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Lewis-Lakin, Matthews make final cut

STAFF WRITER

The final interviews should be com-

plete and now all that remains for the Novi Board of Education is making a

decision on who will be the next leader

of the Novi Community Schools dis-

last week narrowed the candidates

from five to two, and the final candi-

dates, Shawn Lewis-Lakin and Steve

Matthews, were supposed to finish

Wednesday, after press time.

their daylong interviews Tuesday and

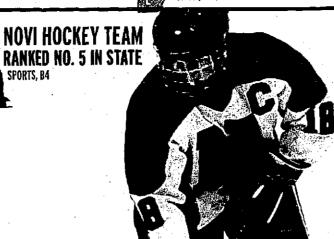
A decision is expected by the board

at its Feb. 3 meeting.
"Every board member has taken this

responsibility very seriously and is going above and beyond the due dili-

gence necessary to get a great result," said board President Bruce Bagdady on Monday. "There is not a bad deci-

better decision. One is presumably



# ST.00 ST.00 NOVI NOW Supplies low, so blood drives are scheduled The treacherous winter weather throughout much of the United Stales over the last few weeks has caused

◆ last few weeks has caused. horrific driving conditions and power outages. But these winter storms have had another consequence that was more subtle, though no less important: their impact on our nation's blood supply.



blood supplies already low, the American Red Cross has hindered, halted or re-routed by the storms.

Some 300 blood drives have been cancelled so far, causing a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood week's cancer patients and require anywhere from one that loss could be significant. Additionally, the supply

of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels. Currently the local Red requests from hospitals for type O-negative, and is mov-ing blood among hospitals to where it is needed most while supplies are critically low. A number of local blood drives are scheduled:

· Sunday, Jan. 30 8 a.m. 1:45 p.m.; Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville Saturday, Feb. 59 a.m.-2:45 ρ.m.; Amerman

Elementary, 847 N. Center, · Wednesday, Feb. 9 2-7:45

p.m.; Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road, Novi Friday, Feb. 11 1:30-7:15 p.m.; Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quincy, Novi Sunday, Feb. 13 7:30

a.m. 1:15 p.m.: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville Wednesday, Feb. 23 2-7:45 o.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eight Mile, Northville Monday, Feb. 28 2:15-8

p.m.; Novi Middle School, 49000 Eleven Mile, Novi Now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Diane Rusko, DRD, American Red Cross, to obtain a form and to schedule 7052. Walk-ins will be taken

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That was the case for the Novi-based company Macprofessionals, which

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better than the other. Both finalists have a wealth of experience in the state and currently work in Michigan. Lewis-Lakin has been

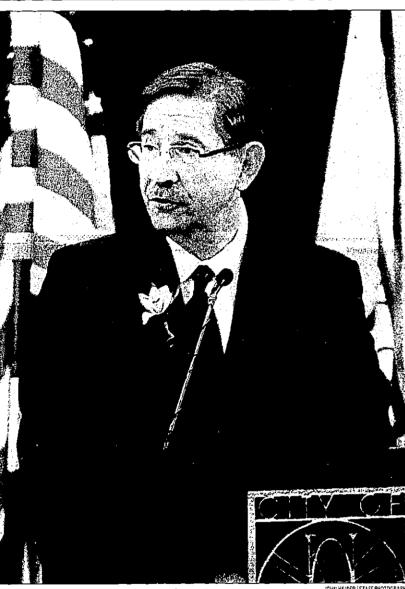
Board mulls decision on next superintendent

Community Schools since 2007, and Matthews the superintendent for Grand Ledge Public Schools since Prior to his stint in Grand Ledge,

Matthews was the director of curricu lum for the Trov school district for 10 Lewis-Lakin, who also was a

finalist for the Northville Public Schools superintendent position in December, served as the executive director for student performance for

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Mayor says and 'strong' Landry's final State of the City

address draws standing ovation

STAFF WRITER

Novi Mayor David Landry said he is not going to make excuses or blame anyone for the struggles the city has had to endure the last few years.

Because as he said simply last Thursday at the State of the City address at the Baronette Renaissance, "these are our times," and no matter now bad the times may be, Novi is going to emerge

better and stronger. "We are alive. We are strong. And we are moving forward because we consider we engage and we act," he said. "... As a group, it is going take us down."

going to require more than a recession to

sion to take us down. DAYID LANDRY, Navi mayor Landry's speech, which touched on highlights from 2010 and looked forward

to this year, brought the crowd to their feet. This was Landry's final State of the City address as his two-year term as mayor is up at the end of the year and he said he will not be running for re-elec-

Landry has been a public official in Novi since 2001, and the city's mayor since 2005. He called Thursday's moment "bittersweet," but is

"Everyone has their time," he said "I am proud of all the hard work that has been put in, and what is very satisfying is when you see so many people work-

Tax credit keeps Novi business in town Macprofessionals to add 119 jobs in next five years

and public relations coordi-

Authority board for a state tax credit valued at \$568,578 over five years to expand their operations and add jobs. The company, which has It appears that while everything may be bigger in Texas, it's not necessarily better. been in Novi seven of its 10 years, will be moving from its current Meadowbrook Road location to a new 40,000chose to stay in Novi after receiving approval from the Michigan Economic Growth square-foot facility on Hudson Drive.

nator for Macprofessionals, said they like the "spirit of the area."
"We want to stay here," she said. "And part of the incentive to move is we are expand-

ing and growing rapidly with our employee count." Macprofessionals, which

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His address on Thursday gave kudos to those working for the city, praising their accomplishments and ability to run the city more efficientl Some of Landry's major noints were that while Novi s the ninth largest city in Oakland County, property values are decreasing less

Novi also was third in additions to the tax base behind Auburn Hills and West Bloomfield. Of those additions, 51 percent were commercial and industrial while 49 percent were residential.

"Balanced growth is long term growth," Landry said. Also over the last three years, Novi's general fund revenue has decreased \$3.7 million and they have seen a 16 percent decrease in employ

Still, Landry pointed out, the millage rate of 10.5416 mills has not changed since

"That is something I don't mind telling you that makes

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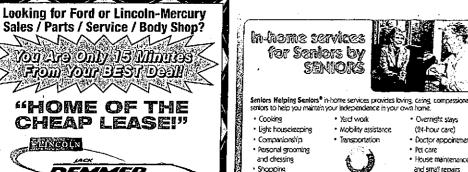
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have to get not only leaner, but faster and smarter. A main focus is on economic development, something the city

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The Novi City Police Color Guard presents the U.S. and city's flags at the beginning of the State of the City event.

we must be cutting edge and we must be global," he said. In 2010, 411 new jobs were created in the city.
"In Novi we believe to be And despite all the obstacles successful in the 21st century that may be in the way, Landry



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or the project and create up to

**BOARD** trict, before it was narrowed to five. Bagdady said there is now a sense of excitement among the board members as the

five years before moving to Manchester. selection process winds down, as opposed to the ner-vous feeling that was preva-The search for current Supt. Peter Dion's replacement began in September, and 40 lent before they saw the slate of candidates. candidates completed the He also said the two, day

long interviews Lewis-Lakin interview process with School Exec Connect, the consulting and Matthews took part in would be very important as

> bution, and the Novi Economic Development Corporation ponied up \$5,000 for the pplication fee. He said he knew the com-

pany did not have to stay in Novi due to the nature of the business, but is glad they aren't going anywhere.
"In this day and age, busi-

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ness retention comes first out-side of attraction," he said. "We Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi, said usually the want to help the businesses project requires a local contri here grow. These are the busi

nesses that make up what Nov is about and it's vitally impor tant to keep businesses here when we can.

it forces them to be "on their

game" the entire day and would give the board members

a chance to see how they inter act with the community, staff

"No matter how good you

are on paper or in your inter

view, if you are not a good fit

in the community that is not

the direction we should be

and administration.

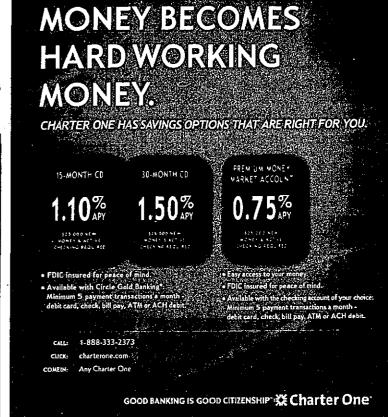
going in," he said.

Topouzian also pointed out that Macprofessionals was the only Oakland County business to go before the MEGA board and this is approximately the 13th MEGA grant a business in the city of Novi has received in the last five years.

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part of the National Home & valuable giveaways, includ-

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The Novi Home Improvement Show will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace and is open Friday 2-9 p.m.; Saturday II a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 13 a.m.-6 p.m. The cost for adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$8; children ages 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors (ages 55 and over) are admitted for just \$7. Attendees can purchase advance tickets online at www.novihomeshow.com and receive a I year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens, or buy advance tickets on sale at Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$6 (a \$2 discount).

New this year, attendees of the 2011 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) can bring their used Auto Show ticket stub and receive \$1 off admission to the home improvement show. The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) was a team partner with 2011 NAIAS in creating the Smarter Living Exhibit, featuring sustainable technologies from across North America, during the 2011 North American International Auto Show.

