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use permit at Monday night's council meeting, with stipulations surround-

ing specific variance requests includ-

It also gave preliminary site plan

approval to construct a 17,500-square-

foot building that would connect the

ing the garden center.



PUBLIC INOVI NOW MLK celebration

THURSDAY

HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

Novi High School will host the fifth annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 7 p.m. This free celebration ncluding drama, song, dance and the spoken word is open

Stop bullying

Kids Empowered, Boys Empowered and Girls Empowered present two anti-bullying programs to Nov! parents, children and nity on Thursday, Jan. 20 at Medical Office Building 26850 Providence Parkway, second floor training room.

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> Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza kitchen manager Mike Ansama tosses some dough up in the air as he begins

George Kurajian, co-founder of Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, knew he was bringing a unique

old-world cooking back."

The uniqueness that Kurajian talks about

Please see PIZZA, A2



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Council gives Walmart preliminary stamp Zoning Board of Appeals to weigh in on variance requests

> Novi Mayor David Landry also clarified to the public that the town center is zoned for this type of retail use, and if a business complies with the city's ordinances they can locate there without city approval.
>
> The only reason the plans came

before the city council was because

existing Novi Town Center to the pro-posed Walmart structure. the applicant was requesting a special land use permit for the garden center.
"Realistically, if they did not need Traffic concerns were at the forefront of the discussion between the conneil members, much like when the plans went before the Novi Planning any variances from us they have the right to come and do this," he said. "So Commission, but it was not enough this is not a question of whether: it's a question of what does it look like, how for the seven-member board to nix the big is it going to be and some of the

bells and whistles." Traffic consultant Rod Arroyo said

Walmart will generate a little more traffic than the previous occupant Mervyn's, but "in terms of the amount of improvements needed I don't think it would be significantly different."

A pair of Novi residents also spoke at the meeting regarding traffic issues. "I felt the traffic consultant was very "I really think Grand River is going to pose a traffic problem for that estab-

Please see WALMART, A3

First in state

Novi City Council Member Dave

Staudt summed it up as the coun-cil's discussion regarding plans for

Walmart came to an end Monday

night - "Welcome to Novi, shortly."

Zoning Board of Appeals is now all that remains before Walmart is given final

It appears a date with the Novi

approval by the city council to con-

liminary site plan and special land

struct a 149,854-square-foot, 24-hour

The city council approved the pre-

rcenter in the Novi Town Center.







Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza opened their first Michigan location last week in the Novi Town Center. The management team, from left (above): manager Nicole Fields, co-founder George Kurajian and Adam Bunkelman. A

Tony Sacco's opens in Novi Town Center

BY NATHAN MUELLER

But even he was surprised by how the busines has been welcomed as repeat customers have already been filing during the business' first

"No one has a product like ours," Kurajian said while sitting in the restaurant as the lunch rush left last Friday. "Everything we do is from scratch, and we wanted to bring that old-style,

evolves mainly around how they cook their piz-

Everything is prepared fresh and in front of the customers, but the key is the custom-build anthracite coal-burning oven that heats up to 1,000 degrees and "flash cooks" the pizza in about four minutes.

Kurajian said it keeps the crust crispier and does not cook the flavor out of their homemade 2222 sauce and toppings.

pizza sauce and toppings.
"Coal has been used for making pizzas in Italy



Council increases fund balance range

A pair of policy discussions kicked off the annual Novi City Council goal setting session last Saturday, with one policy change that will increase the fund balance range from 14 to 18 percent

to 18 to 22 percent. The policy change was approved by a 4-3 vote and will give the city administra-

ing upcoming budgets. "It's not just good enough to have enough there to keep bond agencies happy and to keeps banks happy," said council member Dave Staudt. "It's more important to me to have more than we

Council member Terry Margolis was not in favor of the increase, noting the percent fund balance and However, in 2013-14, the fund balance is projected at

"This doesn't feel right

want to stop.

fund balance, offering up some ideas such as putting it toward capital improvement programs, legacy costs and oudget stabilization.

The other policy discus-

sion was to see if there was any interest in instituting an administrative fee and simultaneously lowering the overall property tax millage rates by an equal amount to and treasury services. A por tion of the proceeds would then go towards a long-term

city ended last year with 34 are projecting a 28 percent fund balance in 2010-2011.

14 percent.
She said she cannot support having over 34 percent fund balance while residents are complaining about the state of their roads. The council members

reduction of the city's pen-sion and retirement obligaseemed to be in favor of the

to be," Margolis said. "The administrative fee, while I think it's an interesting idea would be difficult to explain to neonle. They wouldn't appear to be an inappropri-ate way to move forward." In terms of the goals,

would do with the excess Please see GDALS, AZ "No Equity" Home

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Goals are put in place for 2011 'We are unique because we are not stopping, and I don't

high-quality community and

neighborhoods, continue to seek grants for acquisition

land, review recycling in the city including city buildings,

use of Recycle Bank Program

and partner with private busi-

interchange area.
Fiscally responsible govern

care policies (beyond premi-

ment goals were: review health 📜

ums and co-pays) as compared to other cities and private

companies and implement way

include in 2011-2012 budget a

plan to lower expenditures to match revenues by 2012-2013

study of recent and potential

future MERS policy changes

"opt out," implications of doing

so and possible alternatives.

tural services goals were: identify citizen level of desire

for a dog park and if appropri-

ate, pursue low cost proposal including city-owned land and

development using in-house/

volunteer labor and materials.

ments, complete a compre-

Transportation with goal to

drive down per trip cost to users; including partnerships,

naming rights, electrification of fleet, etc to make more acces-

Landry said while the city is

expecting to do more with less.

it doesn't mean they are going

"We are unique because we

are not stopping, and I don't want to stop," he said. "As we

sible to all senior residents.

hensive analysis of Senior

complete Fuerst Park improve-

Parks, recreation and cul-

nesses to fund landscaping improvements to M-5/12 Mile

and development of park

PIZZA

for over 500 years so we kind of are going back to the beginning," he said.

Tony Sacco's is starting to expand across the nation, but this is their first location in Michigan. They hired 38 employees, 29 full time, and took over a Novi Town Center building that faces Grand Rive Avenue that had been vacant for the last four years. Novi resident Lindsay

Kennedy was one of the restaurant's repeat customers, dining with a friend Friday afternoon after trying the pizza for the first time or "There was a lot of flavor."

she said. "You could taste the Said Dominik Gunkel: "The crust is so thin and so rich."

Novi's Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza is located at 42970 Grand River Ave. It is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

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mueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Tony Sacco's dining room can seat up to 125 people, and there is an outdoor patio that will be open in the summer.



Develop government structure goals were: continue efforts to share services with the school system, investigate re-opening front of civic center (road) and provide handicap/ senior/expectant mother park ing close to entrance, create more online tools for payment, service request, code enforce-

Natural area goals were: pdate ordinances and design and construction standards to be consistent with adopted Complete Streets code enforcement to ensure

liscussed and the top three or

four will be the city's focus for

The goals for public safety

were: continue to coordinate the scheduling of paid on call and full-time firefighters,

recommendations investigate

billing for life/assist calls to

ncrease funding for neighbor

hood road programs, fund and complete a portion of phase 1

of non-motorized master plan,

ments from I-96 study and

tive maintenance to ensure

Economic Development

focused on providing ability for all forms, licenses, etc. to

e completed online, imple-

menting Master Plan update

ing strategic action plan for

Main Street including solicit-

ing stakeholder feedback to

improve area and investigate

city cause impediments to

investment in area.

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online at hometownlife.com

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.

OC Clerk Bullard calls for commissioner

acancy reform
The Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard, Jr. on Jan. 5 wrote Oakland County state legislators asking for their help in reforming the state law regarding elections for vacancies in the office of County

Bullard is asking legislators to consider amending the state law to make the appointment and vacancy procedure for a County Commissioner consistent with the current law governing other local officials such as county-wide, township, city and school board officers. The law regarding those vacancies provides for an appointee to serve until the next regularly scheduled general election. Only in the case of a County Commissioner, does the law require a special election if the vacancy is created in an

"This is a common sense step that will save taxpayers dollars and lessen the burden on local governments. Vacancies on the County nission are not uncommon and we should with other local offices," said Bullard.

Under the current law, special primary and general elections will have to be held in several Oakland County communities to fill a vacancy in Commission District 2. This vacancy was caused when the Oakland County Circuit Court voted to elevate Bullard from his seat as County Commissioner to the role of County Clerk/ Register of Deeds following the election of Ruth Johnson to the office of Michigan Secretary of State. Bullard will serve as County Clerk/ Register until the next regularly scheduled elec-

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are the Village and Township of Holly, Rose Township, Springfield Township and Highland Township.

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As 2010 comes to a close, the tradition of set-ting a New Year's Resolution is upon us. Millions of New Year's Resolutions are made each year and some of the most common ones are to lose weight and improve overall physical health. The Novi Parks Department achieves its mission of Enriching Lives and Strengthening Community, in part, by offering a wide variety of programs which promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Classes begin Jan. 22 and registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org and the Novi Parks office (45175 West Ten Mile Road). Online registrations receive a \$5 discount. For a full listing of classes visit cityofnovi.org or see the January-April edition of Engagel, which will be in Novi mailboxes

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 roles through volunteering your time, knowledge, and skills in conservation management in your community? Individuals who take part in the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program (CSP) can learn how to effectively take part in informed, scientifically based conservation and resource management and work to sustain healthy eco systems across Michigan.

This 10-week program consists 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 sessions are held at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Saturday sessions will be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center, Indian Springs Metropark, and Independence Oaks County Park. Registration fee is \$275.

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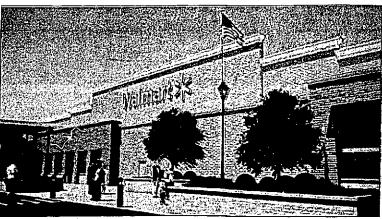
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This artist rendering shows what the Walmart Supercenter in the Novi Town Center would look like. Noticeably missing is the blue background on the Walmart sign, a change made to comply with the look of the town center.

Another one of the issues at the planning commission was with the facade on the front of the store. Walmart representa tives were hesitant to comply with the look of the existing town center because it hur

their brand image, but in the end decided to change. "I've never seen a Walmart that looks like this," Landry said. "As far as fitting in with the town center or Novi, I think they have done a pretty good job with it." Matt Quinn, who represents

the owners of the Novi Town Center, said he received notic es from 27 businesses in and around the town center that ing. He also gave council a list of 100 more businesses that are said to "follow Walmart,"

Walmart is approved.
"This isn't being done in a vacuum," Quinn said. "Other ousinesses do not want Walmart not to come in. They are looking at this as an economic kick in the pants for the Novi Town Center and the sur-rounding areas."

and spoke of others that wan

to come to the town center if

Council member Andrew Mutch voted against the plans,

saying he felt that the city has to "practically drag (the plans) across the finish line" to get Walmart to comply.

He also was disappointed that they did not have more options to address traffic con-

Lindsay Huddleston, public affairs and government relations spokesman for Walmart, said if the store receives final approval from the city council hey plan on being open by

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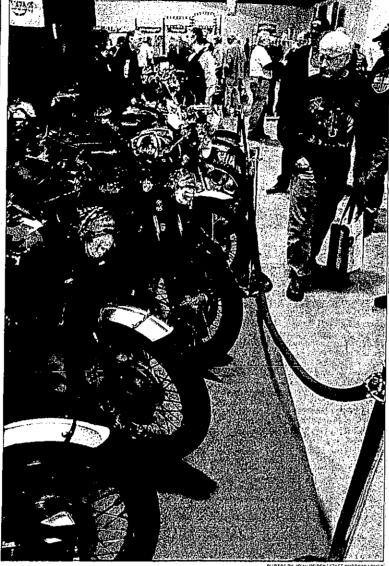


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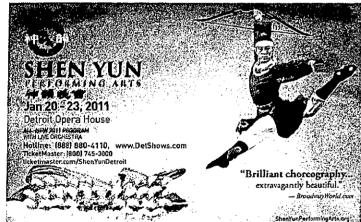


Bob Miske of Detroit (top left) checks out a touring version of a large CC Yamaha cycle during the Jan. 7 Novi Motorcycle Show at the Suburban Collection Showcase. All the major manufacturers had their wares on display along with lots of clothing, gear and helmets for riders. Attendees take a look at a display of Triumph motorcycles (above).



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Whatever it is, Shen Yun has touched the hearts of millions. "I cried a few times," one audience member confessed. "What I saw was power, honesty, and integrity-I am grateful for that." The show has graced some of the most prestigious stages in the world, from the Royal Fes-

tival Hall in London to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Shen Yun is more than just the world's premier classical Chinese performing arts company. It is an experience you won't want

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Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts is distinguished by its con-scious effort to remain independent of China's communist regime, which has abused and impoverished the arts for decades. In fact, a show like Shen Yun's can no longer be found in China today. As one well-traveled New Yorker noted: "I've seen China before with my eyes, but this show had me experience China with my soul."

nese a little foreign, never fear. The show is based on Chinese culture, but the values it portrays belong to all of

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No other art form in the world boasts such strong expressive qualities and diversity of technique as classical Chinese dance. It takes years of rigorous training to master the many leaps flips, and delicate gestures. Dancers must also be versed in Chinese culture to achieve the bearing needed to bring ancient legends and heroic lig-

In addition to the classical forms, Shen Yun features the distinctive colors and styles of ethnic and folk dance. Choreographers draw upon over 20 dynasties and 50 ethnic groups to create pieces that range from the northern steppes of Mongolia to the lush forests of Yunnan. Among the most impressive elements of any Shen Yun show are the large-scale ensemble pieces in which dozens of dancers appear to move as one hody across the stage.

