram is retiring at the end of the school year.

Police are continuing to

New member elected

Manar, who works for the

Kramer, Anamaria Kazanis and Lou Martin.

His first meeting as a board

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er and sign. Novi will have to match 30 percent of the grant, which will amount to \$187,500. Walmart heads

Crawfords earn

regarding certain parts of Walmart's plans to build a store in the Novi Town The husband-wife combi-Center, but they were no nation of Hugh and Kathy strong enough to shoot the project down Crawford had much to cel-By 6-to-3 votes and with cbrate after both were elected no one from the public in to their respective seats. attendance, the commission Kathy, who served on the approved three motions - for Novi City Council, was elect a special land use permit, ed to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and a preliminary site plan and will serve the 9th District stormwaler management while Hugh was re-elected The plans now head to the to seat as the Michigan state

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Fund grant to help fund the

The plan has been in the

works for several years, and

the preliminary project includes park infrastructure

improvements, a promenade walkway, small fishing pier,

landscaping, historical mark-

The Novi Planning

Commission had its concerns

Novi City Council where it representative serving the 38th District. must also grant preliminary and final approval. School district searches Novi man charged for new leader in sister's death

The Novi Board of Education began its search for the district's next superintenmunity and school after an argument involving a financial matter. He

cess to take a little more than four months and hopes to have a new superintendent in place by early March. пем пате

Wrobel appointed to City Council

to wait long to achieve his Council

was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Kathy Crawford nearly one year after he unsue cessfully ran for election for one of three open seats. Wrobel, who has served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, was chosen over four other candidates — Laura Casey, Ed

He will serve in the position until November 2011, and he plans to run for election at

A 59-year-old Novi man was arraigned on a charge of first degree premeditated murder after allegedly murdering his 63-year-old sister in Southfield. It is believed Marc Rosenthal stabbed his sister. llene Moore, several times

The board expects the pro then dumped her body in Kensington Metropark Showplace gets

DECEMBER

Wayne Wrobel didn't have goal of being on the Novi City

The facility will now The longtime Novi resident called the Suburban Collection Showplace after the two sides agreed to a multiyear, multimi contract. Neither side would discuss the details of the contract. Bowman said the agree-

ment was less than several of the 15 other bids he received.

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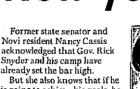
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Snyder and his camp have already set the bar high. But she also knows that if he is going to achieve his goals, he vill need a strong team supporting him.

"(Former Gov. Jennifer) Granhoim was dealt a tough hand of cards but she didn' surround herself with the kind of expertise that would have een helpful," she said. "(Rick) needs to surround himself with the best expertise in a variety of offices, and look to others in the Legislature and meet with both sides to have open dialogue. She also offered up another simple statement of advice:

'Don't get too full of yourself and keep your nose to the grindston Snyder took the oath of

office Jan. 1, ushering in a new era for Michigan. The career businessman replaced he term-limited Democrat Granholm

"I really think the busines climate will improve with the new governor," said Northville resident Daniel Beetler. "I don't think it will be dramatic because there are a lot of judgments that have to be made an they have to count expenses both statewide and nationally.

Much has been made of Snyder's business background. His resume hoasts a

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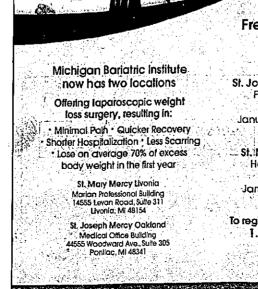
in the past because it helps the administration get an early start on budget preparations. "This also is one way the uncil can look at the longe term horizon rather than just

Landry also wanted to make clear that the other topic about any given month or quarter," changing how the city collects Pearson said. we would not be an Some of the major strategic dditional tax on the residents. heme categories include: pub-The change, if the council lic safety; improve infrastructure, roads, water and sewer; approves it, would give the city nore freedom with its money. Both Landry and city manager Clay Pearson said the goal setting

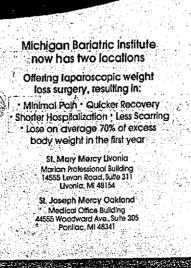
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Many argue this will be the

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over the business climate, but

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Milford esident Ro Fowkes said ie would b impressed if Snyder, during his first week of leadership,

formed a group of the best people, regardless of political affiliation, to assess and make firm recomme tions in thei areas of expertise.

He said the strategic plans would need to include husines taxation reform, preserving our critical and bountiful natural resources, fair and equitable school funding, restoring our state and local road and oridge infrastructure, fair and equitable Medicaid reform and writing legislation to make it easier for local forms of govrnment to share service.

'This would be a good star for our new governor and pro-vide firm and achievable goals for our new senators and house representatives," Fowkes said Milford Township

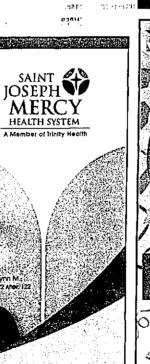
Supervisor Don Green said he's hoping Snyder does some thing to straighten out the state budget

"I'm kind of optimistic, but with the new legislature the question is how will they vote? In the past, everyone I voted for just went along with the program," he said.

skills for effective delivery of customer service and comunication with community be a community that values national areas and natural features; maintain a fiscally responsible government; an enhance park, recreation and cultural services.

The meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. at Fire Station No. 4, is open to the public, and Pearson said comments sent in advance would be helpful.

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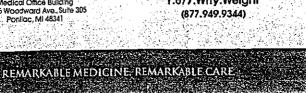
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ic development He said there has been some talk about giving the retention model back to local communities, and overhauling how the state looks at economic devel opment.

"I for one am very eager to see what they do," he said. "Whenever there are new pcople there is a natural excite ment, but what makes (Snyder) more attractive is he is a businessman and not a career politician ... he is someone with a unique background and brings some definite freshness."

Staff writers Alleen Wingblad, Pam Fleming, Victoria Mitchell and Nathan Mueller contributed to this report.

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## WALMART

sary for us to meet our branding needs as well," said Lindsay Huddleston, public affairs and government relations spokesman for Walmart. "It's a happy compromise Barb McBeth, deputy com-

munity development direc-tor for the city of Novi, said Walmart had addressed mos of the concerns raised, and the city staff will be recommending conditional approval of the special land use permit and preliminary site plans. As of Monday afternoon that review had yet to be completed

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Another issue raised by the Planning Commission involved the store's impact on traffic. Rod Arrovo, traffic consul-

tant for the city, gave solutions to some of the possible probems in his rec letter to the planning commis sion, but also acknowledged there still will be issues.

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There are certainly areas that are now experiencing con-gestion, and some will experience it at a level more severe than today," Arroyo said at the

The city cannot force Walmart to make improve ments to the roads, and its consultant did give a positive

"We recognize that traffic is a common issue when you e large retail going on, Huddleston said. "However the positive outlook of traffic is that it means commerce is taking place and businesses are lourishing. It's one of the not-

Huddleston said at the planning commission meeting that the store expects to open in 2012 if given approval by the city and

We do various studies, and they showed us we have a stomers as possible," he said. 'Novi is a great community,

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## Andiamo Novi Theatre announces 2011 Off-Broadway Series shows

Theater-lovers can enjoy a year of critically acclaimed Off-Broadway productions as the Andiamo Novi Theatre opens 2011 with an 11-show Series yesterday. Tickets for all shows in the Andiamo Novi Theatre 2011 Off/Broadway

Series are now on sale. There is something for everyone in the 2011 Off-Broadway Series as the shows bring to life such topics as the hilarity and ups-and-downs of relationships between families and men and women, and an up-close-and-personal (and humorous) look at many celebrities' memoirs. Audiences will also have mind-games played on them, taken to a galaxy far far away with one man's solo mission, and have them feeling like they were in the same room as the Godfather with another's flawless homage to Coppola's classic. The 11 shows in the Andiamo Novi Theatre's 2011 Off-Broadway Series scheduled to hit the stage January-June 2011 are: Jan. 5-23: Steve Solomon's My Mother's

Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy Jan. 26-30: Marc Salem's Mindgames Feb. 3-5: I Say Tomato, You Say Shut Up - A Love Story featuring Annabelle Gurwitch &

Jeff Kahn Feb. 9-20: Mike Dugan's Men Fake Foreplay Feb. 24-26: One Man Star Wars March 2-20: The Godfadda Workou March 23-April 10: I Love You, You're

Perfect, Now Change April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?

May 4-22: Bad Dates May 25-June TBA: The Last Five Years Steve Solomon's smash-hit one-man show "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm In Therapy", kicks off the series. Performances run Wednesdays-Sundays through Jan.23 and ckets are now on sale

through a hilarious evening with the crazy characters into his stories created by Solomon. The tales take on a life of their own as he recounts memorable moments from Solomon's past and makes witty observations on timely topics. Throughout the night, theater-goers will meet Uncle Willie, Stuttering Cousin Bob, Demented Cousin Kenny, Steve's new thera-pist Cousin Sal (and Sal's parole officer) and a myriad of astounding characters we know, love and tolerate from our own families. Each character is brought to life on stage by Tobin using his gift for creating voices dialects and wacky sound effects that only add to the hilarity of

half of laughter, hysterically funny!" Having headlined throughout the United States and Europe for over twenty years, Solomon's stories relate to the wacky side of the human condition. Literally hundreds of thousands of people have seen this award-winning show. This is a "don't miss" evening of hilarious comedy at its very

Tobin is a versatile performer who has opened for and worked with some of the greats in comedy as well, including Henny Youngman, Robert Klein, Jerry Seinfeld, Gabe Kaplan, and many others. Solomon hand-picked Ron from a group of 55 comedians and actors auditioning for the show. He said, "Ron's one of the most



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community for children can visit the Alliance's Healthy chools Program website at www.HealthierGeneration org/schools and learn how to make a school a healthier place for students to learn and staff to work. in our society," Hsu said. enpenne Furniture OAK AND CHERRY FURNITURE IPER IANU/AR

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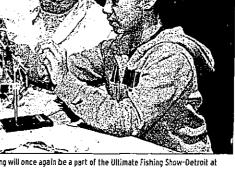


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She also directs the National ofessional Anglers Assn. Youth Clinics for the AIM tournaments and is active with other nonprofits such as Fishing Has No Boundaries. Make A Wish Foundation Angler Young Angler, and en in the Outdoors