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Local chiropractor Nicholas Doinidis, DC, attended a seminar last October sponsored by Texas Chiropractic College. he topic was "Lumbar Differential Assessment", taught by Dr. Daniel Dock of Duluth Minnesota, a well known lecturer throughout the Topics included lumbar

Nicholas Doinidis

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the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community men

bers to make this year's event the best one yet

The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled

for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food,

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## St. Catherine of Siena Academy appoints Polakovic

Board.

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Polakovic is the co-founder, executive director and chief editor of ENDOW (Educating Women), a Catholic educaional organization. ENDOW brings women together to disover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. Utilizing small study groups, conferences and faith, fellowship, and formaalso provides educational programs for teens: Their True Beauty Revealed, A High School Study. This program educates young women about their authentic femininity writings regarding the New

is one of the fastest grov ing Catholic educationa organization

in the world today with over 6,500 women having participated in the program. Polakovic has spent nearly profit arena in the areas of management, fund-raising and volunteer coordination Prior to founding ENDOW, she was the chief executive officer of Seeds of Hope

Archdiocese of Denver. In addition to leading ENDOW she has served as a board nember for numerous nonprofit organizations. She is urrently serving as a trustee for the Roman Catholic Church in Northern Colorado and also is a member of the Leadership Council for the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center in Boulder, Colorado.

She and her husband, Mike have two young adult children She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, traveling

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## Policy changes help board, students Donations needed for Senior All Night Party

## Guidelines could aid students as soon as this year

Kids hit the gymnasium at Novi Woods on Jan. 21 and dance to some tunes during the school's Family Fun Night.

Groovin' to the music

Barring any changes during the final reading, it appears the Novi-Board of Education will be able to accomplish its goal of exercising the flex-ibility that is permitted by law as it relates to the Michigan Merit Curriculum, while also preserving the integrity of the Novi diploma.

The board has spent time over the last several months discussing the issues and will soon have a policy in place to address Personal Curriculum plans, including administra-tive guidelines that would allow the individual consider

ation of such plans. "I think we are on a good director of student services fo District. "I think this policy gives us the framework to make good decisions

As a result of the discussions, the district is defining proficiency as 60 percent nate cut score for students

STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi will con-

tinue with plans to construct

Road between Meadowbrook

and Haggerty roads after the

city council turned down a

to pay \$8,500 for additional

alternate design plans of an eight-foot wide pathway.

Following a meeting in mid-December with area residents in

which they expressed concerns

wide pathway would have, city

nate design that would likely

staff proposed to look at an alter-

lessen the impact and reduce the number of trees that will need

pathways in the city, as most are

The motion was denied by a

'I cannot support something

that will result in taking dollars

away from other projects," said council member Andrew Mutch,

to be removed. It also would be

more in line with the current

ither five or eight feet wide.

4-to-3 vote.

recommendation Monday

the north side of Nine Mile

with disabilities. That score of English and three science will help Individualized classes as well as one online Education Program teams learning experience. Her son struggles in math. make a decision for students And while he has a 3.93 grade without requiring a Personal point average, he would not do well in courses such as trigo-nometry and Algebra 2, she take the student to the essential standards rather than all

the standards. "Although we wrestled with the concept of proficiency proficiency with excellence in the case of the merit curricuso it's important to keep that in mind," Tinberg said. "While it feels OK to say 60 percent equals credit, sometimes it's a little bit uncomfortable to say

used in legislation. Melinda Bush, whose sor Nick needs an IEP, was concerned that he would earn a high school diploma but lack

cannot handle. The Michigan Merit years of math, including geon etry and algebra, four years

necessary skills because be would have to take classes he

Council nixes funding additional design plans for pathway

Project calls for 10-foot wide segments, construction to start this summer

tree fund dollars to replace the

One major factor in the deci

sion is the city was awarded a

\$146,200 federal grant, with a \$97,480 match from the

Department of Transportatio

for the project. As a result, the

pathway to receive the money.

One such guideline is that

the path must be 10 feet wide

pathway, the construction cost of the project would decrease, but

the cost to the city would increas to approximately \$110,500 with

expected to come from the

thus would possibly take

away from other roadway,

nicipal street fund, and

intersection and pathway projects in the 2011-12 Capital

mprovements Program.
The majority of the council

members agreed that giving up the federal money would be

out the federal dollars.

to pursue the eight-foot wide

city must adhere to federal guidelines when constructing the

city, through the Michigan

trees that are removed

who also suggested the city use tough, and those that voted in

dents in similar situations. "I am pleased the proposed policy matches the legisla-

tion passed by the state of Michigan last spring, and am hopeful the administrative guidelines will provide stu-dents greater opportunities 60 percent equals proficiency planned," Melinda Bush said.

Tinberg said there are some students who could benefit from a Personal Curriculum plan this year and receive a diploma so approving the new policy is ideal. The board is expected to

review it again at its Feb. 3 meeting.

favor of paying the \$8,500 for the additional design plans felt

that seeing the plans would help them make a better decision.

Mayor David Landry point-

ed out that it's not a difference

between an eight-foot and

10-foot wide pathway, but a difference between 10 and 1

feet because the 10-foot wide

path requires two feet of right away on either side of it and

the eight-foot wide path just one foot on either side.

Council member Dave Staud

called the pathway "essential"

as it relates to future plans, but

also said he "can empathize

with (residents) having a very large pathway in their back-yard." He voted in favor of the

additional design plans. The project, which was iden-tified by the Walkable Novi

Committee as its top priority, is

expected to begin this summer and be completed in the fall. It

consists of two major segments

and will provide connectivity

roads as well as the I-275

to Meadowbrook and Haggerty

said. For him to get a personal curriculum, it still has to meet

merit curriculum expectation

Tinberg said the changes

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Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dicnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m.

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5: 6:45 n 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 Kwon Do

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Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter Eniscopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact; (248) 427-1175 or churchoflheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship

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ime/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. IO Mile Road Contact: (24B) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaplistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship; 11 a.m.

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

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**CHARLES RAYMONO** 

Passed away at the age of 72, Born Sept. 5, 1938, in Ferndale as the second son of the late Ernest and Ida (Kittila) Allmen, he died Sunday, Jan.

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JOSEPH MICHAEL BERNEK January 16, 2011, age 29. Funeral service was Jan. 22 at service was Jan. 22 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi lline condolences: www.obriensul ivanfuneralhome.com.

### **EDWARD JOSEPH** BOBROWSKI

Age 84. Husband of Evelyn for 64 Wayne Rd., Westland, Memorials: In-Ĥouse Hospige or St. Jude

## MARTHA CALLAHAN

January 13, 2011, age 86. Beloved wife of William for 63 years. Funeral was Jan.17th at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations: St. John's Hospice. Online condalences: www.obriensui

## ISABEL A. CULLUM

Age 90, Jan. 18, 2011. Funeral Service was Jan. 20th at O'Brieni/Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations: Angela Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Online condoiences: www.obriensullivantunerathome.com.



ERNEST D. "BUD"

Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1990 (bachelor's in mechanical engineering) and Wayne State University in 1966 (masters). He worked at Chryster Corp. for 32-years. Chuck met Patricia Opeka in 1967, and he married her on Aug. 24, 1968, moving to Farmington Hills In 1971. He is survived by his beloved wife charmington Hills In 1971. He is survived by his beloved wife charmington Hills In 1971. He is survived by his parents, Elaine and Gerald Laflicche (Rovi), sisters Ann (Phill Livermore). Janet (Randy) Monson, brother Larry (Carol) Laflicche, nieces and nephews, and a great interest his children; Theresa May, Ernie, derry (Kelly) and Duane. He is survived by his grandchildren; A memorial asso survived by his grandchildren; A memorial service and burial will take place in the Spring in Hillman, MI. Arrangements by Bannar Funeral home Alpena MI. Donations to Armerican Heart Association.