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The Novi Home Improvement Show, Jan. 28-30, will feature a special "Home for all Ages" exhibit

— a special informational area dedicated to home modiallow people to occupy their residences safely, confidently and comfortably throughout their later years. The concept of "aging-in-place" is simply allowing people to continue to live in the home of their choice safely and independently as they get older. According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), mod fications for aging-in-place is the fastest growing segment of the residential remodeling

"Fixing to Stay" survey, 71 percent of respondent Americans ages 45 and over ould like to live in their iome as long as possible, and

in their home. But, in order to live in your home, modifica-tions often need to be made to coincide with the physical and sensory changes experienced as we age. About 86 percent of survey respondents said they have made at least one simple modification to their home to make it more livable. Some popular home modifications

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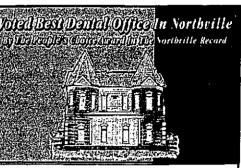
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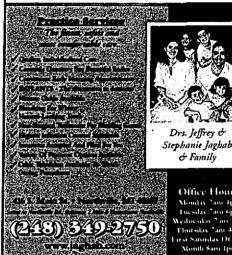
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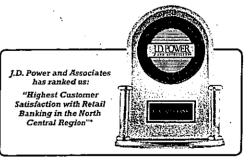




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A youthful mind is open to any number of impressions.
From family members to
celebrities, a child could form both their values and future aspirations based on a handful of actions from a relative, favorite professional athlete or pop star, At Novi Woods Eleme School, a group of fourth graders have a new group to model themselves after via a partner-

ship with Novi High School Sally Chandler and Michelle Donberger's fourth-grade classes at Novi Woods have artnered with the varsity bas ketball teams to create Novi Community Schools' Student-Athlete Mentor program. The girls basketball team met with female fourth graders on Dec. 7 and the boys basketball team had their first meeting with the younger boys last Thursday.

"I think the true benefit for both groups of students is immeasurable," Novi boys basketball coach Cory Heitsch said. "For the young boys in fourth grade to have the opportunity to learn from and build a elationship with someone who has walked in their shoes is redible. They can now have a role model who is attainable not a (professional) basketball player or football player, or a singer, but a teenager in their

"With that great of an impact being made on the younger students, I would say that the largest impact will be on the players themselves They will get to see first hand how they can impact people by simply being a good listener and seeing value in others." When Chandler and Novi

girls basketball coach Bill Kelj began discussing what would one the new SAM program several months ago, each agreed

for both groups of students.
"Currently, at the elementary
level, we typically have the fourth but they don't have one for them-

selves. So we thought why not have high school students fill that void." Chandler said. "We are so ased with how the program has started off. We have high hopes to continue the program and to add other classrooms to the program. To be honest, I'm not sure who enjoyed the SAM club meeting more, the fourth graders or the high schoolers." Both Kelp and Heitsch said their student-athletes are look ing forward to future SAM sessions after having a blast during the inaugural visits.

would be a win-win situation

"They were pumped when they got back. Everyone was telling stories about the kids and how great they were," Heitsch said. "I am an elemenme about kids that age; but even



Senior Brady Sheldon (center) hangs with fourth-graders Dylan King and Kyle Sabo at Novi Woods Elementary on Jan. 6 as part of the basketball program's new Student-Athlete Mentor program partnership

with that I think they were very apprehensive and may have looked at it as an obligation. It is safe to say that even after only one session, that the feeling of obligation was replaced with ness to want to continue to work Kelp said he has tried to

themselves and our program in a positive manner because the re watching them." Keln said. build a role model/family-type Playing sports is a privilege, atmosphere throughout the three teams in his basketnot a right, and what comes along with that is a responsibil-ity. Sometimes I don't think our ball program for years, but student body, especially our student-athletes, realize how the SAM program further expands that role model atmosphere throughout the district.
"The thing we really have much the people – teachers, coaches, administrators, support staff, etc. – who work for Novi emphasized in the past with the varsity girls, especially the Schools try to give them so that

FLASHBACK

Discussions topics between the different students ranged from hobbies to handling conflicts, to what life was like when the high school students

they are better prepared to suc-

ceed. So I think its important for

them to recognize that and thus

give back. They are doing that

hrough the SAM program."

were in fourth grade.

"As the boys were working together on a 'Getting to Know You' sheet, the high schoolers were so patient and sweet to the boys," Donberger said. "They were talking about their interest and things they liked to do in elementary school. It was great

and the boys were loving it."
Heitsch and Kelp both said their student-athletes came back from the experience with)? a new feeling of importance and stories of their own, but it was the younger students who ended the day with the most enthusiasm about their new high school friends.

"The fourth-grade girls couldn't stop talking about it their first meeting," Chandler said. "I heard such comments as 'Can you believe my buddy is 5-feet-10 tail? That's amazing or 'My buddy has the prettiest hair ever. I want my hair to be just like hers,' or 'M ouddy plays basketball AND is

a ballerina. How cool." out of the way, the two groups throughout the school year. with the girls groups meeting

The focal point the SAM program will be working with the book, "The Seven Habits for Happy Kids," by Sean Covey. Covey is the son of bestselling author Stephen Covey, who penned "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," and the children's book is very much a youth-focused spin on his father's adult book Chandler said the Novi Woods teachers have all been reading Stephen Covey's "The Leader in

"At Navi Woods this year we have been focusing on improving student behavior, Chandler said "We have been loing a variety of things that Heitsch said he's glad Kelp

the idea for the SAM program.
"The main goal was to begin
to build connections with in the
school district between high
school student athletes and fourth-grade students. To allow the younger students the oppor-tunity to discuss real life situations that they will or have dealt with and to problem solve and communicate possible outcomes," Heitsch said. "I also believe it puts another positive influence into a young student's life, which they

cannot have enough of.
"I am very pleased and proud of the student-athletes that I am able to coach. Every year these young men continue to impress and amaze me, this is just add-

and amaze me, this is just adding to the already large footprint they are leaving with me.
"As a third-grade teacher, I can
tell you first hand what an impact
and positive impression the boys
varsity basketball team is making or the meaning that is making or the meaning that is making on the group of fourth grade students. Again, the ones that will be impacted the most will be the

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

EDUCATION

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earning for more involvemen in the Unity in the Community event to celebrate the legacy since starting it five years ago staff, administrators and community members participate in the events leading up to the celebration, and this year's theme for the event — Our Moment, Our Time -- seems

Day should be about. 'We want to focus on the precious present," he said. "It's all about productive citizenship. And for the adults, our kids are looking to us for leadership and our hope is that our kids will be leaders." The annual celebration of

overall vision of what MLK

MLK Day will be at 7 p.m. or Jan. 17 at Novi High School ir the Fuerst Auditorium. It will feature drama performances,

singing, dancing, the spoken word, a speech from Novi Mayor David Landry and key

note speaker Oakland County

Circuit Court Judge Denise Langford Morris Morris was Oakland County's first African American circuit court judge female judge in Oakland

Prior to Monday's event, two contests were held for students. The first was an essay contest for high schoo students where they had to write about how they would improve their school and community, and last Monday a districtwide oratorical contest was held and students gave peeches on how they can live King's dream of peace and

"My hope is that everyone stands up and remembers all our heros," she said. "And it students are getting involved

and standing up." Also as part of the program, SPUD is sponsoring a canned food drive for Gleaners Community Food Bank. Boxes will be located in all schools throughout the district through Jan. 17, and the school that brings in the most canned

goods will win a prize. Nuckolls said while he is pleased more people are tak-ing notice of the importance of MLK Day, he hopes to one day and possibly a march.

"Our goal is to reach out and represent," he said, citing the acronym ROAR he and his

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi High School senior Teena Antony gives her speech during the oratorical contest on Monday afternoon. The

winner of the contest will give their speech on Jan. 17 at the Unity in the Community event open to the public.

Donations needed for Senior All Night Party Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night

Party are hard at work plan-ning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this ear's event the best one yet.

Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environ-ment. The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and addi-tional raffle prizes. Organizers make financial contributions

to do so as soon as possible so

the committee can plan a budget. Checks may be made pay-able to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

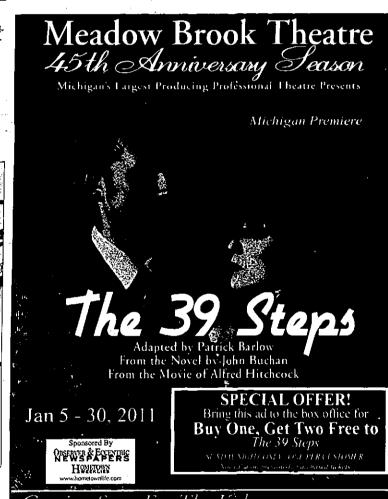
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The Red Wing way

Phil Pierce (above), of the Detroit Red Wings' Fan Development Youth Hockey office, helps a group of Nov Vonds students on Jan. 6 in their the Novi school all day to promote ockey and give kids an opportunit to learn some of its basics. Novi Woods first grade student Brooke some hockey skilis.



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firstpresnville.org

Sunday Worship

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Saturday

wards.

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RICHARD C. BARNES

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JAMES FARLEY BESHEARS

Age 73 of Wixom, MI, passed away Thursday morning, December 30, 2010 in Ft. Myers, FL, in the loving ceded in death by his father and mother, Edward H. and Maddy Clyde (Miller) Beshears and his half-broth er, Allen Beshears, of Purlear, NG, He was the youngest son of six children and is survived by his five siblings, Charles Beshears and Raymond Beshears of North Wilkesboro, Shirley Miller of Lenoir, NC, Geraldin Callicutt of Thomasville, NC and Christine Evans of Badin Lake, NC. He is survived by his four sons, James Beshears Jr. of Atlanta, GA, Michael Beshears of Ft. Myers, Fl Marc Beshears and his wife, Lori, o Naples, Fl. and Brent Reshears and his wife, Alpha, of Novi, MI, and five grandchildren: Hunter, Jay, Elly, Britain and Bowen. James served four years in the United States Air Force as a communications specialist and actively served in the Korean War. Upon completion of his service eautician, where he met his wife. inda Martin. His professional life Linda Martin. His professional life 1941 in Detroit, son of the late was built as a beautician and bust Joseph and Florence Hader. Jerry ness owner for over 20 years in the suburban Detroit area. During this spare time loved bowling, softball time, he was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. He later transitioned to commercial real estate ownership and development. Upon retiring, he ters, Cathy (Gary) Campbell and maintained his natural roots in North. ervices will be held at 3:00 Saturday, Church in Purlear, NC, Burial will be n the church cemetery. The family will receive at Yellow Hill Baptist

KAREN L. BLACK 2011. She was born on August 25,
1940, in Kalamazoo, daughter of the
late Max and Helen Johnson. Karen
received her BS in education from
Western Michigan University and
was an educator with Wyoming and
Kalamazoo school districts. She was a real estate agent
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Annie. He is preceded in death by
his grandparents, Josephine Cooper,
Frank M. and Ethel Spryszak, uncle
Gregory C. Spryszak and brother
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Hazlett. Norma graduated from NHS
Funeral Home, Berkley, MI with hurkalamazoo school districts. She was a real estate agent was an educator with Wyoming and in 1945. She was a real estate agent in Northville and Plymouth; Norma a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was honored to be the Grand Worthy Matron in Jacque (Carol Philips) Stoddard, 2002. She is survived by her Daniel (Parnela) Stoddard, Fran beloved husband Roger, her broth- (Dean) Loy, and April (Mel) ers: Steven and Michael Johnson and many loving friends. She was a real estate agent in Northville and Plymouth; Norma at Rogeria Humane Society. Sha savery devoted to her work. She is Michigan Humane Society. Sha sondolence with the family at: www.sawyerfuller.com to the first Part Marron; her brother David (Ellen) Hazlett, her grandchildren, Trent (Junko) in 2006. Visitation will be held on Thoune, Jessica (Luke) Murphy, Age 79, Dec. 15, 2010. Sen Thursday, January 13th from 4:00 - Inoune, Jessica (Luke) murphy, 8:00 p.m. with a Grand Officer Scott (Amy) Loy, Dean William Loy, Eastern Star service at 7:00 p.m. at Eric (Amanda) Loy, Melissa PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Esmacher, Emily (Ron) Chadwick, Lake St., South Lyon. A luneral and Olivia Esmacher; and her great service will be held on Friday grandchildren, Maito. Brittany, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Bethany, Norah, Robin, Derek, Hailey, funeral home with Reverend Mark Skylar, Logan, Alexandria, Eric hursday, January 13th from 4:00 -January Ann at 11.50 am. at the foliation, with Reverend Mark Skylar, Logan, Alexandria, Eric Spaw officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Order of the Eastern Star Villa Board, 13464 sister Vivian Dingeldein, and three Preston Dr., Marshall, MI 49068. www.phillipsfuneral.com



KAREN RAE BROOKS

Age 63 of Holly, formerly o Highland, passed away peacefully a her home, in the care of her loving amily on Thursday, January 6, 2011. She is survived by her beloved hus Sile is survived by her between this band, Jack Brooks; [oving daughters, Renee Swatz, Dana (Andrew) Knapp; grandchildren, Nicholas, Zachary and Gayyn; mother, Allene Hubbell; numerous extended family members and many dear friends. Karen rejoin: and many dear menus. Academ repulsive her late father, Robert Hubbell (d.2001) in the House of The Lord. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty, Milford on Saturday, January 15 at 1PM with Pastor Gary Evans which the Ruisin Highly and Cemeter. to at IPM with Faster Gay Evals
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ELLSWORTH

energetic prankster who was always good for a laugh. He had a great sanse of humor and a genuine heart. He loved to travel and spent 40 years on the road as a truck driver. He is survived by his beloved wife Charlotte, his children; Theresa May, Ernie, Jerry (Kelly) and Duane. He is also survived by seven grand-children and four great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Ashlee, Ray, Shawn, Shayna, Christopher, Kati, B.J., James and Altert, nine great grandchildren and his siblings Edith Ellsworth and Edward Ellsworth. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister, Fune great grandchildren and his siblings Edith Ellsworth and Edward Ellsworth. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister, Fune great grandchildren and his siblings Edith Ellsworth and Sunday, January 10th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Memorial contributions armay be made to Wounded Warriors.