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KAREN SIMPSON BEARD vived by her husband Jeffrey of 24 years; adoring children: Justia, Cody (Keri), Jessica: loving parents Fred brother and sister: Frederick and kelly; and many nicces, nephews, cousins and loving friends. She was preceded in death by hor grandpar-cousins and loving friends. She was nents. Visitation will be held on 2:00p.m. e3:00p.m. A Funenal service will be held on January 6th at 1:00a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL Welley Sunth Lips Funeral service grand children: Graham, Any, cousins and loving friends. She was nents. Visitation will be held on 2:00p.m. e3:00p.m. A Funenal service grand children: Graham, Any, cousins and loving friends. She was nents. Visitation will be held on 2:00p.m. e3:00p.m. A Funenal service grand children: Graham, Any, cousins and loving friends. She was nents. Visitation will be held on 2:00p.m. e3:00p.m. A Funenal service grand children: Graham, Any, cousins and loving friends. She was nents. Visitation will be held on 2:00p.m. e3:00p.m. A Funenal service greeded in death by his grand 1:1:00a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL Mile, South Lyon. Contributions in HOME, 2:200p.m. form any be made payable to Jelf Beard for Jessica's 9:30 a.m. at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 www.phillipsfuneral.com www.phillipsfuneral.com Died December 31, 2010. Born in Brighton, Michigan on March 20, 1923 to F. (Judson) and Joseph A. Brady, Chuck began playing "proving grounds" in his backyard sandbox at the age of four, Working with his father at J. A. Brady's Market on Main Street, Chuck often accompa-nied his father on deliveries to the nearby General Motors Proving Grounds, Chuck graduated as

Valedictorian from Brighton High School in 1941; atter which he began summer employment at the proving grounds and entered Michigan State University in the autumn of 1941. When the United States orthogon World Wirt II Chuld LUKE A. BEAUCHEMIN Age 23. December 20, 2010. Loving son of Greg and Janine. Dear broth-States entered World War II. Chuck er of Nicholas, Grandson of Donald left MSU and enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served until 1945. While stationed predominant-iy in England with the Eighth Air and June Beauchemin of Port Huron, MI Also survived by numer-ous aunts and uncles. Funeral services were held at St James Church, Force, 457th Bombardment Group, he served as a specialist in the top obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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ance of integrity and honesty; having laken part in the evolution of the ing taken part in the evolution of the auto industry, he understood the need for trust and a solid founda-tion. In addition to the College of Engineering, Chuck was also an ardent supporter of Michigan State Triends and colleagues. Memorial Celebration of Life was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Wednesday, January 5th at SPM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 could University athletics, and a member of the John A. Hannah Society Throughout his life, and especially following his retirement from General Motors, Chuck enjoyed life with Mary K. at their homes i

Brighton- Michigan, Naples- Florida, and on Torch Lake- Michigan. He was an avid golfer, both in Florida and Michigan, and continued investand on Torch Lake-Michigan. He was an avid golfer, both in Florida and Michigan, and continued invest-ing and believing in good companies and good people. He relished teach-ing his grandchildren all he could, book: www.phillipsfunerat.com. and traveled the world with Marx K. Regardless of where he might be, he could always be found rooting for his number one football team, the MSU Spartans, Chuck was a prou for his family. He will be greatly missed and forever loved by both family and friends alike. A true gentleman, an incredible father, and wonderful grandfather, there w never be another like him. So as he never be another like him. So as he would always say, "Not bad for a short guy." Chuck and Mary K. are survived by three children: Robert (Cindy) Brady (Muskegon), Lynn Strong (Brighton), and Kathleen (Tony) Flippo (Singapore), and six grandchildren: Aidan and Evan Brady, Rebecca (Matt) Kurta and Sarah Strong, and Nigel and Dylan Flippo. Chuck is survived by his sis-ters Patricia (Edward) Converv and rappo Critica is survive by his star ters Patricia (Edward) Convery and Judy Wirth. His sisters Mary Ann (Pete) Leitz and Phyllis (John) Wenzel, and son-in-taw Michael Strong predeceased him. He is sur-vived by his dear hiend and com-parion Ecther largie

panion, Esther Jarvis.

LOCAL NEWS

## EDWARD A. GRUDZIEN THOMAS N. PALINKAS Age 45, passed away January 2, 2011 at home after a long, coura-geous battle. She was born on 20tober 5, february 28, 1965, in Howell, to February 28, 1965, in Howell, to King and the state at the state of the state of the state Frederick and Judith (Williams) Simpson. She was a lifelong resi-viets of the state of

with Iriends on Wednesday from 5-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held 11 AM Thursday, Janua a 2011 at Borek Jennings with Rev rederick Hatlield officiating Memorial contributions are sugges ed to the family for future designa-tion. Please feave a Message of

Comfort to Tom's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his gu www.borekjennings.com

WILLIAM S. PINK

Age 57 and a long time resident of Millord, died on December 26, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores, in 2007 and his mother, Mildred Pink, He is survived by ei, windleb Plink, he is softweb by his step-son, Bernard (Angle) Thornton; grandsons, Tanner & Will; his father, William B. (Patricia) Plink of Clarkston; and sisters, Kathleen (Richard) McIsaac of Milford and Krista (Mark) Murtha of Chio. A Europeal Sarvine will he hold at Lunch Funeral Service will be held at Lyncl & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6PM with Fr. Ron Anderson officialing. Friends may visit Thursday 3PM until time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to a charity of your choice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFurreralDirectors.com

fully Dec. 30, 2010. A funeral serv-ice was held Jan. 2, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Costributions to the Michigan Humane Society or St. Andrew's Society of Detroit appreciated.

**GLENN CURTIS** ROBBINS-STORCH

Age 49. of Commerce, January 1, 2011. A Funeral Liturgy Will be held at St. Many Catholic Church: 1955 Age 65, of Northville, passed away peacefully January 1, 2011. He was born December 19, 1945 in New York, New York to George and Johanna (Walakovils) Oswald. He

FRANK TURCHAN

Consume Behavior from Ohio State University. He was united in mar-riage to Ann E. Branch on March 24, 1973, and they spent 38 foving years together until his death. Mr. Oswald, a resident of Northville since 1978, retired as a Marketing Research Manager with Ford Motor Company. He was a big fan of Ohio State University football. George enjoyed woodworking and constructed some of the tables in his home. He was an avid watcher Age 85, of Northville, passed awa Dec. 31, 2010. A service was held Jan. 3, 2011 at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Contributions to Humane Society of Huron Valley appreciated Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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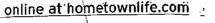
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Char Wilson 586-826-7082 and nephews. His two favorite pals, toy pooldes Audi and Lacey, will miss him greatly, as we all will. He was preceded in death by his father and older brother Carl Oswald. Private family services were held. A Liz Keiser 586-977-7538 The first seven "bilkd" lines of a

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Northville resident Mark Klutchko holds his largest tortoise, "Thor", a 70-pound sulcata from Africa's southwest Sahara region. This particular tortoise can attain sizes of near 1,000 pounds, given a

## Northville resident has loved turtles since he was boy

Helping educate young children BY PAM FLEMING

STAFF WRITER

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO A turtle is a reptile that lives in a shell. Turtles are usually thinner and have broader, flat shells, Saying that Northville's Mark webbed feet, and live on water and Khutchko likes turtles and tortoises

mals and birds.

turtle.

When Klutchko lived in New

Jeršey, a 7-year-old boy was killed by a 4-foot-long alligator snapping

He said he spends a couple of

hours a day tending to the reptiles.

plus the family has 14 guinea pigs in the basement as well. He esti-

mates his electric bill to be \$300 a

month since the reptiles must have

special UVB lights that simulate

the sun's rays.

Klutchko said turtles and tor-

"They respond to their names," he

said. "Our big guy, Thor, (who is 70 pounds) will follow me like a little

puppy around the yard." Another

male, Caesar, loves attention and

will climb up in his lap if you're sit-

Some of the reptiles' names

are Smiley, Shelly, Flower, Piggy,

Saphira, Sonny and Cher, Ziggy,

Bumpy, Twiggy and Hope. He's trying to breed spider tortoises, that are really small,

because they're critically endan-

gered. "They're almost extinct," Klutchko said. "We want to keep

the species going." He has a network of contacts

The children enjoy raising the

come a veterinarian that spe-

also have a Uromastyx, which is a

nantha

reptiles, and Samantha wants to

cializes in exotic animals. The

spiny-tailed lizard, and a frog.

"We love them a lot," Sa

through the Internet.

toises may be slow, but they are

the reptiles and guinea pigs.

INTELLIGENT CREATURES

surprisingly intelligent.

ting on the grass.

is an understatement. A tortoise lives mainly on land. He loves the reptiles, and, at last They are mostly from Africa or count, he has 57 in his basement places like the Galapagos Islands. on East Street just west of Center Nurtles are mainly meat eaters. He lives in the They eat bugs, worms, fish, some vegetation. Snapping turtles eat fish, other turtles and small ani-

house with his wife, Marlene, and their ł three children Samantha, 15 13: and Josh. 3. They used t live in Livonia,

Street.

Mark Klutchko and he used to do construction work before he injured his back. Klutchko now works part time at the Island Lake Shooting Range. He passes some of the reptiles

on to other people and charges, a small fee to show them to local classrooms and teach children about them. He's gone to schools in Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Ann Arbor.

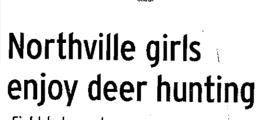
WANTS TO DO MORE "I've been trying to expand to different schools, but, unfortunately, schools have cut their budgets," Klutchko said.

"It's kind of like an informal rescue operation," at their home he said, as he takes in reptiles that have been abused or neglected. He grew up in New Jersey, and there was a fish hatchery behind their home. "A lot of the ponds that they didn't use for raising trout were taken over by turtles and snakes and frogs, "he said. "We used to go turtle and frog hunting all the time." He didn't sut hunting

all the time." He didn't eat them, just caught them and released Klutchko's been keeping reptiles in his basement for about six years

now. He's only lived in Northville a couple of years, "We got one tortoise, and then it just kind of snowballed," he said. They have 28 tortoises and 29 dif-

ferent turtles



Eight between two Nov 15 during firearm season. In September, a two-day youth BY PAM FLENING

hunt takes place in Rose City north of Saginaw that the girls STAFF WRITER attend. Even though they are only 15 and 13, Samantha and Alexandria Klutchko have already nabbed five dee between the two of them this

year and eight total. Thanks to training from thei father, Mark, and a local youth hunter safety program, the Northville teenagers now feel comfortable in a deer blind waitng for the perfect shot.