Michael (Becky) Allmen, Philip Albert, nine great grandchildren and Allmen and five grandchildren, soon to be six. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills Thursday, Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. In State at St. Fabian Chruch in Parmington Hills Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. with funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be funeral Home, Permetery Opins Constitutions of the Alpena MI. All at the O'Brien/Sullivan Lam, with funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be funeral Home, Permetery Opins Constitutions and the contributions of the constitution of the data of the constitution of t

## MARY LOU FLETCHER

Age 75, passed away, January 18, 2011. She was born on May 16, 2011. She was born on may ro, 1935 in Holly, daughter of the late Harold and Rhea Bartel. Mary Lou was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was employed at the New Hudson Post Office for nearly 30 years, retiring as Postmaster in 1997. She is survived by her loving children: Buth (Phillip) by her loving children; Ruth (Phillip) Stewart, David (Iva) Fletcher, Susar Walker, Laura (James) Gautz, Karen survived by 15 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and her sisters; Louise Berry and Dorothy Ball. She was preceded in death by her hus-band Richard in 1998, her brother John in 1997 and her son in-law Richard Walker in 2004. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 20. A funeral service was held on Jan. 21, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Online Guestbook:

(Aug. 21, 1929 — Jan. 12, 2011) Funeral was Jan. 17th; Old St. Patrick Church, Ann Arbor. Donations: Covenant House, Seasons Hospice, or HIM Motherhouse, Monroe, Mi. Online sympathy message: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

# JANICE GROBBEL

his parents; Carl and Lillian (Rothfelt) Mowbray, and one brother; Robert Mowbray, Mr. Mowbray served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1963 and retired in 2006 as a gauge inspector for Detroit Diesel Corporation. Memorial Services with be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. from Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, 248-349-2345. There will be a www.phillipsfuneral.com MARY G. FRANKLIN 248-349-2345. There will be a memorial gathering from 10:30 a.m. until service time. Memorial donations may be made to Community. Living Centers, Inc. 33235 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336 or online at www.cichomes.org. Community Living Centers, Inc. is a group home provider for adults with developmen-January 9, 2011, age 61. Funeral was Jan. 13 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home , Novi. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. provider for adults with developmen tal disabilities. Online condolences Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



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death by his prothers, Joe and Keith. Preceded in death her sons William Survived by his parents, Elaine and Gerald Lafleche (Novi), sisters Ann held Saturday, January 29th at (Phil Livermore), Janet (Randy) 10:30am at St. James Catholic Monson, brother Larry (Carol) Church, 45325 W. Ten Mile. Novi, Lafleche, nieces and nephews, and a luncheon to follow. JACK E. RILEY

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THOMAS W. MOWBRAY

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of Gregory (Margaret) Mowbray, and Pamela Mowbray. Dear grandfather of Joshua Thomas and Meagan L. Mowbray. Brother of Gail (Robert)

Hubley and Janet (Ted) Davis.

Thomas was preceded in death by

his parents: Carl and Lillian (Rothfell

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late Jack & Sophie Riley. Jack was a late Jack & Sopile Hilley, Jack was a loving and devoted husband and passionate lather. He was a huge U of M feolball fan. In fact, the first date between Jack and his wife Penny was at a U of M football game. He is survived by his beloved wife Penny, his loving sons, Paul, Tim, Jeremy and Mike and his step daughter Melonie and his grand-daughter Harmony. He is also sur-vived by his sisters Gail and Lin and aughter Melonie and daughter Harmony. He is also solvived by his sisters Gail and Lin and his in-laws; Mary and Joe Salgot and Jim and Sally Beaton, 2 nieces, 6 nephews, two brothers in-law, one sister in-law. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 24 from 2:00pm-8:00pm at PHILLIPS COLUMN CO of Christ Lutheran Church will officiate. Graveside service will be ren-dered in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Online Guestbook

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Age 59, passed away, January 21, 2011 al his home in the care of his porton that the care of his loving family. He was born on June 19, 1951 in Hamtramck, son of the January 8, 2011, age 97. Funeral was Jan. 14 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Online con-January 17, 2011. Age 70. Beloved husband of Virginia A. (Taylor) Mowbray for 49 years. Loving father



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Age 77, of Northville, previously of Livonia, passed away Jan. 18, 2011. A funeral mass will be held Fri., 10am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, ol Northville, Arrangements

## THORNHILL

Age 87, of Alma, formerly of South Lyon, passed away
Thursday, January 20, 2011
at Masonic Pathways in Alma.
Romeo was born January 14, 1924
in Enon, Mississippi the son of Clyde
and Flora (Rayborn) Thornhill. He
served in the United States Air Force during WWII and upon is honorable discharge he married Doris Brooks on February 9, 1946 in Detroit. Romeo worked as a barber and owned-Ed's Barbershop and later the Ideal Barbershop in Redford, He retired from Ford Motor Company He was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Masons and the VFW. Romeo is survived by his wife, Doris of Alma, two children, Deborah (Toni) Verlin of Grand Rapids, Darvis (Joanne) Thornhill of Milford, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in leath by his parents, a son, DeLoni Edward Thornhill in 1991 and two brothers Boris and Evon Thornbil A memorial service will be held at his interment this spring at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions may be

made to the Alzheimer's Association Hospice or Masonic Pathways.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lux-Moody-Wolfel



## GAYLE A. TOROK

Age 55, a lifetime resident of Northville, passed away on January 23, 2011. She was born October 23, 1955 to Andrew and Gennell (Rood Torok, She was a devoted voluntee Gayle was very crafty; she enjoyed knitting and sewing. She also enjoye kiniming and sewing. She also enjoyed camping, gardening, and bird watch-ing. Gayle loved to read and addred animals. She is survived by her father Andrew Al.,Torok; her sisters, Linda Thomas and Andrea (Kevin) Goshorn; her nieces and nephews, Randi Ched Theres Casi and Brandi, Chad, Theresa, Casi, and Colby: and 5 great nieces and

YUKIHIRO YOSHIDA

Age 29. August 11, 1981 - January 11, 2011. Funeral was Jan. 16th at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

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very best friend Jackie Dobson. She was preceded in death by her mother Gennell Torok. Visitation will be held Friday from 2-8pm with a Scripture Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday at 10:30 am, with visitation beginning at 9:30am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church 133

Orchard, Northville, In lieu of flower donations would be appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025

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Sundays

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.:April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications grams of interest to singles; \$5 per person. director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@

CHURCH EVENTS

Good Sheoherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact; (248) 349-0565

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

Livonia Church of Christ

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Schoot: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational

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

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m

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

Time/Date:7:30 p.m. Details: This traditional-contemporary service is fed by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of quitar and piano.

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## Shopping spree winners

Two metro Detroit area sports enthusiasts have each won a \$1,000 postholiday shopping spree courtesy of Play It Again Sports. Ryan Melorum (right) of Livonia and Tiffany Foreman, from Newport, were recently nformed of their good fortune and can redeem their prize at any participating Play It Again Sports. The You're a Winner with Play It Again Sports' campaign will help the pair gear up in the midst of the winter and now sports season or prepare for upcoming spring and summer sports seasons. Meldrum was at the Nov Play It Again Sports store location the night of Jan. 15. Foreman still has yet to cash in on her winnings. "He was very happy," said lan Sommerville, owner of the Novi Play It Again Sports, "And my staff was as excited about it as he was. It was an overall great experience." Meldrum utilized his winnings and walked out with a new snowboarding package, says Sommerville, which included a Morrow brand snowboard, Flow bindings and Morrow boots. The \$1,000 also covered a brand new set of TaylorMade Burner irons and various other golf

## StanPro expands portfolio

division of Cooper Standard, recently launched a new product segment - injection expanding portfolio. The StanPro line of injection molded components is applicable for a wide range of fluid management designs and applicatious, such as tube, bose and clips and fasteners, as well as a variety of other applications. The injection molded

components family joins the StanPro line that includes other recent product launchés ncluding Tape-on Seals and Quick Connects, which were nounced in 2010. The new line of injection molded comsonents will be manufactured company's East Tawas, Mich.

"We are excited to broaden StanPro's product offer-ing by taking advantage of Cooper Standard's OEMlhem available through our StanPro brand," said John Croft, manager, business



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## TV giveaway at Hooters

Hooters is giving customers a chance to win big. One lucky football fan will be going home with a 42" FIDTV the night of the Super Bowl, Feb. 6. This is the fifth year that Hooters has

Novi sports fans and customers of Hooters at 44375 12 Mile Road, Suite G-155 in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk who catch the Big Game at Hooters can enter for a chance to take

"The annual TV Giveaway is one of our favorite events of the year," said Alexis Aleshire, publie relations manager for Hooters. "Not only do our customers get to enjoy our "Buy 10 - Get 10 wings" promotion when they dine with us during the Playoff games, but 380 of them will win a new TV on February 6th. That's something to cheer about, no matter which team you're root-

For more information on the Novi Hooters call (248) 465-9464.

## ITC supports 'Go Green Youth Challenge'

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance announced that ITC Holdings is stepping up to contrib-ute \$10,000 to support its "Go Green Youth Challenge" initiative.

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

tree plantings.

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

### 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 business. There is no charge to be included in this program. If you are interested in being featured on this show, e-mail smarchioni@ cityofnovi.org.

## Oakland County offers business workshops

preneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in January, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics work shops are now offered in

the evenings on alternating

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the stellar reputation of the company and forces an even further alienation of people and resources. Business is sustained on the creative iuices and behavioral commit their all in a collective effort to achieve a common goal. Speed bumps are a natural so some crisis is to be expected. However, when public dress downs are the norm and organizational courtesies are ttisoned for more expedient interactions, the business, the the surrounding communities

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# New foundation awards first grant in Wixom

Community Foundation recently awarded their first grant to the local commu-Nicholas J. Kennedy pre sented a check for \$4,012 to Jim Cutright of the Wixon T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educatio and Mentoring) Program for fifth grade students at Wixom and Loon Lake Elementary. "The presentation of this check marks the beginning of

the Foundation's work benefit-

ing the Wixom community,' said Chairman Kennedy. A 10-week program will start this month and will be instructed by Officer Louis McKaig of the Wixon Police Department during school hours. The age-appropriate instruction will include lessons on reducing violence, bullying, Internet safety, forming friendships; choices and con sequences, peer pressure, how to resist bad influences, positive alternatives, and personal safety issues. The instruction a thorough understanding citizens, as well as the conse

Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life and strengthen the spirit of commi nity in the Wixom area through leadership and stewardship of endowment funds and donations. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization. If you would like to learn more about the

positive character traits among ibe students.