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ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ FERNANDEZ

Age 82, of Milford & formerly Westland, Jan. 3, 2011, Services Westland, Jan. 3, 2011. Services were held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, Sal., Jan. 8, 2011. Memorials to the Am. Heart Assoc. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com 248-684-6645

JERRY M. HADER

Age 69, passed away, December 29, 2010. He was born on December 8, 1941 in Detroit, son of the late ilkesboro, and resided between vived by his grandchildren Haile ixom, MI and Ft. Myers, FL. Funeral and Ryan, his sister Marilyn (James Gross, Kielty lamily, Dave (Gail), Craig (Janine), Linda (Michael) and Jordan, Madison, Kendell and Evan. Jerry is also survived by his former wife Carol Wilson. Visitation was wife Carol Wilson. Visitazion was held on Wednesday, January 5, from 1-8 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Lyon. Memorial contibutions may be made to the American Hearl Association. Online Committee of the American Legislation of the American Legislation of the American Legislation of the Committee of the American Legislation of the Committee of the Committe Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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JACK B. JOSEPH

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MCCOLLUM Age 66, passed away, January 6, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1944 2011. She was born on March 12, in Farmington, son of the late Ernest 1935, in Campton, Kentucky, daugh-and Wilma Elisworth. Bud was an er of the late Courtney & Vergil energetic prankster who was aiways Hospice. Online Guest book: a clerk, initially in its keypunch oper www.phillipsfuneral.com alions, and transitioned with Ford's

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VIRGINIA RUTH

THERESA M. WELLS

Age 86, of Farmington Hills and Po

Austin, Michigan passed away at her

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Theresa recently lost her last two
sisters, Margaret F. Bulley, age 95,
this past April and Dorothy Levalske,
age 90, in 2007, both of Bad Axe
Michigan a short drive from her Port

Austin home. Theresa was also pre-

ceded in death by two other sister

held on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 11;00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic

Church in Port Austin. Officiating

husband, Clifford, in the church

FIIGENIA ELIZABETH

Age 76, of Athens, Tennessee die

the late Virgil and Mary Sue Pric

Dodson and was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Steven M. Wexel

on October 13, 2005; and a son, Kerry Roberts on January 18, 2008. She was of the Baptist faith and an avid gardener. She worked with her husband, Dr. Steven M. Wexel, in his private profiling.

private practice in Athens, Tennessee. Survivors: three sons and

daughters-in-law: Robbie and Cayo Roberts of Athens, Tenn, Rober

Three sisters and brothers-in-lay

Rosella Thompson, Emma Jane and

Buddy Browder, Sheila and Cloye

Asia Roberts, Lexie and Maddie

Asia Hoberts, Lexin and Maddle Kaplan, Graveside Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Cedar Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Greg Bostic officiating. Active Pallbearers will be Anthony Jack, Greg Shepherd, Roy Baker, Case Roberts, Conar Roberts and Brian Ford The Implies will see the triangle.

Ford. The family will receive friends

from 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM prior to

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MATTHEW C. SPRYSZAK

Age 28, of South Lyon, MI, passed away suddenly January 6, 2011. Beloved son of Frank T. and Karen Sorvszak, Loving brother of Frank H Spryszak, Lowing profiler of Frank FI.
Spryszak, Dearest grandson of
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(Karen) Gooper, Michael G.
(Rosemary) Spryszak, Dearest
Cousin of Jennifer Spryszak and Ani
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Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes; 10 a.m. for all Details: Nursery and older children

programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road,

Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org. Destiny Worship Center Grand opening/launch

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Jan. 8 All services will be held on Saturdays, First service is Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Come be a part of a new, cutting edge, creative and innovative worship experience! This new ministry is preparing to have performing arts, dance, youth, women/men ministries, missions, community service, single/married ministry and much more.. Come get in on the ground floor of a diverse ministry that is: destined to do a great work.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit

dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Rible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service. Children's program, Youth Worship

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

stails: The W.D.W. Tuesd Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5. Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www. newhopecenter

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

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

10 a.m. Worship Service

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Confact: (248) 348-9030 First Baptist Church of Northville Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults /

Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-pur pose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship

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

online at hometownlife.com

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(248) 348-9031 Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, prograins and activities for all ages throughout the year – children's programs, Sunday

school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcen-

ter.com; www.noviiewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W, 10 Mile Road

Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vioil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W, 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact; (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi. and 11:15 a m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Catholic Church every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; angoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road. Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 Our Lady of Victory

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olygorthyille org

> Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheidon Road, Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-

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

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Challenge Day: Network while raising anti-bullying awareness

* Bullying happens to a student every seven minutes on

the playground.
* Adults such as teachers or parents, rarely see bullying. * Bullying is the assertion of power through aggression. * By age 24, 60 percent of identified bullies have a crimi-

is a learned and behavthrough

* Bullving stops in less than 10 seconds, most of the ime when peers intervene on behalf of the victim

With the rash of suicides and bullying so prominent in culture right now, Metro-Detroiters will gather to collaborate, network and raise awareness at Lawrence Tech University at a free networkng workshop - Networking is for Neanderthals -- led by Novi's Shawne Duperon of ShawneTV.

"On January 19, we'll bring together approximately 250-300 people in the business community to network and grow their businesses. careers or find a job in a tough Michigan economy", Duperon said. "The event is also a char table endeavor to raise awareness around anti-bullying. Participants will be asked to give a suggested \$10 donation to Challenge Day, a local group committed to anti-bullying behavior in teens, among other

perceptions can alter your For example, when you think

Duperon's mantra is "New

Networking doesn't suck, Desperation does

* Desperation is obvious. When you're feeling desperate others can sense it. As humans, we avoid desperate people like the plague. * It's not about you. It never is. It's about the people you choose to network with.

* When you start focusing on others, your desperation disappears. Relationship is everything. Your network is an accumulation of key

* Networking is a process not an event. It's a cultivation of relationships, not a hunting of customers, clients or employees.

' You are cultivating and nurturing your network. There's a huge differ ence between networking and direct sales.

Your network is your net worth. You can't get anywhere alone. Authenticity takes courage and encourages friendships.

Authenticity is attractive and attracts the masses.

* The more you notice your party mask, or your inauthentic way of "being," the faster your mask disappears, the more authentic you

* Networking is an experience in managing your fear. If you feel no fear, consider that your game is too small.

' Forgot someone's name? So what. It's not that deep, * What do you do if you forgot someone's name? Do the obvious, Say,

 Telling someone you forgot their name is good. They are NOT that fragile.

* When feeling desperate, focus on who you can help at the event right

* The practice of helping and referring others is miraculous. It will come back to you tenfold. It's the universal law of attraction. 'There's no reason to fear competition. Knowing there is enough for

everyone is your breakthrough. When networking, ask yourself, "Do I like this person? Would I want to spend long periods of time with him or her?

You get to choose the people you hang with, network with, do business with. Choose wisely. You only have one life

visualize a ham-fisted cave man dragging a woman by her hair, right?

"That's simply not the case. said Duperon. "Neanderthals were strong team builders and collaborators. Whether you're at a networking event, posting on Facebook or Twitter, Shawne's workshop is about building networks, relation

schools, and finding joint ways to give back to the community. The event will run from 9 a.m.-noon (registration at

8:30 a.m.) and is sponsored by Moocho Moola PREasy and Lawrence Tech University Science Building Room \$100. Southfield).

Preregistration is required freenetworking.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ITC supports 'Go Green Youth Challenge'

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance announced today that ITC Holdings is stepping up to contribute \$10,000 to support its "Go Green Youth

The "Go Green Youth Challenge" will engage Michigan youth in environmental stewardship, community development and service-learning through a statewide effort to plant trees in Michigan. Children, pre-K through 12th grade, are challenged to collect coins, as an individual, classroom or club, from Jan. 15-April 1. The coins collected will directly fund community

"ITC is pleased to lend our support to worthwhile causes, including this one to support Michigan Arbor Day Alliance," said Linda Blair, executive vice president and chief business officer for ITC Holdings Corp. "We are proud to contribute to positive change throughout the region through public and private partnerships,

The team that raises the most for the "Go Green Youth Challenge," will be awarded a tree planting in their community and an invitation to the State Arbor Day Celebration on April 29

at Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. Tree planting sites include school yards and conservation areas such as stream bank stabilization and habitat restoration. Through a survey, participants can provide input on where

rees should be planted throughout Michigan. For more information or to sign up for the "Go Green Youth Challenge," contact Michigan Arbor Day Alliance at gogreenyouthchallenge@

Business Avenue: TV program

If you are a small business located in Novi, you qualify to be part of the cable television lineup on Business Avenue. This 15-minute program airs on Novi Television and highlights your business. There is no charge to be included in this

Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance in January, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

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 location specifics, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/ calendar, or call (248) 858-

CEED Microloan Orientation - Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a busi ress loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses ment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it

once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan gram Presented by Center

for Empowerment & Economic Development (C.E.E.D.). This workshop is free, but pre-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 of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 13,

from 9 a.m.-noon 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

monly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as informatio on resources will be provided The fee is \$40, which includes Thursday, Jan. 20, from 9

a.m.-noon. Legal & Financial Basics vorkshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and cession and individual invesment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C. This workshot is free, but pre-registration is required. Tuesday, Jan. 25,

Walsh offering fast-track business program

skills," said Jan Hubbard, Walsh Institute Leadership

Center director, "Past par-

ticipants have included a

displaced skilled tradesman

an artist who wants to move

Walsh College is offering a new educational program aimed at business people vithout formal business training. Beginning Monday, Feb. 7 at the Walsh College Novi Campus, Business 360 will bring the basic principles, the fundamental concepts and the commonly used tools of business to

husy people.
Registration is required: www.TheWalshInstitute. com/expresstraining. "This program is designed for those who are formally educated in other fields such as liberal arts or engineer-

ing, and find themselves

working in smaller compa-

offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9:30 Walsh College Novi campus shops can also be taken indi-No pre-requisites, exceptional computer skills, homework or tests are

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peers and business education Cost for the entire noncredit series is \$1,750. Twosession workshops are \$275,

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Hubbard at (248) 823-1392 / jhubbard@walshcollege. edu for more information or visit www.walshcollege.edu/ business360. The program i eligible for No Worker Left Behind and Michigan Works

The workshops can be taken individually or as the full seven-week course. The schedule includes: Feb. 7 and 9

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Rotary fund-raiser is to die for

Todd Lockhart expects this year's Novi Rotary fundraiser to be an event to die for. Murder at Mardi Gras combines an evening of mystery with good food and a ning 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in

The Murder Mystery Company, based in Chicago, i known throughout the Great Lakes states for presenting comedic thrillers

"For \$60 a ticket it's a pretty good value - dinner, the murder mystery throughout the evening and a Mardi Gras Ball for people to dress up in masks and elegant dress," said Lockhart, event chairman and a Novi Rotary board member and Foundation Trustee. "We're probably getting down to just a few tickets left. People are buying whole tables. I think it's going to be whole lot of fun, an all-out Mardi Gras party.

A Mardi Gras Parade. contest for king and queen and specialty drinks add to the fun. Forgot your mask? A goodie bag for each guest is filled not only with a way to disguise your identity, but plenty of surprises.
Annemarie Mieth is "get-

ting more nervous" as the event draws closer even though she co-chairs the event and is privy to details. The Novi woman will be among those searching for "Nobody knows what to

expect," said Mieth, Novi Rotary president-elect. "We don't know who's going to be murdered. It's still a big secret. I don't even know yet. The suspense is rising." Lockhart is known for

"throwing a pretty good party" but this year's annual fund-raiser could top last year's dinner, Christmas in Havana. Each year, he looks r an unusual theme. "Last year we had a Euban

band and everything was Latin," said Lockhart. "We decided on something completely different this year, a theme and time."

Rotarian members hold two major fund-raisers a year - the dinner and a golf outing in summer. All proceeds go to the Novi Rotary Foundation for charitable projects in the community ong with the sale of tickets for the Mardi Gras event, a 50/50 raffle during the evening raises money to fund

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The Novi Rotarians invite you to their Murder at Mardi Gras fund-raiser Jan. 21 at Embassy Suites Hotel. Shown are organizers Diane and Todd Lockhart: Allison and Bryan Berent: Annemarie Mieth the holidays about a family who had lost their home and of International Taxes for Murder at Mardi Gras tickets are \$60, and available by calling Mark had nowhere to stay. The Novi Whitfield at (248) 767-5153 or online at www.novirotary.org. The event

youth scholarships, the Novi emergency food program, a youth award for struggling Novi High School students, S.A.Y. Detroit Medical Clinic for homeless women and children, and annual luncheons

"The Novi Rotary is business people in our community," said Lockhart, director

Cooper-Standard Automotive, a Novi Rotary supporter. "It's our community foundation to do humanitarian service didn't have the Rotary Club A lot of people get help. The call us for help. We can't do it if we don't have the support."

Rotary paid for lodging. "We hope to raise money

support programs to eradiservice," said Mieth. "We're still looking for people to come to the event and support One minister called during

takes place ? p.m. Friday. Jan. 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 For more information about The Murder Mystery Company, visit www grimprov.com.