Samantha is a sophomore at Northville High School, and Alexandria is an eighth-grader at Hillside Middle School. WENT DURING GUN SEASON The girls shot their last deer on

"It's just kids," Mark said. "No adults can hunt, but an adult has to be with them." That's when the girls got their first two deer Then, they both shot a deer on

opening day. On the second day, Samantha shot another. Samantha has been hunting since she was 12. Alexandria started last year, but she didn't shoot a deer her first year.

FIRST YEAR OUT The first year in the woods, Samantha shot a doe. When she was 13, she didn't have any luck. Last year, at age 14, she got two

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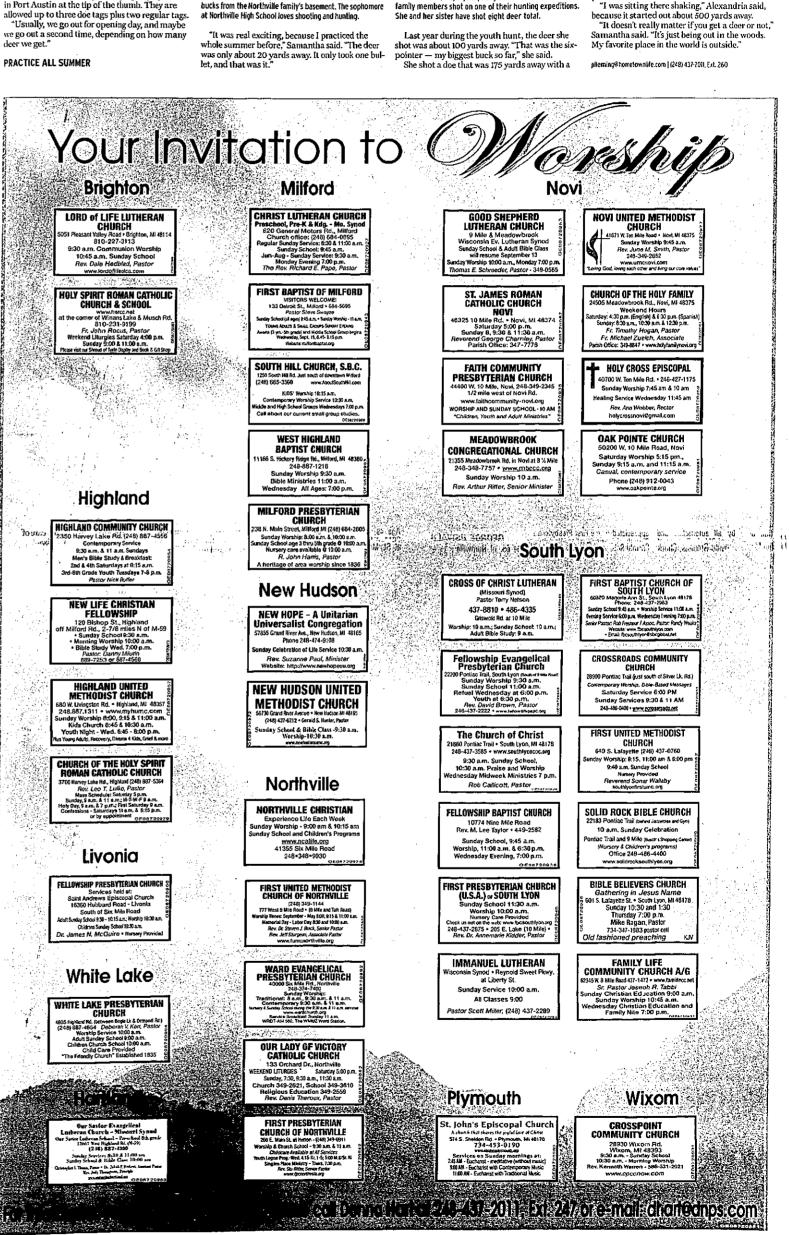
## HUNTING

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

Hunters have to buy a special permit to shoot does, and they used to be on a lottery system. But, the deer population has been getting so huge that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been selling doe tags over the counter, Mark

"They just automatically give them out," he said The Klutchkos hunt on private property up north in Port Austin at the tip of the thumb. They are

PRACTICE ALL SUMMER



**GRACE M. ROSS** 

Age 85, of Novi, passed away peace fully Dec. 30, 2010. A funeral serv

## LOCAL NEWS



Samantha Klutchko, 15, shows off one of the taxidermied



Middle School, displays a young buck that one of the family members shot on one of their hunting expeditions

rifle last year, and the four-pointer this year was about 80 yards away. The doe she shot the second day ran about 400 yards. "I've shot six deer with six bullets, so I'm happy about that," Samantha said. The Klutchkos love venison, and one of Mark's favorite ways to prepare it is to cook it over coals on skewers. They also have steaks and ground

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meat. He stresses practicing a lot before going out into the woods. "We live at the practice range in the summer,"

Samantha said. "We love shooting." Alexandria was in an elevated stand during the

outh hunt when she shot at a doe but missed. Then she shot a button buck with small, erupting horns and later got another buck that was 190 "I was sitting there shaking," Alexandria said,



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## **OUR VIEWS**

## State budget woes Granholm tried but can't escape legacy

No one can blame departing Gov. Jennifer Granholm for rying to put the best possible spin on what has been a difficult eight-year term. But spin is one thing. Outright deception is quite another

That's what the governor did, however, in end-of-year inter-views where she patted herself on the back for leaving her successor a surplu

She did no such thing. By law, the state must have a balanced budget. But the spending plan signed by the governor three months ago only met that requirement by stretching the letter of the law. The governor and the state Legislature — as they have for most of the decade — failed to deal with a structural deficit that was at least \$1.6 billion. The budget was "balanced" — if that's the term she wants to use — only because of more than \$1 billion in stimulus money that came

from the federal government. Unburdened by balanced-budget requirements, the federal government is free to spend money it doesn't have. That means the cost will be paid by greater debt and obligations

passed onto future generations. Meanwhile, the state uses federal money to disguise its budget gap. But it's still there. Michigan's revenue sources - taxes - don't provide enough money to cover the costs of state gove

That gap was brought home again Tuesday, when the state released estimates that say the budget chasm that will greet Gov. Rick Snyder has grown to \$1.85 billion. By mid-January, when state fiscal analysts meet to build a consensus budget forecast, the projected deficit will likely be as high as \$2 billion.

Faced with such dreary -- but hardly surprising -- news, it's almost criminal that Granholm would boast of leaving a budget surplus for the incoming governor. If she truly believes that, she is both delusional and stupid. She is neither. So, one must assume she is desperately trying to leave behind a good story when she shuts the governor's door for the last time..... Whe circumstances behind Michigan's falling revenue are

not Granholm's fault. Michigan shed hundreds of thousands of mostly good, high-paying jobs during her time in office. That was the result of major changes in manufacturing that were independent of government policy. Further, even as the foundation for tax revenues (income, spending and property values) were at risk, the state was lowering its income tax rate. Meanwhile, because of an often worst-in-the-nation unemployment rate, the need for social services escalated.

In 2007, the state did halt the decline of the income tax rate and raise it to 4.35 percent. Even so, legislators included a provision that will lower the rate next year to 4.25 percent. For individuals, that will amount to a dollar a week in savings for every \$50,000 in taxable income. But it will cost the state \$160 million.

So, as her defenders say, Granholm was dealt a difficult hand, both in terms of a horrid state economy and because of obstinate Republican lawmakers. As a governor, though, she is defined by how she dealt with the crisis. Although there were clearly spending cuts and job reductions during her time in office, she failed to provide the leadership needed to restructure state government to be in line with new, longterm spending realities. It appears that she preferred to believe in a fantasy world

gimmicks and one-time cash infusions were treated as budgetary prowess. But our state must function in a real world. In that world, Michigan will be facing a \$2 billion deficit. That's a legacy shared by the Legislature, but it is equally borne by Granholm. Even if she doesn't want to admit it.

This editorial originally appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus a Gannett newspape.

## Now would be a good time to kick habit

For those still addicted to tobacco, the start of a new year would be a great time to give it up. Last year, in the latest strike against the tobacco industry, the state Legislature further restricted the places where it is illegal to smoke. Most notably, smoking is now

outlawed in bars and restaurants. Some can fairly question the motivation for the law. Was it truly for health reasons because of concerns about the affects of secondhand smoke? Or was it really a disguised movement to ban a habit that some find offensive? It's a fair question, given that the law failed to include casinos. Or should we believe that the health of casino employees

and customers is unimportant? Nonetheless, there is no doubt that smoking is a deadly disease and that the industry is despicable. Not only did company leaders consistently lie about the addictive nature or their products, but the cigarettes have become even more addictive in recent years. All the better to capture young

smokers. Michigan lawmakers wrung their hands about the evils of secondhand smoke. But they also diverted money from a tobacco lawsuit settlement away from programs designed to attack smoking health issues. In the long rup, it's not healthy to depend on lawmakers

to protect your health. For those still smoking, find a way this year to finally kick the habit for good.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

The Novi Public Library's new building has been open about six months now. What do you think of it?



"Well, I used to work in the old building. But I really like the new one and its teen area. I like that it's roomier in general."

"My kids love it. I think "I think it's great. It's a great place to take my kids, and it's the best around I can get some work done. without question. The I'm most impressed with its kids' section is fantastic."

Jeff Broaddus

Kaitfyn Vlasity

## LETTERS

## Why cut Social Security?

There has been a lot of talk lately, and there is sure to be more, about reducing our country's debt, something everyone pretty much agrees would be good. However, it seems every proposal includes cuts in Social Security benefits. As has been stated by many, Social Security has yet to add to the deficit and as of 2009 held a \$2.6 trillion surplus.

the fund will be able to pay all cost to 2037. Why then does every conversation on culting spending seem to start with Social Security? is it the dirty little secret that neither party will admit they already spent the money and don't have the courage to do what it takes to pay it back? These are the questions I am writing

Also, it is projected that without change

my congressman and senators to ask. If we are to have "an adult conversation" on deficit reduction, at lest tell me why we must cut something that is not parl of the problem. I encourage all who wish M to see this every successful aovernment-run program to continue to ask for 'u answers from those who seek to cut it.

and user-friendly.'