In order for the program to continue in the future, the Wixom T.E.A.M Program and the Wixom & Loon Lake mentary PTA's are organizing a golf outing fund-raiser on June 9 at the Covote Golf Course on Milford Road between Grand River and 12 Mile Road. All are invited to participate, please call (248) 60-1375 for more informa tion. The golf outing proceeds of the T.E.A.M. Program. The program also promotes

vixomcf.org.

**ABOUT THE FOUNDATION** The mission of the Wixon Foundation please visit website: www.wixomcf.org, phone (248) 560-1375, or e-mail info@ Wixom T.E.A.M. \$4012.00 Wixom Community Foundation

Shown (from left) are Robert Furca, Loon Lake Elementary principal; Nicholas Kennedy, Wixom Community Foundation chairman; Pat Beagle, T.E.A.M. cochair, Jim Cutright, T.E.A.M. co-chair, Louie McKaig, Wixom Police T.E.A.M. officer; Traci Lampela, Wixom Élementary teacher representative; and Lt. Brad

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Andiamo Novi shows

Mare Salem is bringing his critically-acclaimed "Mind Games" to the Andiamo Novi Theatre for a limited run. The second show in the Off-Broadway Series, "Mind. Games" performances run through Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 and tickets are now on sale

"Mind Games" is a captivating excursion into the power and possibilities of the human mind. Using psychological techniques, a sharp eye, a quick wit, and 20 years of training, Salem engages the audience in a series of mesmerizing and mystifying Mind Games. Through the course of these humorous interactive exercises, Salem unlocks the minds of audience members and encourages them to figure out how he does it.

"You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up: A Love Story" is the critically-acclaimed hilarious memoir of Annabelle Gurwitch and Jeff Kahn who after 13 years of marriage, the authors have discovered "We're inst not that into us." The real-life married couple bring a moving chronicle about mar-riage told in a raw, honest, and orous way that is sure to strike terror and laughs into the hearts of all couples, as well as every single man and woman who has ever contem plated walking down the aisle

'You Say Tomato, I Say Shu Up: A Love Story" will be at Andiamo Novi for a limited engagement Feb. 3-5. Individual tickets may be

Marc Salem will perform his show 'Mind Games' through Jan. 30 at Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by New Year's Resolution is phone at (248) 348-4448 upon us. The Novi Parks

theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmaster. com. Dinner & Show packages can only be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office. For more information on "Mind Games," including Andiamo Novi Theatre at (248) 348-4448. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

Fitness classes offered As 2010 comes to a close,

Department achieves its mis ion of Enriching Lives and Strengthening Community, in part, by offering a wide variety of programs which promote

nealthy 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.

Business to host art show

at 116 N. Lafavette in South Lyon, will be hosting an upcoming student art show Students of all ages and mediums can enter up to three pieces of art work for free. The entry deadline is Saturday. March 12. There will be a eception Saturday, April 2 from 6-8 p.m. The studen show will run until Saturday, May 28. For more information, call

Citizens sought to serve on Oakland Community Mental Health Authority

The Oakland County Board

ing interested citizens to volutiteer to serve the con program munity through appointment to the Oakland Community Mental Health Authority. The Authority is responsible services and support to those individuals in our county faced with mental, emotional and developmental disabili-ties. Individuals selected by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners will serve a three-year term. There are

need to be filled for the follow ing positions:
• Citizen representatives are sought to serve as a General

Public Representative.

• Mental Health Providers or those having a working involvement with CMH are

sought to serve.
• Primary Consumers are sought to serve.

tions, submit an application, no later than Monday, Feb. 28. To obtain an application go to www.oakgov.com, click on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, then click Boards, Commissions, and Oakland Community Mental Health Authority. Click on the application form and print it the form, or call 248-858-0103 to request an applica-

Mail completed application forms to: Oakland County N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI 4834I or fax to (248) 858-1572.

MSU Extension offers

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take part in the Michiga Conservation Stewards Program (CSP) can learn how to effectively take part in informed scientifically based conservation and resource management and work to sustain healthy ecosystems across Michigan

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** Saturday sessions will be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center, Indian Springs Metropark, and

Park, Registration fee is \$275. Obtain an application packet online at http://www oakgov.com/msu/ or call (248) 858-0867 to request an appli-cation by mail. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 4. Please call (248) 858-0887 for



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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com: by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

### LOCAL EVENTS Novi Co-op Preschool Open

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday

Location 41671 West Ten Mile Road (in the Novi Methodist

Details: A play-based kindergarten readiness program for 2- to 5-year olds. Bring your family and meet teachers, talk to some of the parents and explore the classroom. Contact: For more information, visit www.novipreschool.com or call (248) 349-3223.

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

Meadowbrook Details: Chef Jesse Gales will offer taste-testing at the Novi Weight Watchers' regular meetings; open and free to the public.

Contact: (248) 479-1362 Retirement Planning seminar Time/Date; 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 3 Location: Walsh College, Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook

Details: "Retirement Planning for Every Age and Stage of Life" presented by Paul E. Housey, president, Financial Planning Group Snook Housey Advisors, Inc., in rooms 507-508.

Contact: (248) 349-5454 Borders Books Location: Novi Town Center Contact: (248) 347 0780 Family Game Night Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan.

Details: Challenge your family and friends. Join in the Cafe as we play games such as Sort it Out. Too Trumps, Callisto and more. Children's Storytime Time: 2 p.m Saturdays Details: Gather round for a fun story suitable for children of 6 years old and under.

Providence Park Hospital Lecture - Atrial Fibrillation

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi, Conference Rooms A and B Description: Some people with atrial fibrillation (AF) have no symptoms and are unaware of their condition. The likelihood of developing AF increases as you age and also increases your risk of stroke. February is Heart Month. Learn all about the most common abnormal heart rhythm and the treatments that are available. The presenter



will be Dr. Dipak Shah, Cardiologist Contact: Fran Gunderson (248) Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tolloate Education

Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road,

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Details: Comrades and fellow vet

erans, please join these monthly

maintain and grow the Post.

Contact: Commander Dennis

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lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer

meetings; attendance is needed to

Contact: (248) 348-5600 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 purchas ing new appliances to renovation projects, come to the Novi Home Improvement Show, if you're look ing to cut back on energy savings by adding "green" materials, then the Novi Home Improvement Show Monthly Meeting is perfect for you! Cost is \$8 for Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays adults; \$7 for seniors; free for chil Location: Rock Financial dren 12 and under. Showplace, Grand River Avenue Contact: (248) 737-4477, www.novi between Taft and Beck roads

pnerick@aol.com.

Avenue, Novi

Rock Financial Showplace

Location: 46i00 Grand River

CALENDAR

Novi High School freshman Nicole Lazzara (above right) watches as her friend and fellow frosh Breanna Thomas studies for an upcoming mid-term during

their exams. Novi High School students (below) line up for hot drinks and cookies at the pre-midterm exam studying event in the school's cafeteria

the Jan. 20 "Cocoa and Cram" event. The after-school gathering, featuring free cocoa and cookies, aimed to get the kids on the right track to studying for

BUSINESS American Business Women's

Association - Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking):

Sheraton Drive Details: Cost for members is \$25 with pre-registration required; nonmembers \$30. Call Chamber of fice

(248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-Networking Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday,

> Please see CALENDAR, A11 Location: Community Financial, GREAT LAKES DERMATOLOGY MICHAEL R. COHEN, D.O.

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43350 Arena Drive, Novi Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door non-members \$10 at door. Please pre-register Detroit Red Wings Networking

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 9 Details: Call Chamber office Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI leam members are committed to provid ing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/educa-

Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com;

tion an networking more efficiently

Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a

community-based club which is part of Toastmasters Internationa 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 have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome – and bring a friend. Visit

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@nov (reetoasthost.us Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. lisitors welcome. Check Web site

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for speaker information; novirotary.

www.govi.freetoathost.us.

Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approximately 200 guests per show.

6:45 (dinner); second Wednesday of

Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Novi

Details: ABWA is an active business

group offering networking, profes-

sional development and leadership

opportunities. Cost is \$16 which

includes dinner and presentation

Contact: For more information or

to RSVP for dinner, please contact

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an

ing a variety of events, educational

Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201,

Contact: For more information, call

Business to Business Breakfast

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb.

involvement with local charities.

programs, an enhanced Web site, and

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each month

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Feb. 24-26: "One Man Star Wars" March 2-20: "The Godfadda March 23-April 10: "I Love You.

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

May 4-22: "Bad Dales" May 25-June indefinitely: "The Contact: www.tickelmaster.com or call (248) 348-4448

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.Details; Unless

# New owner sets sights on improving Twelve Mile Crossing

Spigel already in talks with possible tenants

BY NATHAN MUELLER

online at hometownlife.com

It didn't take long for Stanley Spigel to start making moves on his iewest investment.

Spigel, who owns the San Antoniobased Spigel Properties, purchased the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk complex over the weekend and already has signed current tenants to lease extensions and is reaching out to others to join the retail and entertainment center.

The complex, which is located on 12 Mile Road just west of Novi Road, was bought from the bank for an undisclosed amount, and Spigel said

through the sale they have taken care of all the past debt.