"Everybody is welcome, anyone who wants to attend," added Lockhart. "We'll have a



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Detroit movie-makers support Novi businesswomen

Director Virginia Mardeusz (Catty Productions) and Director of Photography Erik have teamed up to create a cial for the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American ess Women's Association

"It's really a beautiful advertisement," says Holly Hengstebeck, ABWA Novi member and co-chair for the masquerade ball fund-raiser that the commercial advertises "It doesn't look as much like a commercial as it does a movie We were blown away that the local film community came

together to do this for us." The 30-second commercial was shot in November in Trov at the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan who generously donated their set and equipment for the one-day shoot Filled with local actors and entertainers who also volunteered their time - including award-winning performance artist Satori Circus, contact juggler Vincent John II and illusionist Elton Litzner - the commercial is an intriguing taste of the masquerade ball

"The Mask Worn Too Long Becomes the Face" is a fantake place on March 25 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. The concept for the masked ball, as accurately portrayed in the commercial, is that every day we all wear masks. We play many roles in our professional and personal lives, and it's easy to let what we do for others become our identity. At cclebrate all of the roles they play in their lives by taking a step away from them all for one magical night, becoming someone else they always

To portray this concept, Mardeusz tells the story of oall wearing a metallic, harsh looking mask and is affected strangely by the magic of the

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To view the commercial, go to this link: http://www.youtube.

com/watch?v=XQPnX3331ps event. She undergoes three mask changes, each mask progressively more beautiful and these masks actually become achieved by makeup artist Chastity Tappan.
"It's not easy to convey the

theme and feel of an event in a 30 -second commercial," said Jennifer Oddo, president of ABWA Novi, event co-chair, and producer of the commer cial in cooperation with Catty Productions. "But Virginia, Erik and their crew ran with our event concept and did a

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magnificent job of telling a story while giving the audience a peak into a masquerade

"I knew that recreating a masquerade ballroom scene. with all of the beautiful costumes, dancers and perform ers, would be fun for me and my crew," said Mardeusz, "as it's the perfect subject matter to let our imaginations run wild. But I also did this proj ect because it was for a good cause. I'm a local busin woman, and I have the ability to use my knowledge to ulti-mately help other women in

The masquerade ball is Novi Oaks' first attempt to do an event on such a large scale they are hoping they can count on the support of the com-munity and local businesses

to sell out their 600 person capacity.
The American Business

Women's Association (ABWA) is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes the education and business development of women ough scholarships, grants, tuition reimbursement, presentations, seminars and leadership opportunities. The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA provides over \$3.500 annually to Madonna University for scholarships, to the Stephen Bufton Memorial Education fund and additional training and education oppor-

tunities for area women The masquerade commercial is currently airing on WTV10 (Comcast Ch 10 in Waterford Township; AT&T

Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties), broadcast to 250,000 viewers across

Southeast Michigan.
Novi Oaks is thrilled with the donated air time on WTV10 and is hoping other offer to do the same in order to help get the word out about the fund-raiser. "Our advertising budget is limited," said Hengstebeck. "Donated air time, or even sharing the video networking sites, is a huge

"We know we are competing with many other non-profits for the community's support, adds Oddo, "Our hope is that if we can offer a fun, unique event, we can entice those who education of local women on the top of their annual donation list to come out and have a great time regardless of the cause. The event is open to the nublic - adult men and women and guests will enjoy eclection finery, breathtaking strolling entertainment, DJ music, pho tography, mystics and unique

endors, hot hors d'oeuvres,

a candy buffet, a cash bar, an

art gallery, raffles and much

Tickets are \$65 each and novi.org, www.tickets.com ınd at the Roval Oak Music Theatre box office. For additional information about "The Mask Worn Too Long Becomes Jennifer Oddo or visit www.

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LOCAL NEWS

online at hometownlife.com

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is displaying a collection of artwork from Novi artist/Illustrator David LaGraff at the Novi Civic Center through Jan. 30. LaGraff's ability to capture picturesque rural landscapes, scenic lighthouse settings and the changing of Michigan seasons are featured in beautiful exhibit. The Civic Center Atrium Gallery provides local artists the opportunity to display their work and share it with the public. Upcoming exhibits include Barbara Eko Murphy, Feb. 4-27 and Art Institute of Michigan Student and Faculty Art Show, March 4-May 1. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road and is open Monday through

Community members invited to participate in CERT Training; new session begins Feb. 7

bers are invited join the Community Emergency Response Ťeam (ČERŤ). The CERT program is designed

to support the local response capability by training volunteers to organize themselves and other olunteers at a disaster site, to provide immediate assistance to ictims and to collect informa tion to support responders' efforts when they arrive. CERT members staff emergency centers, secure emergency operations centers, provide minor first aid, assist in ight search and rescue, and aid he Red Cross and other relief

organizations.
The Community Emergency Response Team is an invaluable, free program for our community that enhances the operation between the Novi Fire and Police Departments and citizens through educa-tion and training," said Novi's

Vince Vaughn

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Chief of Police David Molloy. Since inception, we have trained and graduated more than 200 CERT volunteers. These men and women are a valuable addition to our emergency support canabilities."

The City of Novi will begin

a new eight-week training session on Monday, Feb. 7. Novi residents 18 years of age and over with a valid driver's license may apply. The training session consists of 24 rs of instruction on topics that include disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization and lisaster psychology. For more information, please

visit cityofnovi org or contact Richard Kos, Emergency Management Coordinator at (248) 347-0556 or rkoss@ cityofnovi.org. Registration

NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

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Rob Hayes, Director





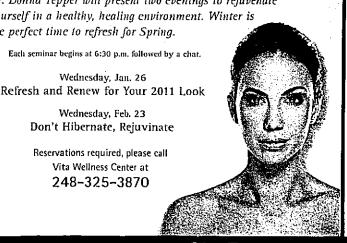


Pamper your inner diva as Vita Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and Henry Ford Plastic Surgeon Dr. Donna Tepper will present two evenings to rejuvenate yourself in a healthy, healing environment. Winter is the perfect time to refresh for Spring.

Each seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a chat. Wednesday, Jan. 26

Wednesday, Feb. 23 Don't Hibernate, Rejuvinate

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and Botox® or • One FREE spider vein removal treatment with the purchase of

a package \$20 off a \$100 future

select service purchased at Vita Wellness Center

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Submit: Send calendar submissions

via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com;

mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette,

South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be

received by noon on Monday to be

ncluded in Thursday's newspaper.

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18

Location: Comfort Suites Inn at

LOCAL EVENTS

Democrats to meet

1-96 in Wixom

by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by

5 Event

Rd., Novi

Grand River, Novi

Location: Seung-ni Fit Club, 41420

Details: Join for networking and

a light breakfast. Members \$5 at

door; non-members \$10 at door.

Dakland Chamber Network After

Location; Tin Fish, 27862 Novi

Details: Networking with over 30

local Chambers. Appetizers, cash

Members \$10 with advanced

reservations; \$15 day of event.

Non-members – call Chamber

Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road

Details: BNI is a structured net-

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ing bona fide referrals to each

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develop a broad network of other

business professionals in the com

munity and receive training/educa-

tion on networking more efficiently.

Guests are invited to attend free

of charge. Continental breakfast

Contact: For more information

Novi Trastmasters Club

Location: Novi Civic Center

Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a

Our diverse group provides a

mutually supportive atmosphere

In which all can develop and refine

their public speaking and leader-

ship skills. Our members also hav

fun while building confidence in

community-based club which is

part of Toastmasters International

and third Tuesday

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

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile

contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-

1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com;

members are committed to provid

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Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

bar, live entertainment

office to register; \$25.

T<mark>ime/Date:</mark> 7-8 a.m. every

Location: On the Border

(north of 8 Mile), Nov

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Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosick. Executive Editor Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

OUR VIEWS

Leading Strong Hats off to our local school boards

All this month, Michigan's 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts will be recognizing those dedicated people who volunteer their time with one goal in mind: educating

School Boards Lead Strong is the theme of this year's School Board Recognition Month, and we encourage you to take time to thank these local leaders

In Northville, it's Marilyn Price, president; Joan Wadsworth, vice president; Libby Smith, secretary; Dottie Garrity, treasurer; and Trustees Joseph Hige, Kenneth Roth and James Mazurek (effective Jan. 11, replacing Karen

Paciorek, who retired after eight and a half years of service).

In Novi, it's Ann Glubzinski, president; Bruce Bagdady, vice president; Bobbie Murphy, secretary; Dennis O'Connor, treasurer; and Trustees George Kortlandt, Shari Lebo and

If you visit the Novi district's website, you'll see this description of the Board of Education:

"The Novi Board of Education as an elected body repre sents the views of the community on issues affecting education. During their four-year term, board members work together to establish policy, approve educational goals and curriculum changes, and work with the superintendent, administration, and staff to set direction for the district Community members are encouraged to attend board meetings and to participate.

That's a tidy paragraph that works well for web surfing. But Kathy Hayes, the executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, sums up the role of the state's 4,200 elected school board members more succinctly, stating they are "responsible for making fundamental policy decisions that affect the present and future lives of chil

A pretty heavy role for someone who is better recognized as your neighbor or friend, eh?

Yet these individuals receive little recognition for the countless hours committed to serving students, staff, administrators and the community. More often, they're called to the carpet on this very same page by others who are suspect of the decisions made on a mind-boggling array

And they're in charge of budgets of over \$60 million; thousands of students (7,011 in Northville and 6,164 in Novi): and numerous facilities (eight schools in Novi and nine in Northville — plus two special needs facilities).

Again, these are your friends and neighbors. "They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy — volunteer public service and pre-serve the core of our democratic land — public education,"

said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent, Northville. Most people think that attending the official board meetings is the only thing these folks do, but in reality that's just a small part. There are hours of preparation and studying: numerous other meetings; a variety of school functions; and

educational leadership training.

And let's not forget — they get to make no-win financial decisions because of a lack of leadership in Lansing that has left each and every district in this state fighting for survival All this and no pay. Who wouldn't want to be a school

board member?! Although official recognitions were observed at recent board meetings in Novi (Jan. 6) and Northville (Jan. 11), you can show your appreciation by taking it a step further. Write a note of thanks. Bring a snack to their meetings. Say "thank you" when you pass them on the street or in the mall Ask these friends and neighbors how you can support them in making our local school districts even better.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, Find more comments or join

Walmart rep addresses concerns

Wal Mart will say or do anything to appear conciliatory. Does not change their record. Somehow the city managed to get Fountain Walk to redo 12 Mile road, they can't ask Walmart to do the same? Fasten your seat belts, folks-Just avoid the place, you don't need them. You really don't

Glad they are coming. The Town Center has been going down hill for years and is an eyesore. It needs something. Before kids I shopped there, but now it's just a place to go eat. How can a vibrant community like ours have so many closed businesses? I also read that Borders is in trouble. I just hope the Walmart isn't that awful ugly blue and looks nice. The store in Commerce is nice and this one will be a

Novi: Welcome to the non-elite. I no longer have to hear how exclusive or special your mall area is. You are now the same as every other shopping area that commenters here liked to criticize. Ha ha

rodneydfield

COMMUNITY VOICE

Novi retailers were asked: "How did your business do in 2010?"



"It was a good vear · especially during the summer - and a good first year in general. Shoppers were looking to save money on children's clothing."

Morgan Preston Once Upon A Child Pine Ridge Center



"It ended pretty well, and we're always optimistic for the future. Some weeks it's slow. And the next? Very busy." Bob Baessler

Pine Ridge Center



"The year was awesome - and at times challenging. Being a small retailer, I'm able to adjust as necessary and make business moves others can't."

Brian Larson Larson Jewelry and Design Novi Main Stree



"Things are going pretty well for us because we're hard working and talented and have a solid businesses plan."

Billy Dakhlallat Belleez Salon

LETTERS

Problems with Walmart

There are several points I'd like to make regarding Walmart in the Town Center

1 - Jobs: The oft-quoted figure of 350 jobs isn't a hallmark of economic development and prosperity. Commercials running on local broadcast media position Walmart as an enabler to the American dream, But make no mistake, that's one in a million. Very few store-level workers find that sort of career path available to them. The majority of those 350 jobs will be fow-skill, low wage, low-benefit, low-growth jobs that don't offset the loss of higher-paying, better-benefits, skilled-trade and professional jobs lost the current downturn, it's not the harbinger of longterm economic prosperity for the citizens of Nov

Walmart would like us to believe. 2 - Contradictions in development policies: Earlier in 2010 the planning commission turned down a request for a grocery and retail develop ment at 10 and Beck, Last October the request of a similar development at 10 and Novi was also turned down. The latter development was turned down, in part, because of similarities with the earlier proposal (Novi News, Oct. 16). Also noted was the apparent glut of "vacant retail buildings"

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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in the area. So why approve a grocery and general merchandise supercenter not two miles away? One empty retail space has been addressed, but on the horizon surely there are more vacancies to come. Indeed, at least three local businesses have already gone out of business just to make

vay for the proposed building. 3 - Traffic: The Novi Road corridor between

10 and 12 is virtual gridlock. The east/west roads aren't much better. The declined develop ments addressed the infrastructure issues; the Walmart plan does not. In an area oversaturated with retail and underserved by infrastructure. the Walmart response was essentially too bad, "... traffic is a common issue ... it's one of the unpleasant side effects." (Novi News, Jan. 6). Novi's own traffic consultant, Rod Arroyo, expressed concerns, offered solutions but acknowledged they were inadequate. Yet the

Finally, I've read of the commission's and the council's "main concerns" regarding the building façade: Council's priorities are focused on superficial matters rather than the true impact." Walmart may be the world's largest retailer, but they shouldn't be the crown jewel in Novi's economic development plan. The building may end up being "consistent with the look and feel of Novi's brand image," but there may be little else

Julie Argonis

GUEST COLUMN

Innovate to Educate: Former governors leading the way

This is part two of a two-part column; part one appeared

n their new report, "Digital Learning Now!" former governors Jeb Bush (Florida, 1998 to 2007) and Bob Wise (West Virginia, 2001-05) have provided a road man for a nortion of the road

that needs reform.

The report details how digital learning can radically transform education by demonstrating how Technology



ity to customize education so each and every student earns in his or her style at his or her own pace, which success in school." Every educator, parent and politico, community and business leader should

read this report and ask: "Why isn't Michigan leading the charge?" We can reinvent our state by using technology to personalize learning from the cradle to the e, leapfrogging our global competition.

All that is now commonplace began with a vision. Yet this is not a pipe dream. Digital learning tools exit today. Capstone Digital has literally a library full of digital products, from pre-K to high school that support the learning needs of students through experi-

ences that capture and engage young minds. This is not your father's educational material said Todd Brekhus, president of Capstone Digital. "We built our company vision and products on the premise that Light and products of the persons is not bound by time and space, by business and educational models of checking in and checking out resources, we have thousands of digital books and resources that allow students to discover their interests, passions, and drive taking learning to a new level," says Brekhus.

The difference between a pioneer and a

WHAT IF THE IMPOSSIBLE ISN'T? As Gov. Rick Snyder discussed on the

campaign trail, Michigan 1.0 was agricul-tural, furs and forestry, Michigan 2.0 was the Industrial Age with auto driving our futures Foday, our future lies in knowle ity, innovation, globalization and technology — it is past time we reinvent Michigan Michigan 3.0. We must substitute brain

America's and Michigan's greatness has grown from organizing its human and natual resources through advances in science technology, finance and commerce. These same strategies can be applied to education which is one of largest local and global needs and global industries.