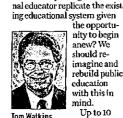
Shawn Kelly

### Too you baking too you marking too learn **GUEST COLUMN**

## Michigan needs to Innovate To Educate!

## This is part one of a two-part column. Look for part two in next week's edition. - Editor

gill Michigan schools be part of the reinvention of our state or will our new state leaders remain content to simply do a little dusting around the edges of the existing model and continue to make minor tweaks to an educational system in great need of a major transformation? Would any thoughtful, ratio



Up to 10 **Tom Watkins** percent of Michigan districts are curre under financial distress with more following close behind Our largest school district,

Detroit Public Schools, is tee tering on the edge of collapse We cannot continue to take several small leaps across the

wide chasm from what is to what needs to be. Is public education in Michigan and America the "same old, same old"? Or are our elected leaders and educators capable of implementing change in our K-12 public school system that

will move us boldly into the 21st century? This is not simply an academic question. Our collective future depends on the answ While state superintendent of Michigan schools between

2001-05 and having since left that position. I continue to see the need for our schools to lead change. In assuming that role in

state government in 2001, our team drafted a "change document - "Thirty Ideas in 30 Days, Our Children, Our

Schools, our Future - a Call need to be equally concerned for Collaboration and Action" — that said, "... Our world is about the uneducated and changing in dramatic ways and our system of education must embrace those changes ... or be totally engulfed by them." And, "Our future is sitting in our lassrooms today. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world — all depend on our system of public education." Fast forwarding nine years to today, and these sentiments

In 2004 I called for the governor, Legislature and state Board of Education to take action to address the unsustainable health care and pentrial age? sion costs and for the shared services and consolidation of school districts to drive more resources to the classroom in a report titled "Structural Issues

rounding Michigan Schools tion was the same then as now: Would our schools exist for teaching, learning and children, or exist for power, control, politics and adults? The latter won.

Actions taken to date addressing this crisis have heen anemic at best. Our state leaders have known the problems existed for years, allow-ing them to fester. Without addressing these issues there will never be the resources available to educate our children to world-class standards. If we do not have the courage to re-imagine and reinvent our schools we will fail as a state

and nation. Will our new refrain be 'innovate to educate" as called for by the Symposium on (Re)Design For Personalized Learning or will we continue the "contain the change" mentality that permeates the unding education debates si under the capitol dome? While we worry about educated students fleeing our state after graduation, we

inder-educated ones that stay behind. The uneducated are not the foundation required t reinvent or rebuild Michigan. We can either get smarter and wealthier economically and spiritually or we can become dumber and poorer as a state and nation - it is that simple The individual, city, state and nation that is educated will be the individual, city, state and nation that thrive Without a quality education the future looks bleak. How can we move into the information age/knowledge

economy if our No. 1 information industry, education, remains mited in the indus-A symposium organized this

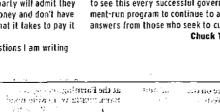
past summer by the Software and Information Industry Association in collaboration with the Association of Curriculum Supervision & of Chief State School Officers

came to the following conclusion: There is a need to fun damentally redesign our K-12 educational system around the student and is required for their and our nation's future

success. On the surface, you may be scratching your head and asking, "You mean the current system is not designed around the student?" Sadly, in far too many schools across this state and nation, the answer is "no Certainly there are islands of excellence and reform sprouting up across Michigan and America that should be sup-

ported and nurtured - but we need more than islands. We need our two mighty peninsu las to lead change and educational innovat

One such island is WAY Program (Widening Advancement for Youth), co-founded and directed b Beth Baker and Glen Taylor Glen was the only Michigan educator invited to attend the national education symposium.



The WAY Program is a personalized learning experience is for students who struggle with a traditional high school. WAY offers an alternative approach to education: one that encourages self-esteem, independence, and the development of 21st century skills that will facilitate a college education and subsequent career paths. This past summer, change agent educators attended a national education symposium to focus on the need to nically redesign of our nation's education system" joined together under a com-mon belief "that our industrialage, assembly-line education model-based on fixed time, place, pace and curriculum i nsufficient in today's knowledge-based economy," These education and technology industry thought leaders overwhelmingly concluded: "We cannot meet the personalized

learning needs of students tional syste tweaking the teacher/classroom-centered model is not enough, and systemic redesign \* is needed Recently, the U.S.

Department of Education eleased its "2010 Technology Plan: Transforming American Education - Learning Powered by Technology." As the secretary of education says n his cover letter to the report: "The plan calls for applying anced technologies the ad used in our daily personal and professional lives to our entire educational system to improve student learning, accele and scale up adoption of effective practices, use data and information for continuous

improvement." Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He helped start the first charter school in Michigan and Florida. wrote a report on e-learning: The New Education (R)evolution and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: towatkins@aoi.com.



online at hometownlife.com

'Tis the season

Exercise at The Manor

The Manor of Novi, one of Ciena Healthcare's 33 nursing and rehabilitation commun in Michigan, is the new host of Érnie Clark's POWERSIT, a free exercise program specifically designed for seniors. The program is open to its resident and seniors in the com 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 improving their health and fit-

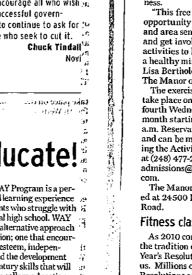
"This free program is an opportunity for our residents and area seniors to socialize and get involved in physical activities to heal and maintain a healthy mind and body." said Lisa Berthold, administrator, The Manor of Novi. The exercise program will take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Activities Department

at (248) 477-2000, or novi s@cienafacilities com. The Manor of Novi is located at 24500 Meadowbrook

Fitness classes offered As 2010 comes to a close,

the tradition of setting a New Year's Resolution is upon us. Millions of New Year's Resolutions are made each yea and some of the most com mon ones are to lose weight

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## features for the kids." Daniel Swan



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The Dec. 16 holiday luncheon at the Novi Senior Center saw more than 100 guests for its day of special treats.

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Classes begin Jan. 22 and

at cityofnovi org and the Novi

Parks office (45175 West Ten

Mile Road). Online registra-

the January-April edition of Engage!, which will be in Novi

The Farmington Players are holding auditions for "The Producers" by Mel Brooks

at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9

Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road

Farmington Hills. Show dates

are April 29-30 and May 1, 6-

Triad Open House Jan. 11

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Vickers, who has trained stu-dent athletes, professional ath

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will have an open house from

7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

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8, 12-15 and 19-21.

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tions receive a \$5 discount.

For a full listing of classes, visit cityofnovi.org or see

mailboxes this week.

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Vickers can also help those with annoying back, sciatio and muscle issues and can work with a client and the client's doctor to make sure the doctor's orders are fulfilled and enhanced when the per-

son is ready. Triad is located at 24168 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills at the southeast corner of 10 Mile and Haggerty roads. MSU Extension offers Michigan Conservation Stewards Program beginning Feb. 26

Are you looking for a great opportunity to learn about conservation and natural science and assume leadership oles through volunteering your time, knowledge, and skills in conservation management in your community Individuals who take part in the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program (CSP) car learn how to effectively take part in informed, scientifi-cally based conservation and resource management and vork to sustain healthy ecosystems across Michigan. This 10-week program con-

sists of nine Monday evening classes (6-9 p.m.) and three Saturday field sessions (9 a.m. 4 p.m.) from Feb. 26 through April 25. Monday evening se sions are held at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road. Waterford. Saturday ses sions will be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center Indian Springs Metropark, and Indep endence Oaks County Park. Registration fee

is \$275 Obtain an application packet online at http://www akgov.com/msu/ or call (248) 858-0887 to request an appli-cation by mail. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 4. Please call (248) 858-0887 fo

The Nancy A. Fox Art

Center for the Healing Arts pens a new black-and-white

hotography exhibit entitled

Providence Perceived, debut-

ing works from local photog-

The project was framed as

"scavenger hunt" across the

rovidence Park campus. The

photographers were encour-

aged to be creative with perspective, yielding artistic

images to be displayed in

Jan. 4. An artists' reception will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Providence Perceived will

showcase the things we walk

by every day but never really ee, bringing new awareness

to the beauty of Providence Park" said Barb Arne, one of

using the black and white style

for a fresh perspective on a

"This show is really going

Healing Arts Manager Elena

Weissman. "Some of the pic-

familiar landscape."

to surprise people," said

tures won't be immediate

Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Gallery at the Providenc

## Local photographers featured in new Providence Perceived exhibit

DETAILS

The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery is located in Providence Park Hospital, on the main floor the Assarian Cancer Center, adjacen to the Reflection Space atrium Providence Perceived is on fisplay through Jan. 30. The art gallery is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

recognizable because of the creative perspectives used. It's a really beautiful assortment of pictures and artists, showcasing not only a lot of talent but many new glimpses of our hospital campus.

Providence Perceived is a collection by the Photography Visions group, made up of photographers from greater Novi, which meets monthly o share knowledge and learn from fellow enthusiasts. For Providence Perceived group members explored the mous of Providence Park Hospital and sought out shots that articulate shape, contrast, space, texture, reflection, nature, line, form and

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mann & Shanahan

James and Lori Mann of South Lyon are pleased to annot the engagement of their daughter Lindsay Mann to Beau Shanahai of Howell, son of Paul and Roberta Shanahan of Milford.

Mann is a 2004 graduate of South Lyon High School. She graduated in Decembe 2008 from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelo of science degree in health administration. She works as a

to find a physician

program coordinator at Clare Bridge Assisted Living Facility in ington Hills and as a server at Gus O'Connors in Novi. Shanahan is a 2003 graduate of Milford High School and earned his University of Northwestern Ohio degree in high performance engines. He is facilities manager for Sportview Technologies in Brighton. The couple plans a July 30 wedding,



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Driver caught with marijuana Novi police arrested a woman for pos ion 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

When the officer approached the car, he could smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside. When the woman opened her purse to get her driver's license, the officer saw a clear plastic bag inside containing 10 grams of marijuana. The woman tried to hide it by closing her

purse but the officer eventually obtained it. She said she was holding it for a friend and got it from a house party in Detroit. Two other passengers in the car were dropped off to another driver, and the suspect was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation

### Woman loses wedding ring

**7** A Farmington Hills woman lost her **4** \$11,900 wedding ring on Dec. 18 while she was shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall. The woman said she didn't notice it was sing until she got home and then went back to search the parking lot and the stores she walked into. She also search her car and her house but could not find it Both stores she went into at the mall and mall security were notified, but the ring has yet to be found.