"I can already see results," Spige said in a phone interview Monday morning. "We want to bring some new concepts to the area that will increase the volume of our busines and it seems like people really want

Spigel said the problems Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk has had over the years stemmed from poor management.

The 750,000-square-foot center ened in 2002 and was run by PLC Commercial, which eventu ally filed bankruptcy and sold the center. It was acquired in 2006 by a TWELVE MILE (ROSSING

joint venture between Transwestern investment Company and Arthur Hill & Co.

The bank recently took over the center before selling it to Spigel

"It has changed hands so many times that landlords haven't beer able to make deals," Spigel said, noting they are in a more attractive posi-tion now to make deals because there is no debt.

The current businesses in the complex include the Emagine Theatre, Buffalo Wild Wings, Hooters, The Great Indoors, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bar Louie, Lucky Strike, Chuck E. Family Puppy, M-Bar-Go, Liquor Store, Rojo Mexican Bistro, Putting Edge Fun Centers, Gjeto's Salon and Day Spa and Coldstone Creamery. Spigel said he has talked to existing

tenants who say sales are good, and he also is in talks with six others to possibly join the center. ager who will work directly with curent and future tenants, and some construction will be taking place to

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## CALENDAR

noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time bro chure for details Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details. Novi Writer's Group Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Salurday,

Details: Writer's groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world and to get critiques that will improve your skills as a writer Come to the Library for an inspira tional environment where you can create and share ideas. This group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy

1 and 8

Details: Make friends while you

The Progress of Cancer...Look

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

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Pokémon Tournament Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

Details: Come to the Library and play Pokémon with other kids who eniov the game as much as you do! For ages 7 and up. Registration is

Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan, 31 agent, from the contract of the Details: Join us once a month for Monday Evening Book Discussion Lego show-and-tell and building Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 Details: Join your neighbors for a activities. We supply the Legos, you lively discussion of Noah's Compass supply the imagination. For grades by Anne Tyler.

ESL Book Discussion Snack Tales Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 8 Details: Each time we meet you Details: If English is your second language and you would like to will get a chance to listen to some be more proficient in reading and great stories and cook up a tasty discussing books written in English snack. For grades K-4. Registratio

then join our ESL Book Discussion. required. Friends' Monthly Board Meeting For advanced-intermediate to advanced English speakers. We will Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, discuss one book during the 6-week session. Title to be announced. Details: The Friends of the Nov

Books will be provided. Registration Public Library typically hold required and limited to 15 particitheir Board Meetings on the secand Wednesday of each month. English Conversation Group Everyone cordially invited to Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

Walled Lake City Library Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road practice your English pronunciation Walled Lake and conversation skills. No need to Phone: (248) 624-3772 Foreclosure Prevention

> Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 Details: Those struggling to make mortgage payments or at risk of losing their homes are invited to attend. There is no charge for admission. Lighthouse of Oakland County, a nonprofit HUD-certified agency, will have housing counsel ors available to help people learn how to work with their lenders to

nrevent foreclosure. Contact: Those interested in library or e-mail admin@walledlakelibrary.org to register for this

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Novi Senior Center Location: 25075 Meadowbrook

Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-0414 Blood Pressure Checks Time/Date: II-11:45 a.m.

yourself regularly and stay healthy Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge. Panera Bread Time/Date: 8:15-9 a.m. Tuesdays Details: With thanks to Panera for

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Details: Every Wednesday blood

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REGIONAL Sunrise Networking group Time/Date: 7-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 1200 Haggerty Road, Northville Details: The SNG builds relation: ships through warm introductions. and encourages its members to attend twice monthly breakfasts along with evening social events. The more familiar the members become with each other, the more the referrals naturally present themselves. The SNG uses their Website to tie all of the members together, creating a complete group of people who are interested

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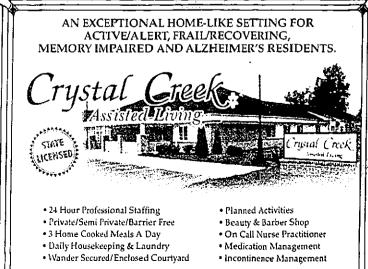


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1 Novi police arrested two

men at 11:06 p.m. on

Jan. 23 for possession of marijuana after they were

eaught with the drug while itting in a parked car on

According to the police report, the office approached the car and when the driver rolled his window down a

strong odor of marijuana was detected. The men told

police they were waiting for

there were two bags of weed

One bag was taken from

the center console, and the passenger in the backseat

had another bag in his pocket. The total amount of

the drug in the car was just

and transported to the Novi

Police Department where

they were issued citations

and released after posting

Woman's purse stolen

2A woman had her black Coach purse stolen from woman had her black

inside her vehicle between

while it was parked in front of Rasa Yoga on Novi Road

The woman said the

under the seat. The purse

debit and gift cards, her

driver's license.

after speeding

contained her wallet, cash,

social security card and her

Police have no suspects a

Man caught with weed

**3**A 17-year-old was arrested at 1:53 a.m. on Jan. 16 for possession of marijuana and speeding after being stopped at Thirteen Mile

and Haggerty roads.

The officer observed the vehicle traveling

60 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone, and when he approached the car could smell the odor of

unknown suspect broke her front passenger side window and took her purse that was

6:40 p.m. and 8:40 p.m.

over seven grams. Both men were arrested

from car

on Jan. 13.

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## State must review as it deals with \$1.8 billion deficit

Your views on tax breaks might well be shaped by whether you directly benefit from them. Those that benefit you or your business are likely seen as incentives that produce obs and keep more money in your pocket. You might not have as charitable a view of a tax break that benefits only your neighbor or the business down the street.

Such distinctions may play a big role as new Gov. Rick Snyder and the Legislature wrestle with a deficit of \$1.8 billion. In an attempt to avoid drastic cuts to education, public employee compensation and critical services such as police and fire, lawmakers should be looking at tax breaks,

tax credits and other loopholes.

There is a lot to look at. The House Fiscal Agency estimates that tax credits, exemptions and deductions amount to more than \$36 billion that is not naid to the state according to the Detroit Free Press. It would seem that tightening up those credits would be a relatively simple way to close the budget gap. It's possible that closing a loophole might be palatable even to Republicans who campaigned on not raising taxes.

But it's not that simple.

For one thing, although tax breaks bring to mind huge breaks for big business, the fact is that only \$2 billion of the \$36 billion amount to tax exemptions for businesses.

Conventional wisdom and recent experience suggest that the bulk of the rest are politically untouchable. That figure for instance, includes the lack of sales tax on food and drugs. It is difficult to imagine lawmakers of either party who would suggest reinstating that tax. It also includes \$11 billion not paid to the state because of property-tax credits and another \$9 billion for income-tax credits and deductions. Messing with those would surely be seen as tax hikes by the general public.

There is similar poison, apparently, in expanding the state sales tax to include services. Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm floated that idea during the end of her time of office to no success, even though she tried to sweeten the deal by lowering the 6-percent sales tax on other products.

Why not, then, go after the \$2 billion in tax breaks to businesses? Surely it's only fair to even the playing field for these favored taxpayers. Again, it's not that simple and not just because some interests have curried favor with law-

The credits were given in many cases to encourage job creation or to prevent jobs from leaving. It's unclear how effective this strategy really is, but no governor in recent memory has been willing to risk losing jobs to states that play fast and loose with tax credits. What is clear, however, is that the state does little to measure how effective these programs have been. That must change.

Even when studies show that a program gives away more taxes than it brings in — such as with Michigan's overly generous film tax credits — defenders argue that there is a greater good that must be considered, such as creating a new industry in Michigan.

Then what else is there to cut? One target is the \$338 million Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income taxpayers. Snyder has also zeroed in on state employee pay and benefits, as well as other public employees including schoolteachers. There is also room to cut revenue sharing for local municipalities

Such a strategy would seem heartless, though, without a more complete review of business tax exemptions.
Otherwise, Lansing would be pursuing a budget strategy of protecting business while placing the budget-cutting burden on public servants and the state's most vulnerable

That can't be the reinvented state that Snyder envisions

This editorial originally appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press &

## COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Parkview Elementary students "What kind of books do you like to



"I like to read Harry Potter. I like that it's detailed and mysterious. I'm on the fourth one."

Jessica Cherniavsky



"I like to read 'Olive the Other Reindeer.' It's funny that the dog thinks that he's a reindeer.'

> Alvssa Gauthier Third grade



"I like to read 'The Dork Diaries,' They're like the Stilton.' He's a mouse 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' and he's afraid of a lot series. It's funny and it's of things, but he also interesting that she's has a lot of adventures." not popular.

"| like reading 'Geronimo

Laurvn Mezigian



## What's wrong with this country

In November, America voted to slow down Obamacare, A tobbyist manufactured proposal, mostly unread by our elected, it appeared one step toward Marxism pushing the view of no choice, a restraint seen by chickens in a chicken factory, next to demolish competition by hectoring a population into placid acceptance: American women might have seen the futures of their children dissolved by a fustiness for spending by a steamfolling Congress. Some may have even thrown up, helplessly watching trillion dollar pork bailouts passed to political favorites or scams like cash for clunkers, caulking, or windmitts with possible inflation a threat to follow. In two years, America's freedoms became fur ther indentured by \$5 trillion of added debt often to accommodate the chorus of high maintenance liberats.