What if Michigan reinvents education in a new, personalized, technologically-driven vay that helps us create a new knowledge/ educational economy:

Michigan can lead an education revolution. We could export our reinvented educational processes to other states and countries. The old system of textbooks, and paper and pencil tests is about to dissolve just a is, cars and airplanes displaced the old bicycle and horse and buggy days of the 17th and 18th centuries. The day is fast approach-ing where textbooks are replaced by digital

tools and knowledge stores. There are benefits and profits in bringing education, our largest knowledge industry, into the information age. Why shouldn't

OUR KIDS, OUR FUTURE

Be clear, this is not simply another ploy for money for our schools and certain not for the existing system. Until we can demonstrate how additional investments in education will help teachers teach and children learn and gain 21st century skills and knowledge, there should be no additional money for the educational system.

We don't need more money. We need to spend the money we have based on different riorities. What gives the greatest return break away from an educational system that expense of kids and our collective futures. A v system of educating our youth must not about education associations or unions. erest group. "Our Kids, Our Future," must be our collective refrain.

Snyder plans to use his inauguration to launch a year-long effort to change people's perception about Michigan and "usher in a newera of innovation." The effort will be branded "The Power of MI," a tag line meant spirit that made Michigan the arsenal of democracy, put the world on wheels, and allowed us to set a higher standard of living

for America. Clearly changing the cherished, historical, status quo, local school notion is riddled with peril. Not acting will be worse.

Let me assure you, having spent over two decades traveling in China, the Chinese and other nations are not slowing down while outer nations are not stowing down while we hestate and stagnate. We have a new governor with a technology, innovation background and change mandate. There is no better place to start than with our system

It is time to innovate to educate. The only question that remains - "will we?

Fom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He helped start the first charter fearning The New Education (Rievolution and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: towatkins@aol.com.

B. Landry will deliver the State o the City Address, providing Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect on 2010 accomplishments as well as learning about the goals Novi will strive towards in 2011. The State of the City Address (a partnership 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 Working. (45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375)

Wixom Road and the south side of Borders Books Details: Jocelyn Benson, profes-Location: Novi Town Center sor at Wayne State Law School and Contact: (248) 347 0780 former Michigan secretary of state Family Game Nights candidate, will discuss the future of Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. the Democratic party at a meeting 13, 20 and 27 of the Democrats of West Oakland Details: Challenge your family and County club. Free and open to the friends. Join in the Cafe as we play games such as Sort it Out, Top Trumps, Callisto and more.

Children's Storytime

Time: 2 p.m Saturdays

years old and under.

Details: Gather round for a fun

story suitable for children of 6

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: Tollgate Education

Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road,

Details: A 4-H youth garden and-

farm stand where kids learn about

plant science, nutrition and entre-

Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.

Time/Date: Il a.m.-noon every

Location: The group has moved

from the Senior Center to the

com or (248) 956-0029

Contact: www.mydems.info TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Open House

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 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 Contact: Déloris Roman (248) 669-

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 al Details: Chef Jesse Gales will offer

taste-testing at the Novi Weight Watchers' regular meetings; oper 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 of Novi Road) Details: City of Novi Mayor David

Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and

Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional information. Finally, I've road of the compiler of and the

preneurship by raising produce to The Club is seeking new members.

to join in the planting, planning and Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis

onérick@aol.com. Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River

The Muses

Works by the Muses are on exhibit at the Artist Avenue Gallery at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield. The group of local artists includes Pat Bombach. Candace Brancik, Jeff Cancelosi, Patty Dombecki, Daria Fileta, Peggy Kerwan, Linda Logan and Barbara Eko Murphy who meet weekly to paint from a model. This exhibit is a collection of the artists' individual styles and subjects (figurative, floral, mixed and still life) in their mediums of choice (acrylic, ink, oil, pastel, stamp and watercolor). The gallery is located on 15 lile between Halsted and Drake. Showing is Jan. 6-Feb. 28.

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays **Details:** Comrades and fellow vel erans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

Contact: (248) 348-5600 Ultimate Fishing Show Time/Date: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday. Jan. 13; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14; 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; 10-5 Sunday, Jan. 16 Details: Fishing tackle, fishing trips, fishing boats, charters, semi-

adults: \$4 for children ages 6-14; free for children under 5. Box office is cash only. Contact: (800) 328-6550 www Michigan Winter Dog Classic Date: Jan. 20-23 (check website for

nars and much more. Cost is \$10 for

Details: Oakland County Kennel Club and Livonia Kennel Club pres ent a four-day, all-breed 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 terdogclassic.com Novi 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 update your home, from purchasing new appliances to renovation

Contact: 248-361-3061, www.thewin projects, come to the Novi Home Improvement Show. If you're looking to cut back on energy savings by adding "green" materials, then the Novi Home Improvement 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.povi homeshaw.com

BUSINESS

American Business Women's Association - Novi Oaks Charter 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, profes sional develonment 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 offer-

programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-

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ter of Terry and David Manville

from South Lyon High School

in 2000 and attends Eastern

Michigan University, studying

special education. Spagnuolo, who is the son

of Jim Spagnuolo and Janisse Laho of South Lyon, graduated from South Lyon High School

in 1998 and is a graduate of

Lake Superior State University

An Oct. 29, 2011 wedding is

of South Lyon, graduated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cash-Lopez
New Hudson residents Stephanie Cash and Ron Lopez married Aug. 20, 2010. Paster Chris Fairbairn presided over the wedding, which took place in Northville.

NEIGHBORS

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Cash of South Lyon. She is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School and is currently employed at South Lyon Community Schools Early Childhood Center.
The groom is the son of Ronald and Laozita

Lopez of South Lyon. He is a 1995 graduate of South Lyon High School, and is currently employed with the Detroit Fire Department Bridal attendants were Julie McGahey and April Beckstein. The groom's attendants were

Greg Pavlovic and Joe Garner.

The receptions was held at Crystal Gardens in Howell. The couple honeymooned on a 15-day cruise in the western Caribbean. They make their home in New Hudson.

Nussbaum, who has been a RN for more

We're looking for Super Bowl party recipes

Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.
Got a photo from last year's Super Bowl
party that you organized or attended? Send it
along, too, in jpg format attached to the c-mail.
Identify individuals in the image by first and
last name, as well as city of residence.
If mailing send to Dargay at the Observer Super Bowl Sunday is nearly a month away, but it's not too soon to begin planning party menus. What will you serve for the big game on Sunday, Feb. 6? Do you a have favorite recipe for appetizers, snacks or an entree that's pe We're compiling Super Bowl recipes for an upcoming issue and we don't want to miss out

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Nussbaum named director of nursing

on yours. Send recipe, your name, city of resi-dence and a telephone number or e-mail to

Fox Run has named Deborah Nussbaum as director of nursing for its Renaissance Gardens assisted living/skilled nursing facility. She is responsible for ensuring high quality of care of the residents. She also makes sure systems are in place to promote Resident and Staff satisfac-

than 30 years, worked previously in the acute step down unit at William Beaumont Hospital. She has worked in all realms of long-term care from being a nurse's aide to being a regional director and corporate regulatory director. Nussbaum is a licensed nursing home administrator in Michigan. She is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and continuing education at Madonna University. She resides in

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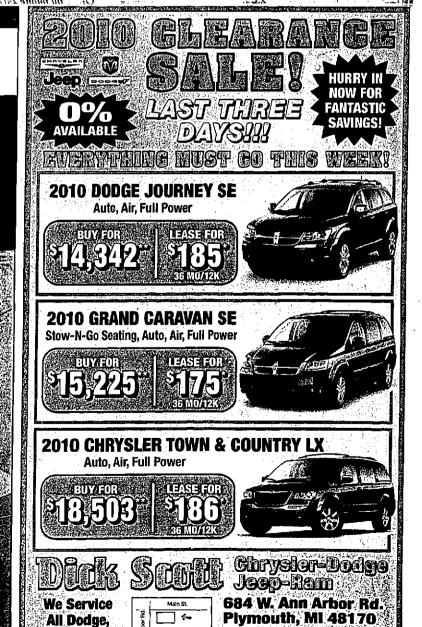
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Explorer named Truck of Year; Volt voted best car

The 2011 North American International Auto Show kicked off Monday on a nometown note, with the American Truck of the Year and the Chevrolet Volt earning the North American Car of the Year award.

The Explorer's win marks the third consecutive time – and seventh time overall that a Ford has earned North American Truck of the Year honors, edging out the Dodge Durango and Jeep Grand Cherokee in this year's competition. This year's awards were decided by 49 veteran automotive journalists from Canada and the United States.

The honor was not a surprise to Dennis Rekuc, general sales manager at Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills, who said he believes the car is going to be a "home run" because the number of advanced sales is already dou-

ble what is normal.
"I have north of 50 orders from customers who haven't been able to see, feel, touch or smell one of those things," he said. "And having only a little information they are still saying they want this vehicle.
"It tells me there is a lot of

pent up demand and the brand name is still strong." Domestic automakers have

won the North American

Truck of the Year award 11 times, most recently with the Ford Transit Connect in 2010. president at Ford Motor Co., said the Explorer's honor reinforces that we're a company that makes things and manufacturing matters in

"For Ford it shows our finest work," he said. "It shows that

Hometown dealers rave about honors



try technology." The Volt, which has been

on sale since December, is a

miles on an electric charge

plug-in hybrid electric vehicle

that can travel between 25-50

General Motor's Tom Stephens, (center) vice chairman of product development, answers questions from the media on Jan. 10, moments after the Chevy Volt was named the 2011 North American Car of the Year. The Volt is seen in the foreground.

pete — not only in the U.S., but around the world." ues to draw positive reviews, adding North American Car of the Year honors to already having been named Motor Trend Car of the Year and

the Year. It beat out the Hyundai Sonata and the Nissan Leaf. James Schram, sales manager at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, said the four

with General Motors to get

"It has really sparked some great energy in the showroom and brings in some really neat, tech-savvy people," he gorgeous styling, unbelievable

compromising functionality, comfort or spaciousness," Bolzenius said. "The features adaptable to markets around

"In 2010 we restored the company to profitability and future growth," Bolzenius said. "We are ready to move

Volts his dealership was given for 2011 have already been powered generator to produce Lyon Township business 'floored' to be at Auto Show

D.E. McNabb in its 60th year as flooring contractor

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Watch your step. When the North American

the public Saturday, the obvious highlights are the cars, displays and interactive kiosks. But for Nate Root, vice president of sales for the Donald

E. McNabb Company in Lyon Township, he will be watching where people walk to make sure the carpet and floors through-out the Cobo Center are able to handle the thousands of people who will trample and spill on it throughout the week.

McNabb has handled all the flooring for the NAIAS, seeing i grow to an event that is expected welcome more than 750,000 visitors from countries all over the

"We enjoy it, we really do," Root said. "It's always changing each year so it gives us different viewpoints and doesn't get old.

"The most amazing thing to me is where it comes from at the beginning of the show to the fin-ished product and what goes into preparing for it."

The company does roughly 300 shows throughout the year, but

the NAIAS is its biggest show. Employees began setting up in November, and worked until last Sunday to prepare the hall for media preview day on Monday. Root said they will cover nearly one million square feet with car-

Employees also will be on hand throughout the public show days to make repairs when needed. "If it goes unsaid that is a good thing," he said.

Root has gotten sneak peaks leading up to the show, and says the public will be impressed by

the cars and displays.
"We are really starting to see some of the turnaround from where we were two years ago," he said. "This year our home manu-facturers are really taking a step forward and put a lot more into

When the show comes to an end Jan. 23, the company will tear all the flooring out in about five days and bring most of it back to its store where it will be cleaned and available for purchase.

The sale runs from Jan. 27-30, with prices starting at 15 cents per square foot.
D.E. McNabb Company is located at 31250 S. Milford Road,

just off I-96. For store hours, visit



Milford's D.E. McNabb Carpeting company once again supplied the vast majority of the North American International Auto Show's flooring and nameller@gannett.com [(246) 437-2011, Ext. 255 carpeting for its displays and walkways.

Governor gives thumbs-up to auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Newly elected Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder toured the North American nternational Auto Show on Tuesday. promising that cars and manufacturing are key ingredients toward fueling the state's economic recovery.

"We have a bright future in the auto

industry," Snyder said. "We have a bright future in manufacturing in our state — we just need to keep adding things to broaden our base. But we're certainly not going to walk away from the core of what made us great over the last hundred years."

Speaking in the "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit, Snyder said the role of his administration will be to create an infrastructure and tax base that's inviting

to business and startup entrepreneurs.

More importantly, Snyder said it's his
job as governor to transform the state's culture and mindset.

"We need to redo the culture in our state in three key ways," he said. "To move from negative to positive; to move from looking in the rear-view mirror to looking in the future: to be inclusive rather than divisive. And if you look at what's going on right here, there's no better illustration in our state of people being positive."

As for the state budget and the inevitably of service cuts to ease the deficit, Snyder said those issues will be spelled out in greater detail when he deliv-ers his State of the State Address next

Mike Finney, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., said the auto show provides a great example of how the car companies are swiftly moving their products forward into the 21st century.

"This is a demonstration of where the world is moving," Finney said. "And where

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Governor Rick Snyder greets high-tech Michigan companies at the "Smarter

most recently in 2008 with the Chevrolet Malibu. The honor was "humbling"

Motor's vice chairman of product development, who also emphasized the Volt is science experiment."

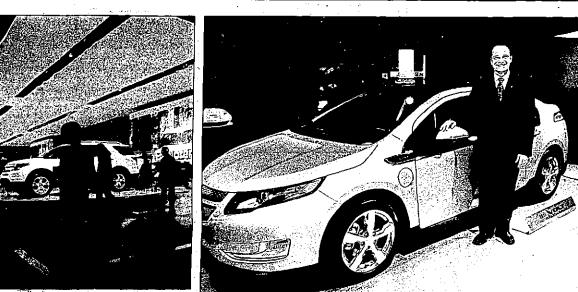
"The Volt represents the soul or essence of the new General Motors," he said after the announcement Monday morning. "The electrification of vehicles is something that

TECHNOLOGY: MAIN THEME In unveiling the ie:3 demonstrator vehicle, a fully electric car, Beda Bolzenius, president of Johnson Controls omotive Experience, talked about the company's philosophy of using machines to create a compelling driving

to provide interior and battery solutions for smaller, fuel efficient vehicles without model-year 2015 and beyond.