## Teen caught stealing from mall

**3**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. According to the report, the loss prevention agent at the store saw the man walking around the store and taking clothes off the racks before going inside the fitting rooms He then observed as he walked out of the fitting rooms carrying less than what he went ith. The agent also saw some of the clothes in the white bag he was already carrying. The man continued to shop and put more items in his bag before going to the

register and paying for some of the clothes. Once he exited the store he was stopped by the agent and admitted to the theft. The total value of the items take was \$119. He told police he stole the items because he did not have enough cash to pay for them He was issued a citation for retail fraud and was released after posting bond.

Car damaged in theft

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

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Woman caught changing price tags

**6** 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.

According to the report, the woman was

tags on the boxes before peeling one off and putting it on another box. The watch she

empted to buy was priced at \$39.99, and

she switched it with a tag that was for \$24.99. She then went to the counter to buy the

watches, and when the transaction was com-

plete she was approached by the loss prevention agent who told her he watched what she did.

tags and was arrested and transported

citation for retail fraud third degree.

to the Novi Police Department. She was booked and released with an appearance

The woman admitted to switching the

observed in the watch area checking th

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and several items were stolen from inside.

car when he got home and when he returned

to the car the next day the radio/cd console we gone and the dome lights also were damaged.

The console is valued at \$1,000. The unknown suspect also broke the center dashboard of the car, causing an esti-

mated \$2,500 worth of damage to the car.

Very drunk driver stopped by cops

Police have no suspects at this time.

**5** Novi police arrested a highly intoxi-cated driver at 2:10 a.m. on Dec. 31

for drunk driving after being stopped at Twelve Mile Road and M-5.

turn onto Twelve Mile and then was serv

ing wildly. The car then stopped at a traf-

The driver admitted to having "too much" to drink and he failed field sobriety

tests. A preliminary breath test registere

legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent

the driver stalled it before moving.

signal and when the light turned green

od alcohol content of .22 percent. The

The officer observed the car make a U-

The owner told police he forgot to lock the

City

of Novi

12 Mile Rd.

online at hometownlife.com

## Visit downtown Northville for dinner and a movie

Forget big-box theatres and flavor-of-the-month films. For ruly unique experience, make late in downtown Northville. a date in dov The Northville DDA is pleased to announce the 2011 Movies at the Marquis series "Classics through the Decades" sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. The smalltown family-owned theatre Marquis Theatre continues its beloved tradition with Saturday

• Jan. 22 – Funny Face Audrey Hepburn plays a reluctant model swept away to Paris by a handsome photographer. Presented by Next Chapter • Feb. 5 - Sunset Boulevard starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson. Presented by

comedy about a spoiled heires, and the roving reporter who courts her. Presented by Long Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Kitchen & Bath Design. Feb. 19 - Love Story (1970): It doesn't get more romai tic than this timeless tale of star-cross lovers played by Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal

Presented by Stampeddle Feb. 26 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967): A couple (Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn) confronts their preconceptions when their daughter brings home her black fiancé (Sidney Poitier). Presented by Sincerely Yours March 5 - West Side Story

(1961): The feuding families become two warring New York City gangs- the white Jets led by Riff and the Puerto Rican Sharks led by Bernardo. Presented by Starring the Gallery. • March 12 - The Sting

(1973): Paul Newman and Robert Redford play con mer that learn up to steal a fortune from a crooked banker. Presented by Urban Optiques March 19 - America Graffiti (1973): Ron Howard, Richard Drevfuss, Cindy Williams and Harrison Ford got their start in this tale of high school grads cruising the strip one last time. Presented v Edward's Café & Caterers Showtime for all screenings is 7:30 p.m. with doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets (\$3) will be available at merchant-sponso ocations. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on the 2011 Movies at the Marquis Series, visit nnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

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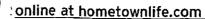
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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometowalife.com. Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com: by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

## LOCAL EVENTS

Five Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss Location: Walled Lake Library, 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. II Details: Learn why low calorie diets do not work, what hormones are involved with metabolism, energy and weight loss. You'll also find out how to detoxify your body. how to prevent and eliminate the pain that prevents exercise and much, much more. Presented by Foundation for Wellness Professionals Local Volunteer (A nonprofit, government recognized Wellness Speakers bureau). Space is limited, registration is

required. Contact: (248) 624-3772 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Open House

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday,

Location: Fox Run, Belmont Clubhouse 41000 13 Mile Road (between M5 and Meadowbrook) Details: Resolve to be a healthier, new you

Both ladies and gentlemen welcome Contact: Deloris Roman (248) 669-6628 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 Details: Chel Jesse Gales will offer taste lesting at the Novi Weight Watchers' regu lar meetings; open and free to the public. Contact: (248) 479-1362

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

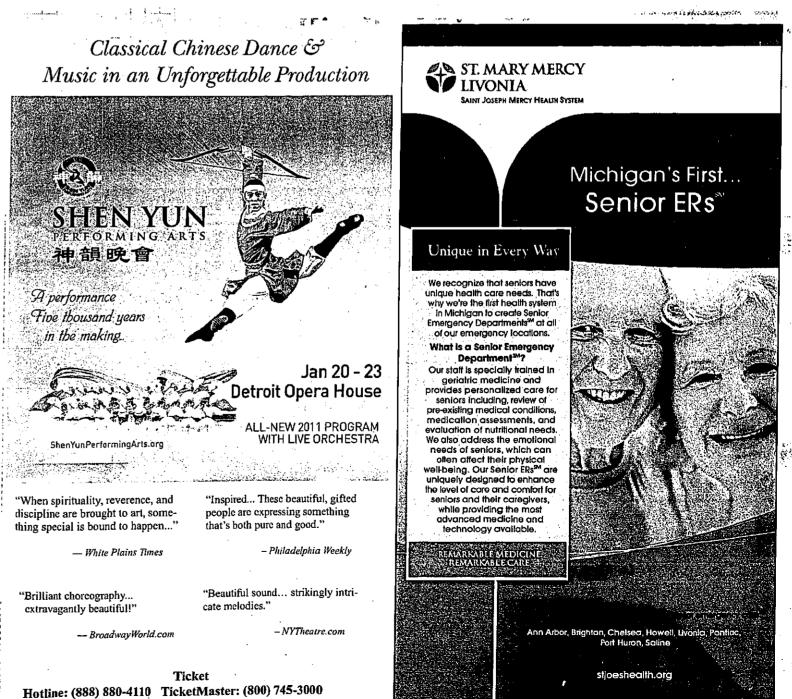
ol Noví Road) Details: City of Novi Mayor David B. Landry will deliver the State of the City Address, providing Novi citizens and business part ners an opportunity to reflect on 2010 accomplishments, as well as learning about the goals Novi will strive towards in 2011.

Working, (45175 W, 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising

produce for sale.

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0 world to famous archaeologist Indiana Jones. Presented by He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and made a slight scene while Preservation Dental

(1957) A fashion classic. Bookstore & Bistro • Jan. 29 – Tootsie (1982): Dustin Hoffman leads a star studded cast as he plays an unemployed actor who dresses as a woman to land a soap opera role. Presented by Poole's Tavern (1950): A former silent film star struggles with Hollywood obscurity in a dramatic classic

Orin Jewelers. Fcb. 12 – It Happened One
Night (1934): Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert heat up the silver screen in this romantic

night screenings Jan. 15-March 19. Shop Northville's celectic boutiques, galleries and shops, and book a dinner reservation. Then, grab some popcorn and find a seat for big-screen view ings of these great flicks that have stood the test of time: • Jan. 15 - Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981): Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Harrison Ford, this epic venture introduced the

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## \$150,000 donation

Residents of Fox Run this year donated \$150,000 to their camous' Staff Appreciation Fund to show their appreciation to staff for iobs well done in 2010. The money benefitted 51 looky to staff members from Diang Services, General Services, Reisident Life and Health Services This fund-raising drive among residents is done annually during the holiday season. "The residents want to 'give thanks' to the staff that help them all year long," said Michael McCormick, executive director, adding 81 percent of residents participal on the service they receive from these staff members and use this as the way to say thanks. The residents count on all the staff each day for assistance. The residents have relationships with the staff and want to thank them. The residents enjoy being part of the event, they individually hand out the checks to every employee! The smile and hugs are in the spirit of giving thanks." Pictured (I to r) General Services staff member Andy Ogden; resident Doreen Poupard; and General Services staff member Derrick Pirckle await hug by resident Lois Christeller during Fox Run Staff Appreciation event

ship between the City of Novi and the Novi Chamber of Commerce) will be viewable on Novi Television (Bright House Channel 13 and AT&T U-Verse 99) and cityofnovi.org. Cost is \$27 per person; seating is limited to the first 230 attendees. Send a check payable to City of Novi, attention Robin

The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and more. Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.com or

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

Meadowbrook Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional information. 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 Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the

Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com

**Rock Financial Showplace** Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 nternational Motorcycle Show Time/Date: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7: 9:30-8 Saturday, Jan. 8; 9:30-5 Sunday, Jan. 9;

9:30-5 Details: The largest motorcycle show series in the world features hundreds of

new bikes, scooters and entertainment for the entire family. The show makes II stops across the U.S., allowing powersport: enthusiasts from across the country to see the latest and greatest innovations, products and services, as well as the hottest new motorcycles, custom bikes, ATVs scooters and more. Contact: (949) 954-8697 www.motorcycle-

shows.com/novi Ultimate Fishing Show

Fime/Date: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13; noon-9:30 o.m. Friday, Jan. 14; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; 10-5 Sunday, Jan. 16 Details: Fishing tackle, fishing trips, fishing boats, charters, seminars and much more. Cost is \$10 for adults: \$4 for children ages 6-14: free for children under 5. Box office is cash only.

Contact: (800) 328-6550 www Ultimatefishingshow.com

Michigan Winter Dog Classic

Date: Jan. 20-23 (check website for hours) Details: Oakland County Kennel Club and Livonia Kennel Club present a four-day, allbreed dog show. Cost is \$35 for family plan (two adults and three children): \$10 per adult; \$8 for children ages 7-12 and senior citizens; free for children age 6 and under. Contact: 248-361-3061, www.thewinterdog classic.com

Nov! Home Improvement Show Time/Date: noon-9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29; 10-6 Sunday, Jan. 30

Details: If you're in the market to undate your home, from purchasing new appliances to renovation projects, come to the Novi Home Improvement Show. If you're looking to cut back on energy savings by adding "oreen" materials, then the Novi Home nprovement Show is perfect for you! Cost is \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors; free for chil-

dren 12 and under. Contact: (248) 737-4477, www.novihome show.com

## BUSINESS

American Business Women's Association - Novi Oaks Charter Chapter

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking); 6:45 (dinner); second Wednesday of each month Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Novi

Details: ABWA is an active business group offering networking, professional develop ment and leadership opportunities. Cost is \$16 which includes dinner and presentation Guests are welcome!