Once elected, our chosen are frozen and become unwilling to make any structural changes needed to slow down the endless bureaucrat creep - promoted as brilliant and wizards of economic growth revealing perfor mances fitted for the Gong Show. The current administration relies upon positive commentaries from media poodles while choking and hobbling our industries forced to export of investment and job growth elsewhere. Reagan, America's last example of heavyweight leadership, enhanced his qualities by choosing business-minded subordinates Unfortunately, President Obama has done the opposite, stuck with several nightmares of Ross Perot sensed giant sucking sounds

from Mexico: now they come again from unrestrained public service unions and

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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bureaucrats controlling public treasuries. Our elected appear something like ping pong halls for the organized as their aristocracy is being formed. The worst example is California where public service unions have confiscated a waterfall of financially impossible accommodations. Providing states with bankruptcy and reorganization might be a way to flatten costs and avoid compounding mistakes. History is consistent; every bloated bureaucracy brings rattling pain, eventually capsiz ing and trashing the host. Cheering this chaos is the international manipulator of money and governments, "Spooky George Soros," America's Tea parties did plenty to disrupt several political wastrels. The opportunity to lead should be a gift of trust not an escalator. Yet some places needing leadership might remain vacant. The emergence of the American patriots energized many new

people and the determination for reform We will see if it is done. So sad that some politicians can linger for generations unchal lenged, riding a wave and hugging a fiction of indispensability. Many incumbents run short of useful ideas and achievement but still remain. Term limits may be a blessing as better farmers point out periodic crop rotation is vital to enhance productivity and avoid unhealthful ground. Young Americans with sharp minds are needed in politics to challenge static roles and offer new management. Crop rotation can enrich the results in many organizations

Jim Nowka

### NHS faculty shines As I reflect on the events that reached the

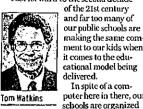
national news, on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Northville High School, the Hemingway quote, "Courage is grace under pressure," comes to mind. I am proud to be counted among the faculty of Northville High School, You have all gone above and beyond as public school teachers. We have faced many obstacles ove the years, and we continue to prove the leachers at Northville High School are the most lenacious and devoted individuals in education. The commitment of the faculty to the students and community is extraordinary.

May we continue to have a positive influence on the youth in the Northville community. Henry Brooks Adam said. "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." The students you kept calm and safe will remember your influence for a lifetime. Thank you. Northville High School teachers. Amber Lee Furs

Northville High School special education teacher

# The impossible isn't! Reinvent our schools for the 21st century

enry Ford once remarked in the early days of the 20th century, "You can have any color car you like — as long as it is black." Fast forward to the second decade of the 21st century



making the same comment to our kids when it comes to the educational model being In spite of a computer here in there, our schools are organized

and operating on an assembly line model, complete with a three-month summer layoff each year.

tory school districts chugging along as though nothing has changed, when everything has! Clearly, there are islands of excellences and educational pioneers who are pushing the envelope or change, but they are the exception,

We can change that. Change requires vision, leadership, and effort, but our schools must be challenged to innovate, not continue the fight to contain the change.

There is a need to fundamentally

redesign our K-12 educational system around the student We cannot reinvent Michigan without reinventing education - a requirement for our state's We live in a world where ideas and

jobs can and do move around the globe effortlessly. Other states and nations are passing us by, educating their citizens to thrive in a disruptive, technologically driven, knowledge economy The research is clear: We know how to make effective learners, yet there is a powerful anchor attached to the status

We can use technology to personalize learning so that it is emotionally engaging, interactive, and social, allow-ing children to be active and lifelong

The role of the teacher needs to change from being the "sage on the stage" to being a facilitator of active and individualized learning, remove "seat time" and replacing it with competency-based structures that person-

alize pathways to student success. With technology, every students can and should have an IEP, an Individualized Educational Plan and make the new norm. The world is changing in dramatic ways and our system of education mus

embrace those changes or be totally

engulfed by them. Without change, our state will become a backwater in a sea of global progress.

An assembly line, one-size-fits-all educational model, based on fixed time, place, and pace with uninspir-ing and outmoded curriculum, is out

of place in today's knowledge-based The protectors of the status quo want perately to hold onto the comfort of what is. How do we then create a new

vision for educational change? The answer is as simple as it is difficult to operationalize: Leadership. New research and technology exists today to improve learning. We need leaders willing to take bold steps to lead change. Leaders who help others understand the present, and envision a better future.

We can lead the way in inventing: 21st century educational model built on learning sciences that use existing and developing technologies. How can we move into the information age/knowledge economy if our No. 1 information industry, education, remains mired in the Industrial Age? Holding onto the past and protecting the status quo are not prescriptions that help us thrive. be creative or competitive on a world

Resistance? Of course This new system of educating our youth must not be about educational associations or unions, school vendors or any other special-interest group. We must break away from an educational system that has morphed into protecting adults at the expense of kids and

This is not simply another play for more money and certainly not for the

demonstrate how additional invest ments in education will help teachers teach and children learn, gaining 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 already have based on different priorities. What gives the greatest return to our students, state and nation? "Our Kids, Our Future" must be our collective mantra.

Even Ford realized the time came to let go of an Edsel. Michigan has an opportunity to not simply reinvent itself, but to LEAD change. Our economic and competitive futures are at stake. Will Michigan

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as the Michigan state superintendent of the economic counsel of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at towat-

marijuana coming from inside. The man said there was nothing illegal in the car and consented to a search. Police found about 4 grams in a plastic bag

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in a backpack, and the man said he recently ought the bag and the drug was not his. He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department, and while there issued a written statement saying the drug was his and

that he thought he left it at the house. He was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and speeding. Driver caught drinking, refuses breath

8 Mile Rd

4 Novi police arrested a man at 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 24 for drunk driving at Ten Mile and

Novi roads after the officer observed his vehicle in Front of him swerving in its lane and that it also did not have a working plate

light. According to the report, the officer could detect a strong odor of ntoxicants and the man admitted to leaving the bar but said he felt "OK" to drive.
The man failed field

sobriety tests, but refused to take a preliminary breath test and asked the officer what the fine would be if he refused it. The officer said he did not have the information and the courts were closed, and take the test until he had

He was arrested and nsported to the Novi Police Department and asked to take a breath test. He once again refused secause he wanted an nswer to his previous

The officer then got a warrant for a blood draw and when a medical crew arrived he at first declined sefore eventually comply-

The man was processed. but continued to argue. He was released pending the issuance of a warrant. Softball bag taken from trunk

5A Novi man had his 2002 Chevy Mailbu broken into overnight on Jan. 22 while it was parked in the parking lot on Talford The man said be noticed

omething was wrong when he got in his car and thrown throughout the car. When he looked in the trunk his daughter's softball bag was miss-

b. The bag contained various softball-related items including catcher's gear.

The cost of the items is unknown at the time and police have no suspects.

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ed to eatch the bag guy, and wanted to be the first one on

Stevenson shared lighter

lehasil had the nickname

of Waldo, because some officers said he could not

be found when they neede

him, but Nehasil responded

to the needling that he was

already there ahead of them,

Stevenson remembered one

time that Nehasil threw stop

sticks in busy traffic on I-96

nappened to flatten a scout

suspect, a story which drew a laugh from the crowd.

But Nehasil also got into

his vehicle and chased the

suspect, then pursued him

on foot after the suspect pulled off the road because

of the flat tires. The suspect

pretended to pull a weapon

which happened to be a cell

said. Nehasil fired his weap-

on, wounded the suspect and

commit suicide. Stevenson

apprehended him.

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and flattened the tires of a suspect's vehicle, but he also

ments about Nebasil, too

t," he said.

Stevenson said.

# Thousands mourn slain officer

## Livonia police chief: 'He died saving our way of life'

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of mourners lined the pews Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth for the funeral of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nebasil. Nebasil, 48, died Monday

after he was shot while pursuing a home invasion sus-

Police officers and officials from law enforcement agencies from Michigan and across the country gathered to pay respects to Nehasil, a 20-year veteran of the

Livonia Police Department. The 100-car procession of family members and Livonia police officers drove from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Six Mile Road to Farmington Road past police

Fire trucks from Livonia and Farmington Hills flew a giant American flag, which spanned the northbound lanes of Farmington Road. The hearse stopped under-neath the flag for a few moments, while Livonia and Farmington Hills firefighters saluted.

Onlookers from buildings and businesses along Farmington Road gathered to pay their respects and watch the procession go by

Traffic was rerouted for the procession with closures on Six Mile Road, Farmington, I-96 entrance and exit ramps, Beck Road and North During the eulogy, Police

Chief Robert Stevenson spoke of the dedication of all police officers that citizens may not understand: the willingness to die to protect the public. "Larry didn't die arresting

a burglar, he died saving ou way of life," Stevenson said. "He died serving our community and he died for the children walking the streets.

## 'A KIND AND LOVING MAN'

Sons Aaron and Adam Nehasil talked about the values their father taught them. their love for their father and how much they will miss their father.
The Rev. William Tindall

spoke of Nehasil's life, pull-ing words from the Gospel reading describing Jesus Christ. "He (Jesus) is the truth, the way and the life,' Tindall said. Neliasil was "an example for us."