The company, which has a headquarters in Plymouth its global expansion plans. Johnson Controls has one to launch two more factorie within the next three years, with the goal of creating 30 million batteries a year in China by 2015.

Staff Writer Jay M. Grossman contrib-



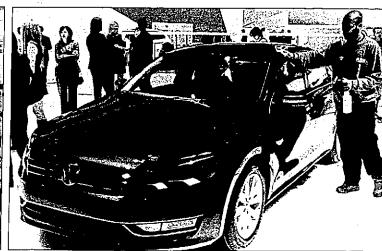
PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Ford Motor Company display at the 2011 North American International

The Audi exhibit at the NAIAS show on Jan. 10

North American International Auto Show committee member Scott LaRiche poses by the 2011 Car of the Year - the GM Chevrolet Valt - at Monday's press preview at Cobo Center. LaRiche, of Lau LaRiche in Plymouth Township, is busy



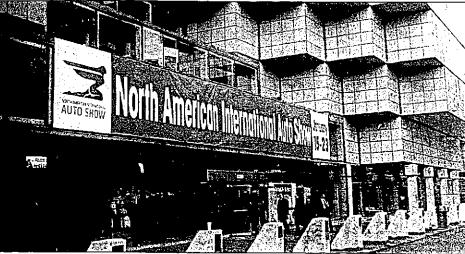
ie:3 vehicle. Johnson Controls, which has a considerable presence in Plymouth Township, was at the auto show in



Johnson Controls' Alex Molinaroli introduces a 7 a.m. press conference at the NAIAS to his company's all-electrical D'Angelo Crenshaw of Detroit, cleans a Volkswagen model at the North American International Auto Show on Jar 10. Dozens of car-detailers were busy around Cobo Hall that day, making sure that the autos on display looked their



Chief Operating Officer of Tata Technology Global Warren Harris chats with Hometown Newspaper reporter Nathan Mueller at the 2011 North American International Auto Show on Jan. 10 in Detroit. Harris stands near a Dodge vehicle which Tata does considerable work for in its automotive engineering areas, Tata also has an office in Novi, Michigan.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP



Novi tankers repeat at Invite

Chung, Ao combine for three individual titles, contribute to 400 free relay championship

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Behind a well-rounded team performance, Novi's boys swim and dive team won their second-straigh Laker Invitational title Bloomfield.

The Wildcats' top heats finished first or second in 10 of 12 events - third n the other two - as Novi accumulated 250 points. Monroe and North Farmington tied for second as Troy Athens (42) and Livonia Churchill (37) rounded out the competi

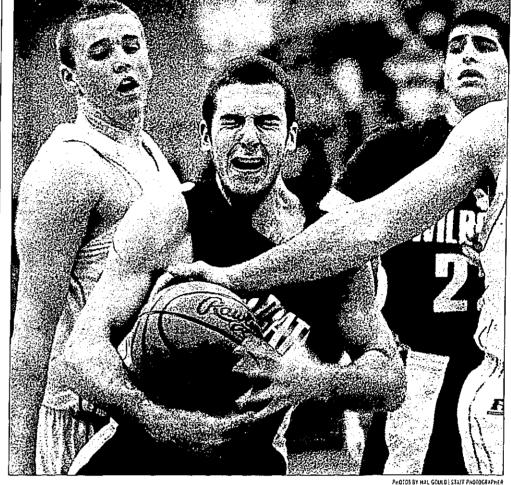
The three relay squads showcased the Wildcats' team strength, winning the 400-yard freestyle relay after finishing second in both the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay Seniors Joon Chung, Tiger Bourque, Matt

Wright and junior Jong Min Kim teamed in the 200 medley relay for a rur ner-up finish in 1:44.12, but Novi's second-, thirdand fourth-string relay teams each won their 200 medley heats. Sophomore Andrew Ao

senior Matt Wright, junior Eugene Song and Bourque combined to finish the 200 free relay second in 1:36.35, while Ao, Kim, Chung and senior Travis Vincent combined for the victory in the 400 free Several of the relay stars

also saw success in individual action. In addition to his two relay finishes, Chung paced the Wildcats with

irst-place finishes in both the 200 individual medley (1:59.49) and 100 breaststroke (59.52 seconds). Ao also got his second championship of the day



Seniors lead Novi to divisionopening win over South Lyon

Novi rolled into South Lyon undefeated and left the same way with a 49-37 victory

Friday night.
The Wildcats (6-0, 0-1) used a strong first quarter to get a lead they would not relin-It wasn't the prettiest game for either team offensively. Novi shot 16 for 51 from the floor,

while the Lions made 14 of 53 shots.

Though Novi head coach Cory Heitsch knew his team played far from its best game he's aware getting a road win is always wel-

"You like to leave 1-0 versus 0-1," he said. "We did some nice things." But he was more than disple droughts on both ends of the floor.

"When you know you can jump over pe for the ball and you don't do it, it's a choice he said. "It's something we've got to figure on quick."

The Lions couldn't find the bottom of the

basket in the first quarter. South Lyon scored on its third shot, and then went on to miss the next 13 shots with two turnovers Novi got six points from senior Brian Bush (nine points) on a pair of three-pointers for a

14-4 lead after the first quarter. "Brian hit two big threes early and stepped to the line and hit his free throws late," said

Both offenses settled in during the second rter and the Wildcats held a 28-17 lead at

JeffSchmitz poured in nine of his gam high 15 points for the Lions in the second. South Lyon had its best quarter of the game in the third as Novi went ice-cold to start the

ebounds) and Chris Milon (six points, eight ebounds, three blocks) added solid contribu-

"We have a number of guys who have played a ton at the varsity level," he said. "Jeff (Schmitz) saw a lot of varsity team. They're I'm really proud of how hard we're playing.

The Lions scored the first five points of the

quarter as the Wildcats opened the quarter I

South Lyon trimmed the lead to three on a Jon Gould three-pointer, but Novi closed the

quarter with the final four points for a 36-29 lead heading into the fourth.

Both teams again struggled to put up points in the fourth, as Novi scored just two

points midway through the quarter, but South Lyon had only trimmed the lead to 38-33.

The Lions got as close a 41-37 with three

Novi closed the game out with an 8-0 ru

South Lyon head coach Doug Host knows

minutes remaining, but it would be the last points they would score.

o open the KLAA Central Division sched-

ule with a win. Senior Samer Ozeir led the

vhile seniors Rob Lanev (nine points, six

his team is learning on the fly at the varsity

for 11 from the floor.

ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER

DeLeon defends area's best

A two-year captain, Nov Wildcats to a 20-5-0 record this fall, primarily by stopping opponents' best players onsistent dominance from his defensive center mid fielder position. Although his offensive statistics suffered for his defensive assignments De Leon's endurance allowed him to be a key part of the Wildcats' game all over the field during a prep season tha featured stellar goalkeeping from several teams.

"One of the strongest play ers on the ball ever to play at Novi, almost impossible to dispossess of the ball once he has control of it," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "(He has) a very low center of gravity (and) plays the ball equally well with

DeLeon had four goals and two assists from his defensive position, and earned All-State second team, All-Conference and All-District honors throughout the season while posting a 3.32 Grade Point Average in the classroom

FIRST TEAM

Chase Jabbori (Novi Jr. F) The area's leader in goals and Novi's top scorer for a third-straight year, Jabbori had 17 goals and eight assists this season (35 goals, 18 assists over three years) as he repeatedly used his speed and ootwork to get past opposing

"He has great quickness with the ball, great speed in the open field and great speed with the ball." Novi coach

Brian O'Leary said.
Poised for a strong senior
year next fall, Jabbori earned
All-Conference, All-District, All-Region and All-State third team honors this season while registering a 3.4 GPA Alex Lang (Catholic Central Sr. GK)

A force for the Shamrocks, Lang kept CC in many games, making six shutouts and allow ing just nine goals in a 13-

game span. "Alex was a brick wall for us this season. He stood tall in net all year long." CC coach Joe Nora said. "As a captain and

Please see SOCCER, B3

Lady cagers open division play, new year with victory

D'Annibale comes off bench to lead Wildcats to 42-34 win

BY CHRIS JACKET

One down, nine to go. Novi's girls basketball team's (6-0, 1-0 KLAA Central Division) bid to repeat as division champions kicked off with a solid 42-34 victory over visiting South Lyon (3-2, 0-1 Central) last

"You never know what you're going to get coming off a long break, but I thought we played well for most of the game," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "I think we ran out of a little gas in the

With three student-athletes out of the rotation, the Wildcats' depleted roster shot 43.8 percent (14-for-32) from the field as the team built a 35-20 lead after three quarters before the Lions made a comeback effort with a 14-7

"We had a big lead and were trying to work

The Wildcats (6-0, 1-0 Central) were scheduled to visit Plymouth Salem (2-5, 1-0 Central) Tuesday before hosting Northville (0-1, 3-3 Central) tonight and Livonia Stevenson (1-0, 5-1 Central) Tuesday. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

some clock," Kelp said. "We unfortunately missed two open shots and had some turnovers coupled with poor communication on the defen sive end, that let them back in the game. We have to do a better job of closing out on players. When we get beat, we can't reach like we have

The 'Cats polished off the game at the charity stripe, hitting 14-of-23 free throws (60.0 per-

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Novi High School girls' basketball team on Jan. 7 against South Lyon.

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Abigail Swain, right and the School varsit team in actio during a tri



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LOCAL SPORTS

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dame in a CCHA game Saturday

Franklin (2-6-1, 0-2-0 Kensington)

ranked No. 118 overall, comes to

The Wildcat bowling squads

had some tough competition last

powerhouse from Wayne Memoria

The girls (1-4-0) took a 19-11

decision over the Trojans. Junior

Shelby Limpert and senior Tina

Johnson each scored two points,

Wright struck out in both games.

She won her first game 221-217 and

the second game 615-604 to take

eville. Senior Brandor

The boys team (1-3-1) met the opposite fate, losing 19-11 to

but innior anchor bowler Callie

week. One match was against a

against Livonia Clarenceville

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BOWLING

of the season.

the match.

The team hits the ice again

BY CHRIS JACKET CORRESPONDENT

JV COMPETITIVE CHEER

Despite a smaller team this sea varsity competitive cheer squad the year, and the effort showed at last Saturday's Novi Invite

The JV team had a great couple of practices before the Nov ite," JV coach Ashley Karinen said. "They improved their scores in all three rounds by between 15-30 points.

The girls managed to finish fifth 6:30 p.m. Monday when Livonia of seven squads, but were right in the mix among the larger squads.

Competitive season is somewhat of a numbers game, but the girls are able to compete with the larger IV teams because of how clean and precise our rounds are, Karinen said,

The performance followed a third-place finish at a Jan. 4 home tri-meet that featured South Lyon East and Livonia Stevenson. The varsity squad finished second at

The cheer squads are back in action 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Stoney Creek-hosted Cougar Spirit Invitational before a 6:30 p.m. Wednesday quad meet at South Lyon with Northville and

HOCKEY

Novi's icers made their annual three-day trip to the Upper Peninsula and came away with a

Gillespie (184 and 213) and junio Ranked No. 10, the Wildcats (9-Andrew Thorwall (199 and 234) 3-0, 3-2-0 Kensington) defeated No. 7 Calumet (8-3-0) by a 7-4 Things were uglier against a pair score last Friday and No. 34 Houghton (4-6-1) with a 4-3 mark

Saturday before dropping a 3-2 boys lost 22-8 and the girls fell 26-4 decision to No. 4 Marquette (9-0-Sunday. points and Brandon Ross had one During the trip, the Wildcats with a 226 high game for Novi, dealt with more than a foot of while Wright had two points with snow, colder than usual rinks and games of 179 and 181 and freshma had the chance to watch Northern Sara Schulz scored one point with a high game of 189. The teams were scheduled for Michigan University host Notre

a strong of contests this week. A match rescheduled from a December snow day set in motion road contests at Northville Plymouth and Canton Monday through yesterday. The teams take on Plymouth Salem next 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Super Bowl in Canton and 3 p.m. Thursday against Grand Blane at Airway Lanes in

of Zebra teams last Thursday. The

GIRLS BASKETBALL

while the other was a close matchup Novi Motion girls AAU tryouts nich resulted in the girls' first win take place today at Orchard Hills ientary School, 41900 Quince From 6:30-8 p.m., the 9-10 year olds hit the court, followed by the 11-12 year olds from 8-9:30 p.m. There is a \$20 tryout fee and a parent/guardian will have to fill out some paperwork. Girls should be ready to play with shoes, shorts and shirts. For more information,

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

SHAMROCKS COLLECT TWO BOWLING

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team started off the Catholic High School League schedule with two big victories over Divine Child and University of Detroit Jesuit.

The Divine Child match was a close one with Catholic Central pulling out a 19-11 victory at Thunderbird Lanes. The only player on either team to score over 200 points on very tough lane conditions was Catholic Central's Eric Pavlov, who put up

Catholic Central swept the Baker games but then los the first regular game by four pins, 912-908 before putting the match away with a victory in the last game, 866-841.

Against U-of-D, Catholic Central earned a convincing 22-8 victory at Lodge Lanes in a high-scoring match The Shamrocks had two players score over 500 pins in a two-game series with Pavlov notching games of 225 and 278 and Scott Kujawa taking games of 268 and 236. Also contributing to the scorand 236. Also contributing to the scoring were Tom Zahari (236), Jeff Conflitti (246) and Ken O'Connor (211), CC shot regular games of 1,076 and 1,158 for a eries of 2.234.

nrocks also bowled in the Ladywood Holiday Tournament last reek, finishing with a first place out of a field of 18 teams. The victory makes Catholic Central 2-0 this year in tourna ments. The team was led by Pavlov with scores of 177, 289 and 226 for a series of 692. Also contributing to the win was Zahari with a game of 230.