Contact: For more information or to RSVP for dinner, please contact president@abwa novi.org.

### Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of, events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities Location: 41875 II Mile Road, #201, Novi Contact: For more information, call (248)

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## CALENDAR

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

Date: Wednesday, Jan, 12 Details: 10-11:30 a.m. Learn 84 Lunch seminar; II: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, Nov

**Business to Business Breakfast** Time/ Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 Location: Seung-Ni Fit Club, 41430 Grand River Ave., Novi Details: Join for networking, coftee, and a light breakfast. Cost for

members is \$5 at the door; nonmembers \$10 at the door. Please pre-register. Metro Novi BNI

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

Wednesdav Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road

(north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured network ing environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other Members learn how to create and

refine an 'elevator speech.' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently, Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided Contact: For more information contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquetle67@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

## Skating away

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

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You're Perfect, Now Change' April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?" April 29-May 1: "Celebrity . . ರ ಖ್ಯಾಮ ನಾಟಕಲ್ಪನ

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May 4-22: "Bad Dates" May 25-June indefinitely; "The Last Five Years' Contact: www.tickei cali (248) 348-4448

## **LIBRARY LINES**

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

chure for details. Snack Tales Time/Date: 7-7:45 o.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 a how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating fold ers and an address book will be discussed. Registration required. English Conversation Group Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1

and Jan. 18 Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to reaister

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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

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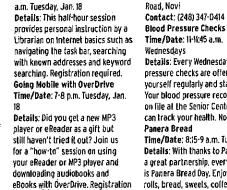
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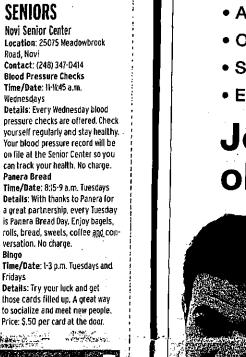
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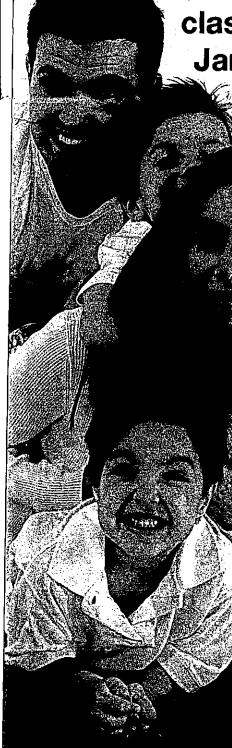
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Library Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 19 Details: The public is welcome

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

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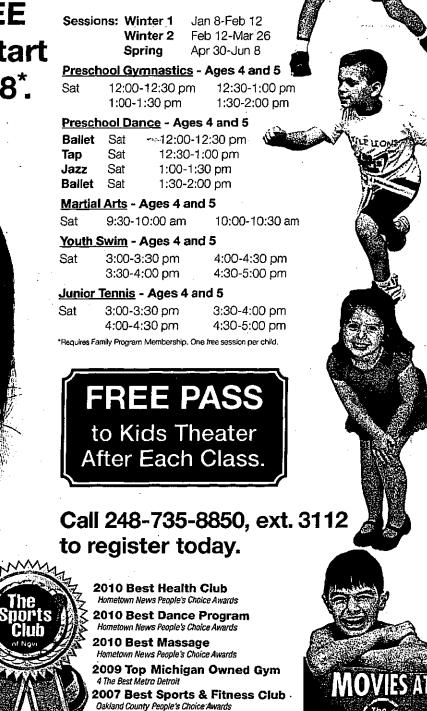
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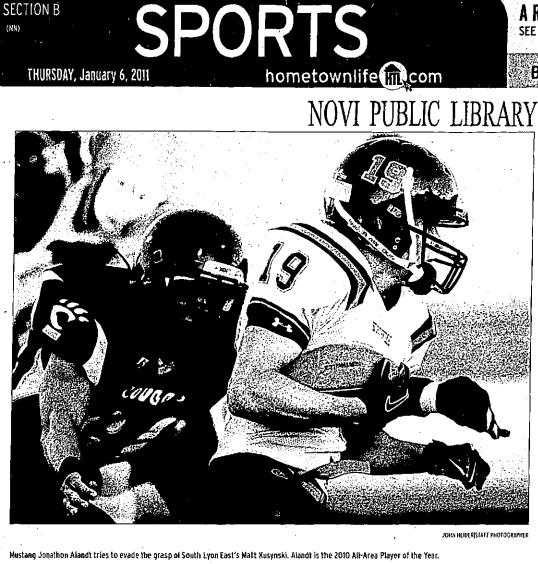
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## Northville's Alandt's versatility stands out

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to picking the Hometown All-Area football team each year, there is never a difficulty in trying to find players to fill positions, but rather keep the team contained because of the amount of talen our area offers. 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. The most difficult aspect of picking almost any All-Area team is singling out

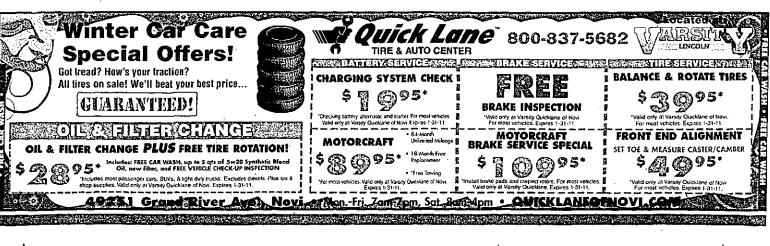
the one player that stood above the rest. This year was one of the most difficult in many because several players were not only deserving, but they would have likely earned the nod on any other All-Area

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

The question this year was never about what Alandt can do to help his team, but rather what Alandt couldn't do — and that was a very short list. You weren't going to see him kicking field goals and you weren't going to see him sitting the bench unless his team was certain of victory. What you did see from Alandt this year was an amazing ability to see the field as he scampered his way into the end zone 21 times this year. "Jon is a tremendous worker." said

Matt Ladach, Northville's head coach. "Everything he has accomplished this sea son is well deserved. I don't know that there is a kid out there that Jon didn't outwork. I can't say enough about his work ethic and Alandt couldn't be fit into a single catego-

sive threat is an understatement, considering he sat in the second half while younger players got experience during Northville's blowait winter in the out victories this year and still man aged to get 316 yards on the ground and 666 yards receiving on 21 catches. He scored five times as a running back for the



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Mustangs and 11 times as a receiver. But Alandt has more tricks up his sleeve, too, and an amazing ability on special teams. He returned 16 kicks in 2010 for 522 yards and two touchdowns and also to be according two blocked punts for touchdowns. And if that weren't enough, Alandt roamed the defensive backfield for Northville, snag-ging an interception that he returned for a defensive score.

Alandt drew attention, too, earning All-KLAA honors this year, a spot on the Metro North team and a nomination for Old Spice Player of the Year. His selection as Player of the Year for the Hometown All-Area team is no fluke: Any coach would have had a better team if they had him patrolling the gridiron

## FIRST TEAM OFFENSE LUKE JOHNSON MILFORD, SENIOR

### QUARTERBACK

When it comes to throwing a football, few in the area compare to Luke Johnson, Milford's senior play caller. This year he tossed the pigskin 197 times and completed 128 of those passes for an impressive 65percent completion rate

"He's a very smart football player." said Jeff Hill Milford's head coach. "He's like having another coach on the field. He has a strong arm and is always studying and working at skills needed to be a quarterback." Johnson finished the year with 2,012 yards, 22 ouchdown passes and seven interceptions.

#### JEFF GERTLEY NORTHVILLE, JUNIOR

### QUARTERBACK

It was quite the year to be a quarterback for Northville, and it was Jeff Gertley's honor to take naps for the feisty Mustangs. Gertley didn't waste the opportunity, either. He

scored nearly 20 touchdowns through his running and passing ability and only tossed three intercepions along the way. In total, he had approximately 1,500 yards in total offense. "Jeff is a tremendous young man, and he is xtremety athletic," said Ladach. "He runs our

offense exceptionally well, and we are fortunate to have him back for his senior season." ANTHONY DARKANGELO

CATHOLIC CENTRAL, SOPHOMORI

RUNNING BACK You wouldn't know it by the numbers Anthony

Darkangelo put up this season, but he's only a sopho-

nore. The speedy back, who had some big shoes to fill this year, stepped up and took a commanding role alongside some other top-notch backs from Catholic Central this year, including All-Area Defensive First-Team selection Justin D'Agostino, Darkangelo has a lot to look forward to at Catholic Central, which likely won't be straying from its passing ways anytime ZACH MASSERANT

NOVI, JUNIOR RUNNING BACK

Most leams should be thankful that Zach Masserant was only able to run in seven of the nine games this season. With 488 yards rushing on 67 car ries and four touchdowns, Masserant proved himsel to be a force to keep an eye on -- and that was while sharing carries with other runners. Coming back his for a senior campaign will no doubt find Masserant showcasing his ability over at least nine games, and that's likely something to watch out for.

#### BRANDON LOVE NORTHVILLE, JUNIOR

RUNNING BACK One moment you think you're about to make a' crushing tackle on Brandon Love for a loss and the next minute he shifts his hips, dips around you and bolts for a gain. That's just how this Mustang stam pedes, as he showed with over 400 yards rushing despite only playing the first half of most games. He scored five times in the rushing game. "Brandon is a shifty kid with great talent," said

Ladach. "Brandon runs our inside zone play really well, and we anticipate that he will have a tremen dous senior season

Love also played defensive back for the Mustangs, snapping an interception to help them to the playoff: DREW WILLIAMSON

#### **MILFORD, SENIOR** RUNNING BACK

Give Drew Williamson a little bit of daylight and carries with 10 of them finding the end zone. But what made Williamson All-Area material? The fact that he's

rards and three touchdowns to help the Mavericks. "He's lighting in a bottle." said Hill, "He's a very

## **Catholic Central** takes second in Tournament of Champions

## 10 Shamrocks place in the top four of tourney standings

### BY SAM EGGLESTON

It was indeed a tournament of champions that was held last week in Goodrich. The tournament, which is considered by

## ON TAP.

The Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back in action when they wrestle at Tolego Catholic

the CC Invitationa at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Champions," said Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock. "I feel like that is one of the toughest regular season tournaments in the 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 mer

Taking first place finishes for the Shamrocks were 'IJ 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 Malick Amine, Logan Marcicki, Nick Mason and Andrew Erickson, while Evan Toth took a fourth-place finish and Joe Silvestri finished sevent

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 speci-fied eating establishments and have dinner as they normally would, and the restaurants pledge o 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

Bagger Dave's, 26062 Novi Road, will have 9 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 fly-ers, please visit www.noviathleticboosters.com.