Tindall spoke of Nehasil's devotion to family. "This is a family that really truly came together, they have fun

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together and they spend a lot of time together," Tindall said. "He was a great husband, father and a kind and

loving man." Nehasil was a social person and very strong man, tak-ing pride in his appearance, yet he also enjoyed cooking and working in his garden, Tindall said. "You know how much your dad loves you and he was so very proud of you," Tindall said to Adam and

a good dad. He cared about you and wanted to be a part of your lives. He's given you a tremendous legacy in what means to be a man, to be a usband and to be a dad."... Tindall told them to hold their father alive in their

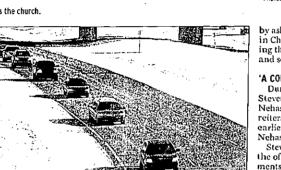
"You are fortunate to have

hearts, whether they are playing sports to the day

Nehasil was "always smiling, always happy and always willing to give of himself," Tindall said.

Tindall also spoke to the hundreds of police officers, expressing his sympathy and condolences to the Livonia Police Department. "I thank you for what you have done," Tindall said. "And to all who protect and serve. I thank

Tindall ended his homily



asking the family to trust ing this time of great pain

'A COP'S COP'

During his eulogy, Stevenson pointed at Nehasil's photograph and reiterated what he had said earlier that week about how Nebasil was always smiling Stevenson thanked all o the officers, police departnents and law enforcemen agencies that offered sup-

"Larry showed a passion in the intelligence bureau. down and arrested the most dangerous felons." Stevenson also offered continued help to the Nehasil ort during the week and ho attended the functal



Livonia Fire Department salutes as the procession passes.



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with a bachelor of science in

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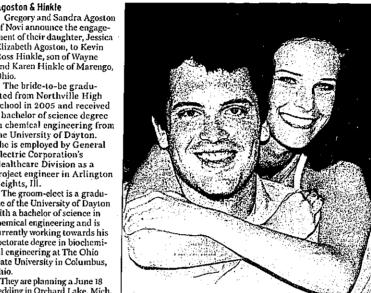
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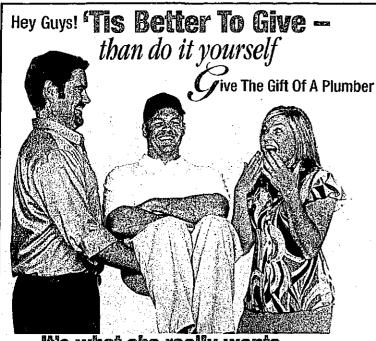




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# A new beginning

Michigan's Lost Decade we've depopulated and gone from

being a wealthy state to being As a father and grandfather

it breaks my heart to read

about so many of our young people moving away because they cannot find work and

opportunity here in Michigan. Many of the proposals we heard Wednesday will

mmittee. I am the chairmar

be assigned to the Senate's

of that committee. And I am

mindful of the enormous task we have ahead of us.

I am up to the task. We can-not fail where we've failed for

the past ten years. The stakes

Economic Development

In recent weeks, I've heard from voters who wanted more details from Gove Rick Snyder about how he intends to turn around our provided those details. In a wide-ranging State of the State Address, the governor called for the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax, the reduction of excessive

regulations, structural reforms and participation by all our citizens. The governor also called for a culture change in the form of less partisanship and more cooperation.

It was an ambitious speech.

And one in which I found

myself often nodding in agree-The governor made clear

that the road shead won't be easy, and many of the tasks before us will be painful, but we must undertake them if we are to give our kids and grand-kids the type of future that they deserve.

The past ten years have been Michigan's Lost Decade because we - Republicans and Democrats - did not have the intestinal fortitude necessary to make the difficult decisions to turn our state around.

LANSING CONNECTION are too high. we kicked the

The governor has called on you to become engaged in he road. Well ve've now run the process. He gave a webprogress. The website can be found at www.michigan.gov/accountability . I encourage During the past ten years, we've lost a million jobs. Stop and think about that figure you to bookmark it and visit i for a moment. It's as if nine of the ten most populated Michigan cities disappeared, leaving only Detroit. During

Finally, my personal e-mail address is senmkowall@senate.michigan.gov. I read my -mails every day and do my best to personally respond to each one of them. Let's begin a dialogue. I want to hear your ideas and suggestions on how we can work together to turn our state around, for ourselves

Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) is State

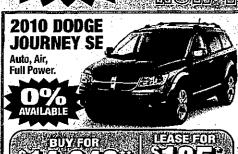
Senator for the 15th District, which includes the townships of Commerce. Highland, Holly, Lyon, Millord, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. He can

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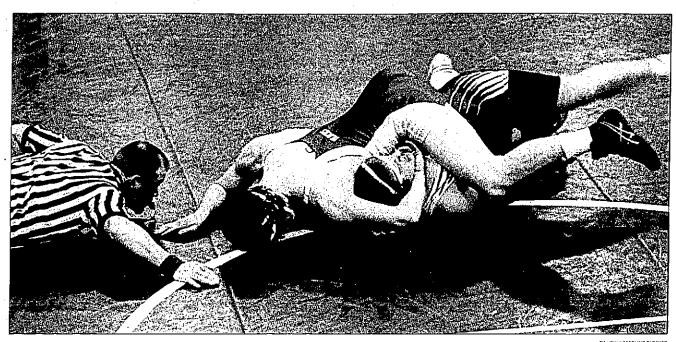
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lovi senior David Sparling works on his pinfall victory over a South Lyon opponent Jan. 19 at the Livonia Stevenson quad meet. The Wildcats defeated the Lions 39-27, which could be the difference

# 'Cat grapplers one win away from title

## Seniors push Novi to new levels

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Heading into last night's dual meet versus Livonia Stevenson, Novi's wrestling team was one win away from an undefeated KLAA Central Division championship season.
The 'Cats (14-6, 4-0 Central)

wins over South Lyon (13-6, 2-1 Central) and Northville (10-7, 1-2 Central) at a Stevenson-hosted quad

team's goal was to put it in the books; be a Wildcat.

In last week's first match. Novi fell behind 15-0 to the Lions early on, by three big wins from 171-pound junior Jake Dobras (a 3-1 decision), 215pound senior David Sparling (by pin) and 215-pound senior Alan Mencer (a and 215-pound senior Alan Mencer (a 13-0 major decision) cut the deficit to

South Lyon took a 21-13 lead before the Wildcats clamped down to win six of the final seven matches for the 39-27 meet victory. During the fina three keys to beating these two teams," Stretch, sophomore Andrew Park (112 pounds), juniors Alejandro Abuerne we could beat them on paper and the (125), Giddian Abuerne (119) and

picked up victories for Novi. "The guys wrestled tough every match," Jilg said. "For six minutes they had constant motion and high

The Wildcats started slow again against Northville, falling behind 12-0, but again clawed back to win nine of the next 11 for a 43-21 team victory Dobras, Sparling, Mencer, Park, Sidhu, Aoun, Caverly, sophomore Dan DeNova (103), senior Derick Becker (140) and both Abuernes all picked up vins against the rival Mustangs.

"Northville is one of our greates rivals. Every match was a battle," Jilg

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

Novi's wrestlers (14-6, 4-0 Central) were scheduled to host Livonia Stevenson (3-17, 2-2 Central) last night. A win would give the Wildcats sole custody of the KLAA Central

A loss could mean a share of the title if South Lyon (13-6, 2-1 Central) defeated both Plymouth Salem (5-6, 1-2 Central) and South Lyon East (1-14, 0-3 Central) last night, even though Novi beat the Lions 39-27 on Jan. 19.

Next up for the 'Cats are the 9 a.m. Observerland Invitational Saturday at Livonia Churchill and the Kensington Conference Championship Quad 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the South Division champion, either Canton o

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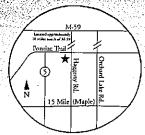
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# Wildcats Beaton division foes

Seniors lead title push

BY CHRIS JACKETT

With seniors Joanna Beaton and Maddy Sinkovich leading the way last week, Novi's girls basketball

team improved to 4-1 in the KLAA Central Division. Some steady defense in the third quarter helped the Wildcats (9-1) hold off Livonia Stevenson (7-3, 3-2 Central) Jan. 18 before they plowed through South Lyon East (1-9, 0-5 Central) on the road last Friday. "Anytime you win two games in one week in our division its an accomplishment," Novi coach Bill Kelp

The lady cagers held the Spartans to 25.5 percent shooting (12-for-47) as the Wildcats needed all 42.5 percent of their accuracy (17-for-40) to put away Stevenson 45-44.

Falling behind 16-9 after one quarter, the Wildcats narrowed the deficit to 24-21 at halftime before taking a six-point lead with a 12-3 third-guarter run. But missed free throws nearly allowed the Spartans to claw out a win, shooting 65.4 percent (17-for-26). from the line while Novi struggled at 41.7 percent (10-for-24).

"It was unfortunate missing so many in the fourth quarter. Its another part of the game we have to get better at," Kelp said. "We knew it was going to be an evenly matched game, but I think our defense kind of wore them down.