GRAPPLERS PICK UP TWO WINS IN TOLEDO, WIN CC INVITE

Detroit Catholic Central's trip to Toledo found the wrestling team coming home with two big wins as they upended Findlay, 68-12, and Toledo Catholic Leading the way for the Shamrocks

was Alex Goings, who earned a pin and tech fall in his two bouts. While Malike Amine, Alec Mooradian, Joe Silvestri and captain Miles Trealout all earned falls for the Sharnrocks in each of the duals. If that weren't enough for the week, the Shamrocks also made a point of earning a staff sports writer for the Northville Record and championship at the CC Invitational last

weekend with 227 team points, 61 points ahead of second-place finisher Davison. The omens were good for the Shamrocks, as 24 of the past 36 teams to win the CC Invitational have gone on to win a team state title in the same year.

"Our staff is extremely proud of the way our men (fought) today," said coach Mitch Hancock. "This team is very talented and they work very hard at what they do. They wrestle with confidence and they get tha because they prepare with such diligence and focus during the work week."

The Shamrocks claimed three championships as Mooradian (135), Drew Garcia (152) and Trealout (189) all won their weight classes. Falling short and earning runner-up finishes for the Shamrocks were Amine and TJ Fagan, Overall, Catholic Central had 10 of their 13 entries place in the top four.

HOCKEY TEAM NOTCHES TWO BIG WINS

Any time you can get a victory over Trenton in hockey, it's a good day. The week, collecting a 4-3 victory over the

Trenton got on the board first, scoring at the 1:58 mark in the second to take a 1-0 lead before Catholic Central bounced back to score three straight for a 3-1

Charlie Green put in CC's first goal with 3:32 on the clock in the second to knot the contest before Michael Downing and Sean Gaffney each tallied a score to secure a strong lead.

Trenton scored at 14:57 in the second period to cut the lead to 3-2, but Gaffney added a final touch with 15:53 off the clock in the second stanza to nail the coffin shut on the Traians, who scored their final tally with just a few minutes remaining in the game.

Earning the win in goal was Connor Pankow, who faced 26 shots, while Catholic Central peppered Trenton's goalie with 43.

Catholic Central also defeated University of Detroit Jesuit, 9-1, last week. The team took a 2-0 lead in the first before allowing U-of-D's lone goal in the opening minutes of the second. The Shamrocks didn't look back from that point on, scoring seven more to secure the

Scoring goals for the Shamrocks were Michael Downing (4), Tyler VanAcker (2), Green, Mitchell Gatt and Joe Steele.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and forme

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field leader our success was in large part due to his play." Earning All-State third team bonors, the Shamrock captain was voted MVP by his teammates after taking All-Catholic League first team, All-District and All-Region

online at hometownlife.com

Playing defense didn't stop Morris from getting a foot in

on the Lions' offense. He had

the back row while earning All-KLAA honorable men-

tion, All-District, All-Region

and third-team All-State in

"Dan was always respon

team's best offensive player,"

South Lyon coach Tracee

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Senter said. "What makes him

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An offensive dynamo for

school's all-time points list

"Jake can score at any time

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He also earned first-team

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sive moves and passion for the

re season to play

Lyon Jr. M)

Senter said.

Jake Purdhomme (South

Wes Smith (Novi Sr. GK) With nine shutouts on the season, Smith was there for the Wildcats when he was needed. He had a 0.9 Goals Against Average through 20 games between the nine

'A great athlete, tall, rangy and aggressive in goal," Nov coach Brian O'Leary said. "If not for Wes, there is no way the Lions, Purdhoume racked we would have been 20-5. He up 12 goals and 14 assists this made great late game saves in fall, putting him 10th on the many of our games to prevent the other team from tying the after two seasons, with one

Smith had three goals and an assist during his limited time on offense. His slate of accolades includes All-Conference, All-District All-Region, All-State third team, Academic All-State with a 3.6 GPA and a chance to play goalkeeper at Oakland University next fall.

next fall

ors this fall.

After setting the Eagles' sin-

goals as a junior forward last

year, Schwarz returned fron

a five-game injury as a mid-fielder this fall and finished

as the team's MVP behind six

and athletics." Lakeland coach

hard worker on the field, leads

by example, is one of our cap-tains and also is a top student

with a cumulative Grade Point

Schawrz's work contributed

Average of 3.98 and will be

All-State All-Academic.

greatly toward Lakeland's

11-4-7 record as he earned

All-Conference, All-District.

All-Region and All-State hon

Ben Lang (Lakeland Sr.

Lang was also a huge part

of the Eagles' successful sea

son, tying the school record

record at 18. Lang gave up just 11 goals while playing in all 22

Lakeland coach Mark Janssen

aid. "Ben was a steady force

kept us in many games early

while the offense struggled

and came up big in key games

The captain earned All-

Conference, All-District, All-

Conf Academic and All-State

All-Academic honors behind a

Dan Morris (South Lyon

against Plymouth, Gran Blanc and Walled Lake

3.5 GPA in the classroon

for us in goal this year. He

of 11 shutouts and setting

Lakeland's career shutout

"He was the anchor to

a defensive unit that only allowed 16 goals in 22 games,

Mark Janssen said. "He is a

Will exemplifies academics

goals and 10 assists.

Sr. M)

Matt Stevens (South Lyon Fatai Alashe (Northville Sr. GK) Sr. DM) Despite a tough KLAA Leading the Mustangs with Central Division, Stevens kept

10 goals and 10 assists as a the Lions in the mix with 143 lesensive center midsielder. saves this fall (fourth most Alashe earned a nod to play in school history), to put him at Michigan State University at 214 saves on his career. He's second in single-season "He makes everyone around him better," Northville coach shutouts (12) at the school Henry Klimes said. "When after this season and will

he's on the pitch, he elevates play at either Ohio Northern everyone's game." Alashe earned All-Division, University or Trine University (Ind.) next fall. All-Conference, All-District "Matt Stevens is one of the and third-team All-State honbest goalkeepers in South Will Schwarz (Lakeland

Lyon history," South Lyon coach Tracee Senter said. "He is fantastic at cutting down shooting angles and reading the game. He will be a huge gle-season scoring record at 15 asset to his college team this He was named team MVP

after winning first-team All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and All-State honor-

Joey Zywiol (Northville

Zywiol combines brains vith talent to beat out-perform his opponents. The Mustang with the highest GPA for the past four seasons - and hence a four-time Academic All-State honors winner with a 3.967 average - Zywiol ved that smarter is better.

"Joey is going to the University of Michigan Dearborn to start and then he's going to go to medi-Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "I don't know if he's going to play club socer or not, but he definitely had the ability to play college soccer if he had wanted to Instead, he's going to focus on

the academics, which he has

always excelled at." Zywiol earned All-State honorable mention honors this year, as well as All-Division, All-Conference and All-

Beau Prey (Milford Sr.

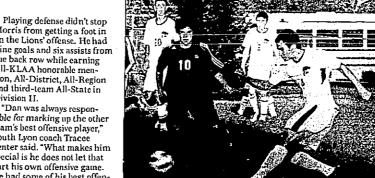
Despite his athletic abilities, Prey wasn't enough to keep the Mavericks on the winning sides of many conper game (254 total) and had ree shutouts over 18 games allowing 32 goals (.888 save percentage). He also played a that opened up a hole in the holding down the fort as the and former Novi News staff writer.

CC swim starts season with tough competition

competed. Senior Dan Burton

formance in the backstroke leg

posted the team's first state-qualifying time with his per-



Novi senior John DeLeon (right) was a huge part of the Wildcats' 20-5-0

goalkeeping position. 'Due to his outstanding athletic abilities and goalkeeping skills, he stopped countless excellent goal-scorng opportunities througho the entire season," "His goal keeping efforts helped enable his team to be competitive, and were admired by other opposing teams' coaches and avers.

"Throughout the year, he positively supported his team both on and off the field. Being a captain and a leader of the team, he earned the respect of his team by taking ownership of his responsibili ties, providing needed support and appropriate direction to his fellow team members."

Although his team had an off season. Prey was a bright spot for the Milford program, earning All-Conference, All-District and also All-State honorable mention accolades

SECOND TEAM

Gino Pulice (CC Sr. DM) A captain and All-State led his team from the defen sive center midfield position Although he only had five assists in the book, he was a key asset in the Shamrock lineup, earning All-Catholic League second team, All-District and All-Region hon-

Connor Carrigan (Lakeland Jr. D) Moving up from sweeper as a sophomore, Carrigan played stopper and defensive center, midfield as a junior for the

Eagles this fall, shutting down the oppositions' top players. His constant flow of energy also earned him four assists as well as Ali-Conference and All-District recognitions

Andrew Bock (CC Jr. F) A constant thorn in the side for Shamrock opponents Bock had six goals and six assists while earning All District honors.

Sean Deters (Lakeland

Sr. M) As a center midfielder for (Sr.), Jesse Hauck (Sr.), Trent the Eagles, Deters set up Sawgle (Sr.), Nick Watkins seven teammates for goals vhile earning three go Northville - Jimmy Fiscus of his own this fall. He's Novi - Brian Herron (Sr.) arned All-Conference and All-District honors for three

Sr. M)

straight years, as well as All-Conference Academic honors the past two seasons. Troy Baertson (Lakeland

Jr. F)

As the Eagles' leading scorer, Baertson had seven goals and five assists this fall. He earned All-Conference, All District and All-Conference second year on varsity and Tom Kemennu (Lakeland

Eagles' sweeper. He teamed with Carrigan to create a solid defensive force that kept Lakeland in the toughest games. In the process, he earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Conference Arademic honor

Nick Peper (Northville Sr. A core to the Mustangs defense. Peper has the ability to control a situation and turn the flow of the game around and All-District kicker, who

has been courted by several

Division I programs, com-manded the field well for the Nathan Lightner (Northville Sr. D) Consistent play throughout the season earned Lightner All-Conference and All-

District honors this fall, landing him a scholarship to play collegiate soccer at Schoolera ollege next season. Jon Hart (Novi Sr. D) Hart led a Wildcat defense

that started the fall inexperienced as a unit, allowing 14 goals in the first half of the season. However, the captain was a big reason Novi allowed just six goals during the second half of the regular season He earned All-Conference, All-District and Academic All-State honors with a 3.9 GPA. Mark Sadler (South Lyon

A second-year varsity player,

Krueger had an impressive

season in the books, earning

nine goals and 10 assists to go

along with All-KLAA honor-

Polcyn (Jr.), Steven Lovera

South Lyon East - Joe

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Catholic Central took second

in the meet, scoring 174 points

while Brother Rice took first

state-qualifying time in the

100 backstroke with a time

of 56.51 seconds while other

first-place finishers included

free, 4:59.12), Joe Brinkman

(500 free), Tim Szuba (100

backstroke, 59.83) and the

2:04.86), Colin Brinkman (500

Paul Hagermyer (200 free,

Tom Berry (Sr.)

Costanza (So.)

Academic honors.

able mention. All-District and

hitting the books for All-State

Capping off a three-year career on varsity, Sadler racked up seven goals and 10 assists while earning All-Lyon and Linden. All-District for the Lions. Eric Krueger (South Lyon

Junior Alejandro Abuern (125) and Caverly (145) both won their weight classes with

'Cat grapplers streak to bittersweet start

Zip, Brawler win individual titles at South Lyon Invite

ON TAP

The Wildcat wrestlers (B-3) were

Salem (0-2) and South Lyon East

scheduled to face Plymouth

(1-11) yesterday in a division

opener at Salem as part of a

quad meet that included Livonia

Stevenson (0-11). The Spartans

will host Novi's next guad meet

5:30 p.m. Wednesday as the

Wildcats mix it up with South

Lyon (7-4) and Northville (9-4)

Novi's grapplers will have to

Vieau Invitational in Brighton

first, where several talented

have four invitational titles

under their belt this season.

perfect 5-0 records.

worry about Saturday's Manning

teams from throughout the state

host Buildogs (25-1), who already

'Alejandro, aka 'Zip,' wres-

plosive off the bottom and

tled tough all day. He was

ightning quick on his feet,

the past three seasons. His

lilg said "Chris, aka Brawler

has been wrestling varsity for

mat experience, along with his

physical aggressiveness on the

it, earned him his champion-

Several other Wildcats were

nearly crowned champions.

DeNova (103), Dobras (171).

Sparling (189), Mencer (215)

and senior Shebaig Sidhu (130)

will be in the mix, including the

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Novi's grapplers kicked off the New Year with some treaky performances that week's quad meet.

The host Wildcats (8-3) fell behind early against Livonia Churchill (1-1) Jan. 5. Down 15-3, sophomore Andrew Park (112 pounds) came away with a 6-4 decision, changing the match's momentum. Novi won eight of the next 10 matches for

a 51-24 victory In addition to Park's win seniors Matt Aoun (130), David Sparling (189), Alan Mencer (215), Chris Caverly (145), iuniors Giddiani Abuerne (119). Jake Dobras (171) and sophomores Ben Landry (152) and Zach Roush (160) all picked up victories for the Wildcats.

"We wrestled aggressive and because of that, we earned a victory over a tough Livonia coach Dan Jilg said

Novi's wrestlers kept things going early on the same day against Livonia Franklin (10-5), as sophomores Dan DeNova (103) and Park picked up earned a 7-3 decision to give the 'Cats an carly 15-0 lead Franklin took over from

there, winning six of the next seven matches for a 34-32 come-from-behind victory ove Senior Derrick Becker (140)

was Novi's lone win, a pin, dur-ing Franklin's run. Mencer and nior Chris Nash added points or Novi to cap the night "This was a heartbreaking loss for a KLAA crossover," Jilg

The 'Cats rebounded last weekend at the South Lyon Invitational, finishing third of eight teams, behind South

each went 4-1 on the day as runners-up in their respective weight classes, Rough (160) also was a runner up, finishing 3-1 while Becker (140) finished

third in his class at 3-2.

"Any one of these guys could have taken home the gold this past weekend," Jilg said. "They wrestled tough all day. One or two more takedowns and the gold could have been theirs."