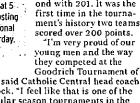
he's going to twrn it into a thing of beauty. This Milford running back put up strong numbers out of the backfield with 358 yards on the ground on 53 a dual threat, snagging 20 catches for an addition 314

explosive player with great quickness and great speed. Pound for pound, he's the strongest kid in our orogram." TAYLOR WATTLES

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Central today at 5 p.m. before hosting

many pundits as the toughest regular-season tourney in the state, fea-tured 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 sec ond 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



## FOOTBALL

## LAKELAND, SENIOR

### END There's a reason that Taylor Wattles had

under 450 yards this year-most games he was too busy picking up two defenders to even worry about catching the ball. Taylor was our big-play receiver and

in many games was double covered," said Lakeland coach John Mallese. Waitles earned All-KI As bonnes with his 20 receptions and 439 yards that led to four touchdowns this season GEORGE DARANY

CATHOLIC CENTRAL, SENIOR

What does George Darany bring to the game that many ends don'l? How about the ability to not only catch the ball, but to be a key blocker for a squad that runs the pioskin 95 percent of the time? Darany's job wasn't one of clory, but when the Shamrocks can the ball to his side he was often not noticed because he was too busy making a great block. Yet, when the Shamrocks wa prove they could pass? That's when Darany shined, catching the ball nearly every time it was sent in his direction. NICK SHATNEY

MILFORD, SENIOR END

Stopping Nick Shalney from getting the ball was the number one task for every defense the Milford Mavericks played this year

Unfortunately for them, not only did most fail to do so, they ended up opening other aspects of Millord's offense when they did. "Big plays," said Hill when asked to describe Shalney. "He led us in total yards as well as receiving. He was a big, physical vertical threat that forced other teams to adjust the

way they played us." ney ended the season with eight touchdowns off 28 catches that resulted in 621 yards

NATHAN THEAKER LAKELAND, SENIOR

OFFENSIVE LINE

Be it on offense or defense. Lakeland senior Nathan'Theaker is the kind of player you didn't want to have to line up in front of. His specialty was simply blocking you onto your back and straight out of the play. "Nate was one of the best offensive line men that I have coached," said Maltese. "We ran behind him 75 percent of the time. He is a inating and aggressive blocker." Theaker was the target for most runners to aim for, knowing full well there would be a hole there when they got to him. Against rival Mittord, Lakeland had a 19-play drive in the third quarter and ran 19 times. Out of that drive. 17 plays were run behind Theaker. JORDAN GATES CATHOLIC CENTRAL, SENIOR

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OFFENSIVE LINE Ał 250 pounds, Shamrock center Jordan Gates is one of the heaftier of our offensive linemen this year, but what he doesn't have in speed, he makes up for in oure ability. Gates was a technically sound center that was abl to control the middle of the offensive line. That's great, especially because Catholic Central's offense was known for pounding the ball down their congenents' throats ever chance they got. Behind Gates, CC ran the ball 515 times and picked up 3,443 yards. JACK SINE

NORTHVILLE, SENIOR

OFFENSIVE LINE It takes a special kind of player to willingly take a beating each and every play, and that's exactly what an offensive lineman does. For Jack Sine, who played center for the Mustanos lbis year, it was almost an honor "Jack was one of our touchest players." said Ladach. "I think Jack enjoyed all of the

pain that he endured while playing on the offensive line. It's kind of sick, but I like it. I'll take a player like Jack any day." ALAN MENCER NOVI, SENIOR

OFFENSIVE LINE

DOYLE WILLIAMS

MILFORD, JUNIOR

OFFENSIVE LINE

miss a block.

BEN LANG

LAKELAND, SENIOR

KICKER/PUNTER

It was a hard decision whether to put Alan Mencer on offense or defense for All-Area this year. At 220 pounds, he doesn't took like he's going to be knocking anyone over on eithe side of the ball, but that's exactly what he did each and every game.

We decided to put him on offense because he's ferocious, and we like that in guys that are making holes for our backs and protecting But that doesn't mean Mencer wouldn't ave wound up playing defense for us, loo. He

ended his senior campaign with 25 tackles, six sarks and recovered a fumble Teams could not block Alan one-on-one said Novi coach Todd Pennycuff, "They had to louble to account for him, which allowed our inebackers to make fackles."

Tipping the scales at 255 pounds, Doyle

Williams was an offensive lineman to be reck

oned with. What made him even more spectad

ular was that he had speed behind that weight

the kid that we always ran behind, and that

meant we either always ran the hall at his

or had him pulling to block. He was always

consistent and you knew he wasn't going to

"He's a big, physical kid," said Hill, "He was

### DEFENSIVE LINE

Don't expect to be Brandon Kuc's friend during a game if you're lined up across from him. He's going to beat you up every single play, ripping past you and plowing through you in order to make a play. That's how he picked up nearly 30 tackles this season and picked up a sack along the way on a defe that made a point of being lough in 2010.

Todd Else, Horthville, Offensive Line Joe Mikkelsen, Kovi, Offensive Line FIRST TEAM DEFENSE GARY SCHELL LAKELAND, SENIOR

> DEFENSIVE LINE Put Gary Schell up against any offensive

lineman in the state and he is going to give them a run for his money, which is why he often found himself fighting through two blockers in order to make a play. "Gary was our leading player on the defensive side of the ball " said Maltese. "He played with great pad level and passion and

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kick this year, and 75 percent of his kickoffs

Nike Bimey, Catholic Central, Oparterback

Corey Frederick, South Lyon East, Running Back

Natt Godin, Catholic Central, Olfensive Line

Nate Wilkins, Catholic Central, Offensive Line

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SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Dominic Sabo, Novi, Running Bac

Brandon Bell, Milford, End Josh Hoore, South Lyon, End

made some game-changing plays during the Schell had 18 solo tackles and 39 assists this year while compiling four sacks, two

fumble recoveries and an interception Brandon Tammaro Catholic Central, Senior

Defensive Line You wouldn't know it by looking at Brandon Tammaro, but he's a force on the football field. At 6-3 and 240 pounds, Catholic Central's senior defensive end looked like he was a pushover. When the play started, how simply transformed, picking up 57 tackles and

4.5 sacks this year. On offense, Tammaro was mobile and always aware of what was happening. BRANDON KUC

## NORTHVILLE, SENIOR

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said Pennyculf, "(He's a) very big hitler and ajor leader on our defense. JOE MILLER MILFORD, SENIOR

### **DEFENSIVE BACK**

low do you become a three-year starter on a Division I varsity football team? Simple: You emulate Millord's Joe Miller. "Joe was a three-year starter for us, was voted learn MVP and a captain and made all the calls for us in the secondary," said Hill 'He is a preat team player who always put he team first."

Not to mention Miller always performed, too. This defensive back hawked four interceptions this year while picking up 54 tackles and recovering three lumbles. In addition, he was an offensive threat with 22 catches for 229 yards and a touchdown in ANDREW NELSON

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL SENIOR

DEFENSIVE BACK It takes more than just a ton of athletic ability to be a good defensive back--it takes brains, too, Andrew Nelson, a senior defen sive back for the Shamrocks, was one of those players. Not only was he a captain or his squad, showing that his team looked to him both on and off the field for direction but he was an All-Catholic League Academic selection this year, which is impressive in its own right when you consider the grade point erages of so many of the CHSL players. LEVI PERRY

## NORTHVILLE, SENIOR

DEFENSIVE BACK If there was room for two Players of the Year on the All-Area squad, Levi Perry would have had the nod. As a defensive back, there isn't another player on the team that can match the game-changing ability that Perry brought to the field. The definition of ball hawk. Perry snagged a staggering 10 interceptions this season on his way to earning All-State honors.

"Levi is an absolute ball hawk," said Ladach, "It seemed like every time our opponents threw the ball. Levi was there to deliver a hit, knock the ball down, or pick it off, He's a tremendous young man, and he had a great season

Perry also played offense and special teams, racking up the second-most all-purpose yards behind the 2010 Player of the Year

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE Jacob Norton, Milford, Defensive Line Colin Wedesky, South Lyon East, Defensive Line Shawn Williams, Northville, Linebacker Alex Lambi, South Lyon East, Linebacke Brian Vanderbaan, Killord, Linebacker Justin Jolinski, South Lynn Fact Linehack Justin Messner, Catholic Central, Linebacke G. Kolis, Novi, Linebacker Hike MacLean, Northville, Linebacker Tyler Jedinak, South Lyon Fast, Defensive Back a Kelson, South Lyon, Defensive Bac Trei Walton, Northville, Defensive Back



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its 2011 Board of Directors on Jan. 12 during the monthly networking luncheon. Th event starts at 11:30 a.m. at

Gus O'Connor's on Main Stree in downtown Novi. The Chamber has made great The free Learn B4 Lunch seminar begins at 10 a.m. strides in the last year with Jerry Bricker of Aadvise increased membership and a ulting and Boni Trush table budget. In this economy, of Final Destinations will the Chamber has even more speak on Integrating Sales & Marketing. Call the chamber at (248) meaning, so it is vital to incor porate additional program-ming that assists the business

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Develop and expand our corporate members and sponsors Name: Erin Cicero

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Goals for chamber for 2011: As a Director I will be able to help Novi is a thriving commuthe Chamber continue working nity with room to grow. I with local businesses and the would like to see more busi community. I look forward to nesses taking advantage of supporting the community and the Chamber and the growth mber that has supported

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Name: Beth Yarmak

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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

### Cell phones for soldiers

Pulte Homes and Del Webb are encouraging those who get a new cell phone as a gift this hol-iday season to bring their old one to one of their select communities and turn it into prepaid minutes for U.S. soldiers overseas who want to call home.

Del Webb and Pulte Homes have partnered with Cell Phones for Soldiers — a nonprofit inization that collects old cell phones and sends them to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each phone. The money is used to purchase prepaid calling cards, which are sent to troops overseas. Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are recon-ditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world.