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

The Wildcats (1-1) try to move

83 loss last Thursday against

Plymouth Salem by visiting

The season continues 7:30

a.m. Saturday at the Lakeland

Invitational in White Lake and

Thursday against South Lyon

Unified at South Lyon East.

then with a 6:30 p.m. dual meet

out of the 12 events. The other

three heats combined to earn

182 points in a display of the

throughout a full swim and

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ive program. For full results, see the '11

on from a division-opening 103-

Livonia Stevenson 6 p.m. tonigh

SWIM

with a top-heat victory in the 100 free with a 50.91-seconds finish. Ao was Novi's top swimmer in the 200 free, too,

HONORABLE MENTION Lakeland - Trent Norman

Chris Park (Jr.), Phil Soong (Ir) Matt Wilson (So.) (Fr.), Drew Newell (Sr.), Dylan

South Lyon - Austin Johnston (Sr.), Austin Stowe (Sr.), Trevor Laskowski (Sr.),

Dowdell (Sr.), Allen Bates (Sr.), David Domanico (Sr.), combined to earn 68 points David Roskens (So.), Rober

ON TAP

inishing second in 1:49.30. The Wildcats took second in the remaining two freestyle events, with Song finishing the 50 free in 24.01 seconds and Vincent finishing the 500 free in 5:10.42.

Junior Nick Dagher earned Novi's final second-place finish in the top heats by earning 114.70 points through six 1meter dives.

Putting the finishing touch es on the Wildcats' victory was que's third-place finish in the 100 butterfly (59.68) and sophomore Kenta Onimura's 1:01.41 third-place finish in the 100 backstroke.

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

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cent) as a whole

"Free throws are important at any time during the game, but it was nice to see some made during pressure situa-

all scorers with 13 points on 4-for-4 shooting and pulled in four of the Wildcats' 25 rebounds. Freshman Kerr McMahan also hit the doubledigit marker with 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals despite getting into early foul trouble again

continued with that play in the first half. Good to see she has 400 free relay consisting of Joe a lot of skill and needs to learn how to be more consistent, but I was very happy with the way she played," Kelp said. "Kerri makes us go, but unfortunately she got her second foul early in the second quarter. She has

and hopefully only gets better. Senior Alyssa Armiak (seven bounds, four steals, two blocks) was again a defe dynamo for Novi, who held the Armiak recorded two assists of her own while chipping in on offense with five points "The majority of (their)

to learn not to reach on drives

but she is a tremendous player

their best players, so it doesn't most of the shots." Kelp said of the assist shutout. "Alyssa played solid defense like South Lyon guards Gabrielle

Williams (13 points) and Kristin Short (12 points) each hit four shots apiece on a combined 8-for-25 shooting night, while their teammates ombined for a 4-for-15 per formance. The Lions shot 30 percent overall.

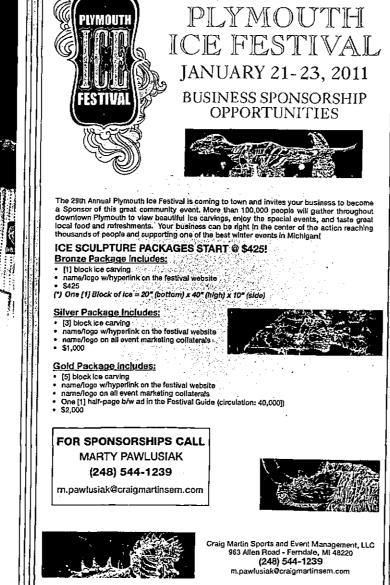
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RY SAM EGGLESTON ON TAP CORRESPONDENT The Sharnrocks swimming and

It has been a heck of a start to the season for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks

swimming and diving team.

The squad has two big comvith a sixth-place showing in the always-competitive Brother Rice Relays and a second-place finish in the uniquely-scored Cranbrook Schack Invitational.

are well aware of the work that has gone into preparing for the long stretch of their schedule. "Since (the beginning of the season) we have had 54 pracpool when they swim against Ann Arbor Pioneer, the second ranked team in Division I. The meet will be in Ann Arbor and

diving team will be back in the

starts at noon. tices, including our 5:30 a.m. workouts," said captain Joe Brinkman. "In that period, the Looking back since the start too group has spent over 120 of the season, the Shamrocks hours in the pool and swam over 320,000 yards, or about

Those miles include the sixthplace showing in the Brother Rice relays, in which 12 teams

Additionally Catholic Central scored two top-three finishes, including a second-place finish in the crescendo relathat includes a 50, 100, 200 and 500-yard leg with senior Burton, Sean Ryan, Brinkman and freshman Colin Brinkman competing in the event.

peted in the Schack Invite, event scored separately, thus

In the second event of the

season. Catholic Central com-Brinkman, Ryan, Nick Baldus which has a unique scoring for mat with three heads of every producing three first-place

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

Junior Ally D'Annibale led offense revolves around two of

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in many ways, however, sometimes some a difference are overlooked. Komo News gives five tips that are guaranteed to help you save money around the house, as found on the website of the Better Busines Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan:

1.) Twin draft guards: These are double sided insulation devices that slide under the door to eliminate cold or warm air drafts from the underside of the door.

2.) Programmable thermostats: It's energy wasted when no one is home, so why not set the thermostat to turn off when you leave and turn on 15 min before you ge

3) Turn down the water heater: If you're going on vacation you should turn your water heater to low. It's amazing how much energy goes into heating water and its a nite waste if no one is going to use it for

4.) Low flow shower heads: Older shower head guzzle out unnecessary amounts of water, while a low flow shower head will give you the right amount of pressure without wasting all of that water

5.) Toiletry products: Use only the amount of toiletry products needed to do the job. Common examples of wastefulness are exaggerated amounts of toothpaste. ampoo, conditioner, and toilet paper. In a typical home, heating and cooling account for more than half of the home's energy use, making it the largest energy expense for most households. 1000y s. 1000y efficiency furnaces operate more efficiently

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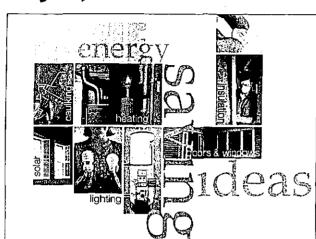
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ideally before the heating season begins. Call a local contractor to schedule an inspection in late summer or early fall. If you have a forced air heating system, here are some tasks you may be able to per-

•Follow manufacturers' guidelines. For peak energy performance, always operate and maintain your heating system accord ing to manufacturers' guidelines.

•Clean or replace the air filter regularly Filters reduce the amount of dust and dirt

that flow through your ductwork and into Check your furnace for dust and lint. Remove the dust and lint from the burner

ompartment at least once a year. Check the chimney for obstruction Make sure your chimney is not blocked by

•Inspect flue pipes. Also inspect the flue pipes from the heating system and water eater to make sure they are free of rust and are tightly scaled.

 Check your ductwork. Check for air s, especially at joints. Seal off air leaks with foil faced tape rather than duct tape. Use less energy and save money heating your home by following these tips:

·Enroll in BudgetWise Billing and spread your heating payments equally over ·Dial down your thermostat — for each degree you set your thermostat below 72°F ces your heating costs by approxi

the weather and on cold winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and lower your thermostat another degree or two to save •Check heat vents and registers to ensur drapes and furniture do not block airflow Use insulated drapes or other window

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the warm air inside. ·Minimize the number of times that doors to the outside are opened and closed Every time an outside door opens, warm ai rushes out and cold air moves in

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A: In a recent case out of Nebraska based on similar facts, the appellate court reld that the language of the deed clearly expressed the the real property together



condominium has a hearing communicating effectively She indicates that she needs Translation (CART), but the that she should be able to participate in certain activities with no accommodation and others with the assistance of a amplification system that the association has purchased for er benefit. What do you think we should do?

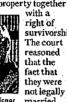
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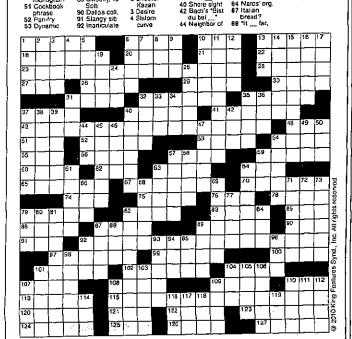
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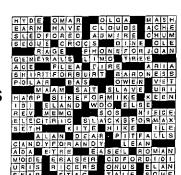
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What separates the smart job seeker from others looking for employment? Oftentimes, it is one of these 10

1. They realize a potential job lead could be anywhere.

Smart job seekers aren't afraid to mention occupational aspirations to their book club, their parents' friends or their dentist. (One never knows whose golf partner might be the ticket to getting a foot in the door.) Caroline Ceniza-Levine, a partner at SixFigureStart -- a career coaching firm in New York City comprised of former Fortune 500 recruiters -recommends putting your LinkedIn public profile hyperlink in your automatic e-mail signature. "This is an elegant way to attach your résumé to every correspondence you send. Even friends who think they know you may click through to your profile, learn more about you and perhaps think of you for a job or lead that they might have overlooked."

2. They surf job boards for

more than just open positions. Ceniza-Levine calls job boards "goldmines" for research. "You might see companies you didn't know before -- add these to your list of targets. You might see the same requirements again and again -- this indicates a standard for the job you want, so incorporate these items into your pitch and cover letters."

3. They put adequate time and effort into their applications.

"Spend time to make your résumé the best possible written advertisementof you," says Lisa Quast, author of "Your Career, Your Way!" and founder of Career Woman Inc., a Seattle-based career development consulting company. "Analyze the job requirements against your own skills and abilities, and customize your cover letter."

Obviously, all correspondence should be free of errors and typos. And before sending off the application packet, look at the job posting one last time to ensure all desired material is included.

4. They do their homework.

It seems logical to smart applicants to know something about potential employers. From Googling a company to checking out its financial statements, they learn what they can -- and use the info to enhance their

5. They know employers do their homework, too.

"According to [a 2010] Coremetrics [study], 75 percent of companies require recruiters to research job applicants online, so you'll want to be sure you know what they'll find," states Sherrie Madia, co-author of "The Online Job Search Survival

Guide." Besides thinking twice about what you choose to post, she suggests doing a Google search on your name. If you find something undesirable, try to have it removed. 6. They make their value

known quickly. "An employer gives each résumé

about a three-second window of time before he decides

> to either 'delete' or read further.' says Patrice Rice, author of "How to Interview" and president of the recruiting finn Patrice & Associates in Dunkirk, Md. A smart applicant answers the "What can you do for me?" question right off the bat

of strongest accomplishments at the résumé's top.

7. They look and act like a professional.

Simple but effective: A smart applicant arrives on time, dresses appropriately, both talks and listens, displays confidence and minds his manners.

8. They show that they want this job.

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"Show enthusiasm during the job interview," says Rice. "Always make certain that the company you're interviewing with feels as if it is your first choice, no matter what other companies are involved in your job

9. They don't get ahead of themselves.

As much as she may be dying to know about promotions, raises and vacation time, a smart candidate doesn't jump the gun and tackle these issues during the first interview. She focuses on landing the position, then on whether the package is suitable.

10. They ask for the position, follow up and thank.

"As strange as it sounds, you need to ask for the job," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Résumé New Career: Get the Job You Want with the Skills and Experience You Already Have." "At the end of the interview, sum up your strengths, tell the interviewer that you are excited about the position and say, 'I would really like to contribute to this company, I am hoping you select

Then, a smart interviewee keeps his name in the game with a follow-up note reiterating interest and offering thanks -- knowing that a great last impression can seal the deal!

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Don't look now, but U.S. automakers may be counting on a stronger-than-expected finish to 2010 to launch a stronger-thanhoped-for beginning to the new year Industry-wide U.S. sales reached about 11.5 million units, up 11 percent from 2009 sales of about

That final tally was about what auto executives were predicting throughout 2010. But their confidence grew during a particularly robust fourth quarter. when the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate (SAAR) actually exceeded 12 million units in each

This means that the American auto market finished on its strongest sustained note of the year and, in their view, presaged continued increases in the first quarter of 2011 and for the rest of the new year, according to Edmunds.com.

"Ninety days ago, the industry pace was moving at a very modest rate," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis. "Asked to comment then, we said it would be appropriate to assume another modest increase for the fourth quarter, in line with the increase in previous quarters. Nnnnh - the SAAR went up a

million units."

By contrast, Pipas said, increases in the SAAR for the previous quarters of 2010 were only about 200,000 to 300,000 units for each period. The bottom line was that fourth-quarter sales indicated a huge pickup in demand beyond the trend lines observed earlier in the Overall, the double-digit sales

increase for 2010 was the result of several positive factors: a slowly firming general recovery in the U.S. economy; the return to viability of General Motors and Chrysler; strong and steady increases in demand especially for pickup trucks and SUVs: improved commercialfleet sales; and strong new-product offerings across the board that made available an array of vehicles with much better fuel economy. quality and affordability than even just a couple of years ago.

Incentive spending that at times was aggressive and at other times judicious also boosted 2010 results.

The question now, of course, is whether the industry can maintain and build significantly on the solid performance of the fourth quarter. The consensus forecast for 2011 sales began this year at 12.5 million to 13 million units, which would comprise another increase of



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around 10 percent or so from 2010. Don Johnson, General Motors' vice president of U.S. sales operations, said that the company's outlook is quite optimistic." In fact, at 13 million to 13.5 million units GM's prediction of full-year 2011 sales is on the very high end of industry forecasts.

Industry executives and economists cited several major reasons for their belief that the eneral economy and specific industry dynamics would support even further growth in 2011. They included recent

improvements in U.S. unemployment claims, manufacturing activity, capital-goods orders, Christmas-holiday sales, bank-credit availability and package just passed by Congress also could boost growth, especially in the auto industry, because it includes new incentives for capitalequipment spending, including new vehicles, said Ellen Hughes-Cromwick, Ford's chief economist

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more of the "pent-up demand" among American consumers that they have been touting for several months now. The average age of autos on U.S. roads is now more than 10 years, the highest number in 13 years, meaning that replacement will be more necessary. And the Generation Y population the biggest demographic cohort since the baby boomers -- is just entering its family-formation years

However, the industry's immediate good cheer must be tempered somewhat by at least a For one thing, the improvement in

2010 performance came off an extremely low nadir - the worst collapse of the American market since the Great Depression. Through the mid-part of the last decade, many in the business came to consider 16-million-unit years a sort of normality.
"The only caveat," said Jessica

Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com, "is that 2010 was the second-lowest sales vear we've seen since the early Eighties. It's encouraging news we have to ground ourselves in the reality of what was considered normal before the downturn."

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