Phones and components that cannot be refur-bished are dismantled and recycled. We are proud to show our support for II.S. soldiers, and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," said John Fabirkiewicz, Michigan area sales manager for Del Webb and Pulte Homes. "More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are

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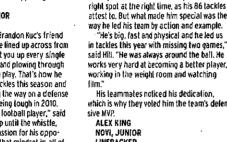
JUSTIN D'AGOSTINO CATHOLIC CENTRAL, SENIOR LINEBACKER It comes natural to some players, the shill ity to see the field and make sure that you're in on a tackle, Justin D'Agostino, a two-year starter on Catholic Central's defense, is one of those players. This year, D'Agostino led CC

"Brandon is a nasty football player," said Ladach. "From the snap until the whistle, Brandon has no compassion for his opponents. We try to instill that mindset in all of our players, but Brandon comes by it natu-

There's a reason why good kickers are key to great football: Every point counts. Ben Lang, the Lakeland Eagles' kicker, took that to heart this year, hitting 100 percent of his point-after attempts and point 4-for-6 for field goals, including a 45 yarder. If that weren't enough, Lang's punting averaged 40 yards per

film cive MVP ALEX KING NOVI. JUNIOR LINEBACKER It's hard to believe that Alex Xino is going prepare to get hit.

right time, smacking pads with the force of He collected 91 tackles this year "He would start for any team in the area."



which is why they voted him the team's defen-

to be back in Novi's defensive lineup again next year. All we can say is that if you're a running back and you're told to run at hir King was always in the right place at the

with 92 tackles, 31 of which were solo affairs,

"I thought he was the heart of our defense

D'Agostino was also a heck of a runner who

said Mach. "He was the big hitter, he'd deliver

the blow. He has creat mobility, creat closing

vould have made All-Area First Team had it

88 times for 471 yards and four touchdowns

this year, all while sharing the backfield.

SOUTH LYON EAST, SENIOR

not been for his defensive nod. He ran the ball

An All-KLAA selection that led his team in

"Alec was the heart and soul of this feam."

Lackles, Alec Sturps proved in each game that

he was determined to give his all on every

said South Lyon East coach Mike Lindman.

he was the single most important player lo

our defense and as important to the defense

is the quarterback is to the offense. He is a

physical defensive football player as well as a

Sturos, a team captain and MVP, had 51 solo

When a tackle had to be made, South Lyon

senior linebacker Taylor Sale was there to make it. He collected 116 tackles this year

force," said South Lyon head coach Mark

Billy Schoeine has the ability to be in the

and tacked on three sacks to his statistics as

"Taylor was one of our captains and he was

lense who attacked with grea

is a leader both on and off the field. I feel that

and had a fumble recovery and a sack.

speed and he finished the job.

ALEC STUROS

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tackles and 14 assists this season.

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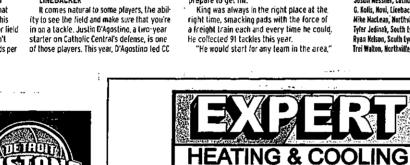
South Lyon's defensive leader.

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Name: Leigh Byrd How long on the board: starting Company: Bright House Goals for chamber for 2011: Networks

How long on the board: three Goals for chamber for 2011: To help in facilitating a strong

network of businesses, pr viding support to each other and involving ourselves in ventures that benefit the community.

Name: Tearza Martin Company: Bryce Avery Designs, LLC

How long on the board: beginning first term Goals for chamber for 2011: Work to encourage local ousiness owners to join the Chamber.

Name: Mary Jane Scott Company: Suburban Collection Showplace How long on the board: three

years Goals for the chamber for 2011: To help the Novi Business To help the Novi Dusting Community by providing with other Novi business's and community leaders, provide scenarios for Novi business's to meet their target markets, and encourage the Novi Community at large to patron ize their local Novi bu

Name: Sam Morgan Company: Gasiorek, Morgan & Greco, P.C.

How long on the board: beginning first term Goals for chamber for 2011: The goal of any chamber of nerce is to further the interests of business. As a new member of the board, my goal is to become a quick study on the last board's strategic vision and objectives, asses

membership interest and support for that direction and those objectives, become more personally familiar with mems, and help enhance the Chamber's relevance to busitential it brings to the comness of all sizes in Novi.

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Local residents can support the collection drive taking place through the end of Januar 2011 by donating their phones at Arcadia Ridge by Pulte Homes, 48927 Freestone Drive in Northville (248-735-0012) or Liberty Park by Pulte Homes, 44831 Stockton Drive in Novi

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## Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars January, offered by the **Dakland County Business** Center, Business Basics work shops are now offered in the evenings on alternating

Workshops are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford unless otherwise indicated

For pre-registration and tion specifics, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

Pre-Business Research - Are you thinking of starting your own business and ant to research your business idea? Are you a busines owner who wants to under-stand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Busi Center, The Entrepreneur's Source. Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Tuesday, Jan. 11,

from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CEED Microloan Orientation – Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a busi-ness loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing con sider the MicroLoan Program Discover the requirements and process necessary to

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15 Social Media Marketing Part

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Business Plan (PM) pply and obtain a microloan

Program Presented by Center for Empowerment & Econo Development (C.E.E.D.). This workshop is free, but prc-registration is required. Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 9-11

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 o pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m.-nooi

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 include all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m.-noon

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Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business Marketing is an essentia of business success. All prod ucts/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Our staff/SCORE coun selors can guide you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers-your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Busines & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). The fee is \$40. No refunds.

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# Hey kids!

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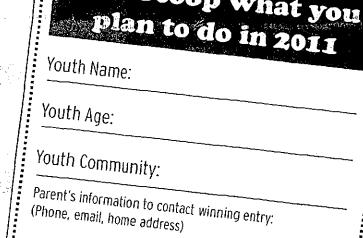
## **Deadline for submissions: 2/1/11**

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



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



picking up her live Christmas tree.

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



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

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



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

"This time we just had a good time," said Dale E. Smith, execu-tive vice president of WWOCAR, of the event held at American Legion Post 32 on Newburgh in Livonia. WWOCAR had done a charitable bowling fund-raiser for the Farmington-Farmington Hills ndation 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 road, the said. A new governor of cither 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

**By Julie Brown** holiday party.

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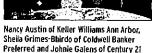
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## Association party mixes business and pleasure



Farmington Hills share a smile at the WWOCAR party in Livonia.



# Jean Paul Pilot of P.R.O.S. Home Inspections, Neil McCloskey of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, and

Jelf Zyck of CUTCO enjoy their time together at the recent WWOCAR party.

MJL catch up on happenings at the WWOCAR

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## Fun was mixed with business talk as industry leaders look to 2011 and improvement in the housing market.

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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.

#### Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluere alty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com

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THURSDAY EDITION, 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY

Q: I understand that com 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 (Commercia) Real Estate Broker's Lien Act) was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Oct. 5, 2010, to protect commercial brokers against losing rightfully earned



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awsuits in regard to commissions. The Act only applies to written commission agreement. 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-famil units that are sold, leased or otherwise conveyed on a unit-by-unit bas

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 at sufficient to satisfy the lien so that the buyer or seller cannot refuse to clo a transaction due to the escrow account requir An escrow account is not required if either (i) alternative procedures a 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 insufficien to satisfy such lien.

## 0: Our condominium has

a prohibition on exterior attachments to the unit and several of the board members have been upset with pumpkin being put on the porches of ou 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 lominium. Of course, that decision making pr can be abused and it y 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 ther 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.

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## A Résumé Checklist: 13 Things To Do Before You Apply For The Job

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing Featuring an excerpt from "Step-by-Step Résumés" by Evelyn Salvador.

online at hometownlife.com

When writing the first draft of your résumé, you probably know it could be -- and should be -- stronger than it is. If you're like many job seekers, though, you might feel pretty mystified as to which specific steps will lead you to more powerfulcontent and a more attractive design.

Fortunately, boosting a bland résumé or simply polishing it before applying for a job isn't as cumbersome as you might expect. According to Evelyn Salvador, author of "Step-by-Step Résumés," there are many simple, yet effective, tricks that can significantly strengthen your résumé's readability, call to action, marketability and overall appearance.

In her book, Salvador recommends you take the following steps to mprove a résumé before using it to apply for jobs:

1. Remove personal pronouns. The subject (I, me or my) is understood in your résumé and you should leave it out of each sentence. If your résumé contains any of these words, delete them and restructure your sentences if necessary.

2. Check for action verbs. Be sure each bullet in your "professional experience" section starts with an action verb or adverb preceding the action verb.

position



Delete redundant or superfluous words. Review each sentence or bullet and delete any words that your sentence reads fine without, such as "the" and "that," as well as unnecessary "fluff" words. Edit down to the most concise sentence possible without omitting any important content, such as achievements.

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4. Include personal attributes. Double-check that your primary attributes are included in your "professional summary" section and that you

5. Ensure that all

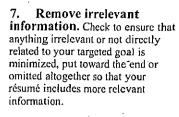
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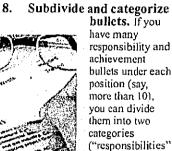
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pertinent, targeted qualifications are included. Compare your resume to the description of the job you're targeting. Is there any information you didn't already mention that would address a function or need listed in the description? If so, revise your résumé to include that information

6. Prioritize your bullets. Review your responsibilities and achievements in each position and move the more important, targeted ones closer to the top under each





and "achievements") and subtitle them as such under each position for easier reading.

9. Check for quantifying information. When reviewing your sentences, ask yourself, "Did I include how many, how much, how often, how big, how fast, how well and so on?" If not, go edit your sentences to include more specific, concrete information.

10. Verify that "CAR" and benefit info is included. Do your achievements include the Challenge you faced, the Action you took and the Result? Be sure you show how well you performed these functions and always include the

### benefit(s) to the company 11. Vary bullet line length.

Try for a good mix of line lengths. Bullets arc effective when they are a combination of one, two and three typed lines. Because it is important to show not only what you did, but also how well you did it and what the benefits were to the company, information should be concise without sacrificing content or meaning. In this way, you will have an action-packed, achievementoriented résume that is tightly and concisely written.

## 12. Check grammar,

punctuation and spelling. Spell-check your document in your word-processing program. Proofread several times. Be consistent in your use of capitalization and hyphenation. Be sure you have used correct grammar and punctuation. If this is not one of your fortes (and it isn't for many people), give your completed résumé to someone you trust to proofread it for you.

13. Add more descriptive adjectives or adverbs where applicable. Check to see whether you can infuse any additional descriptors that show how well you performed your job functions.

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