Rebounds, turnovers, steals and fouls were all nearly identical in the close division contest, as three Spartans scored in triple digits, primarily from the perimeter. Beaton (11 points) and Sinkovich (nine points) led Novi, and freshman Kerri McMahan eight points, six assists) and senior Alyssa Armiak (six points) put their defensive skills to work.

"Joanna has really stepped up her senior season and looks more athletic on the court, which really helps her game because she has tremendous funda-mentals," Kelp said. "Maddy has scored more lately and that is something that we hope continues. I think

and that is something that we hope continues. I she realizes that, when she plays with a sense of urgency, she is more successful."

After only eight players took the floor for the Stevenson game, all 13 got in on the action during the sense of the sen ing a 68-39 route of South Lyon East. Ten different cats scored as the team shot 60.9 percent (28for-46) from the field with 44 points in the paint Beaton led the way again with a game-high 21 points on 9-for-14 shooting, followed by Sinkovich

The Wildcats (9-1, 4-1 Central) were scheduled to host Plymouth (5-5, 3-2 South) two nights ago before visiting South Lyon (5-5, 2-3 Central) tomorrow and hosting Plymouth Salem (4-7, 3-2 Central) Tuesday, All names tip

and sophomore Jade Antolec with nine points apiece. McMahan had an all-around solid night with five rebounds, six assists and four steals to go along with her four points on two shots. The 'Cats had 18 assists

"It was good to see everyone get in, especially Anna (Lausch) and Taylor (Scott) getting some minutes after coming off their injuries. They both did some nice things out there," Kelp said.

The Wildcats led 14-5 after one and 32-18 at half

before outscoring the Cougars 36-21 in the second half to put the game away. East shot 34.4 percent (11-for-32) and couldn't nen

etrate, scoring just 10 points in the paint The Cougars also couldn't capitalize on Novi's 23 fouls and 15 turnovers, shooting 16-for-30 from the charity stripe.

"Still too many fouls away from the basket," Kelp

JUNIOR VARSITY

Novi's junior varsity squad (9-1) has been consistently strong all season, but suffered their first loss Jan. 18 against Livonia Stevenson. The 'Cats dropped a 43-38 decision after getting off to a slow start.

Sophomore Erin Dircks led Novi with 11 points, while sophomores Kelly Lewis (10 points, eight rebounds) and Sarah Elhage (eight points) chipped

The JV team had defeated Stevenson 38-33 on Jan. 10 when sophomore Kasey Lowney dropped in 13 points and Direks had another 11, but the Wildcats couldn't hold off the Spartans in the latest contest. The team has been successful against other division title threats, defeating Northville 32-26 on Jan. 14 and Plymouth Salem 44-29 on Jan. 11.

Dircks and Lewis had seven points apiece against the Mustangs, and sophomore Kelly Cauchi put in nine points against the Rocks to go along with sopho more Serene Ozeir's eight points and six rebounds. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff

# Novi bowlers exit in first round of the county championships

## Both teams slumping ONTAP in division play

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats rolled into several alleys last week and went up against some of the best teams in the region. The week started off with a pair of losses Jan. 18 at Super Bowl in Canton against Plymouth Salem, where the boys (1-6-2) dropped a 29-1 decision and the girls (1-8-0) fell 22.5-7.5.

The Salem boys shot 257 and 268 in the baker games and never slowed down. Junior Andrew Thorwall won Novi's only point with a185 game, but lost a point shooting 235.

The girls team lost all 10 baker points, but came back to win the first game and earn two single points, but the Wildcats couldn't maintain the momentum. Junior Callie Wright led Novi with a high game of 220.
Things improved two days later at Airway Lanes in Waterford against

Grand Blane, but both teams again fell short. The boys team built a 13-6, but the Bobcats came back to win 17-13.

Senior Brandon Gillespie rolled a 215 and 203, while senior Steve Cullen had a 212 game to lead Novi. The girls made a strong push in their second game, but still lost 21-9.

Freshman Sara Schulz had the high game for Novi with a 177. Both Novi teams didn't let the pair of losses deter them as they advanced to the championship round at the Oakland County Championships last

The boys team traveled to Wonderland Lanes in Commerce last
Saturday and did well in the first two mer Novi News staff writer.

Seven of Novi's final eight matches are on the road heading into the conference tournament. With the boys at 1-6-2 and the girls at 1-8-0, both teams hoped to improve their fortunes last Monday against baseline rival Northville, Both Wildcat teams are back on the lanes tonight at Super Bowl in Canton against Westland John Glenn before facing Wayne Memorial Monday at Town N Country Lanes in Westland and Livonia Clarenceville Thursday at Suner Bowl. All matches begin at

games, shooting 1,054 and **1,0**69 to qualify as the ninth seed. "The boys came out smoking," Novi

coach John Osborne said. The performance matched the Wildcats up against eighth-seed Ferndale. The Eagles took the two baker games, defeating Novi 409-344, Despite the loss, senior Brandon Ross and Gillespie both received medals for high games and series. Ross had the nine strikes in a 279 game and 663 series, while Gillespie had a 267 game

and 665 series. The next day, the girls traveled to Thunderbird Lanes in Troy for their

shot at the county title.
A 777 first game was good enough to propel the Cats to a 15th seed, but that put them against second-seeded Clarkston.

The Wolves were too much for the Wildcats, as Clarkston won 323-251. Wright led the way with a three-game series of 518. Juniors Bridgett Porras (172), Shelby Limpert (164) and freshman Abby O'Leary 150 each had solid showings as well.

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# Wildcats ski to victories over private schools

Teams tough out pair of doubleheaders on consecutive days

BY CHRIS JACKETT

A fifth-year Novi ski program is continuing to narrow the divide between the themselves and the top teams in the Alpine Valley Division, but the performances aren't necessarlly showing in the win column

With a grueling four matches in two days Jan. 19-20, Novi's ski teams saw some improvements. The boys split their contests to land a 2-3 record n the season so far, while the irls dropped three of four to all to 1-4 on the season.

"It was a tough two nights with two races each night. The eam did a nice job working together and finishing races, Yoyi coach Wendy Whiteside said. "The team has really ecome a competitor in the

Alpine League. The Wildcat skiers first hit the slopes Jan. 19 against Walled Lake Northern

The Knights took three of the top four positions and the Wildcats had five of the next six spots as Northern's boys von 16-21. Northern's Brent McClure won the two-run race in 42.93 seconds, as senior Austin Feight led Novi by fin-ishing third in 44.01 seconds. Feight was followed by seniors Kuni Hotta (fifth in 44.80). Steven Speers (sixth in 45.63) and sophomore Harrison Halley (seventh in 45.71).

Novi's girls had a toughe fun against Northern, who took the top five spots in a 10-32 defeat of the Wildcats. Kelsey Young won the match in 42.36 seconds and Katie Simon capped the Knights' clean sweep by finishing fourth in 47.89 seconds. Novi's top finr was junior Calla Spillane who was sixth in 50.19 seconds. 61.62).

Novi's skiers are back on the slopes with meets today at Walled Lake Northern and a Monday doubleheader at both Hartland and Walled Lake Central. The team will then host Walled Lake Western Thursday at Alpine Valley in White Lake. All meets begin at 4 p.m.

Senior Michelle Rich (seventh in 51.02), junior Lucia Li (ninth in 54.46) and junior Addiso Notarantonio (10th in 58.27)

wrapped up Novi's scoring. In the Wildcats' secand match of the day, the boys pulled off a 16-20 victory against Orchard Lake St. Mary's and the girls won 14-34 over Livonia Ladywood.

Feight finished first in 44.19 seconds for the boys, followed by Speers (third in 45.74) junior Josh Feight (eighth in 48.80). Hotta had a meet-best run of 17.15 seconds on the giant slalom, but was one of four skiers to be disqualified on the slick slalom course

Slalom is more technical then giant slalom," Whiteside said. "The racers really have to look ahead and pay attention to the sequence of the gates, which is why there are more DQs. Also, slalom can get icy in the course, which makes it harder to ski on."

Devon Corby won the girls race in 48.87 seconds for ood, but the Wildcats took the next eight spots in the team victory. Spillane led the Wildcats with a 50.85-seconds runner-up finish, followed by Li (third in 51.31), Rich (fourth in 52.33) and sophomore Katherine Hamilton (fifth in

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Novi's skiers didn't have much time off as both squads faced West Bloomfield the next

day at Alpine Valley in White Lake for the first match of a second-straight doubleheader The boys took four of the top the girls split the top eight fins and fell 16-20.

Hotta won the boys event in 41.28 seconds, followed by Speers (second in 42.53), Austin Feight (third in 42.65) and Josh Feight (fifth in

In the girls races, the Lakers took first (45.93) and second place (46.84), followed by Spillane (third in 47.93), Li (fourth in 48.51). Rich (fifth 148.90) and Notarantonio (eighth in 52.92). Heading into their final

race of the day, the skiers had a tough opponent from home-towners White Lake Lakeland The boys took four of the top eight against the Eagles, but lost 14-22. Hotta led Novi with seconds, followed by Austin Feight (fifth in 42.72), Speers (sixth in 43.31) and Josh Feight (seventh in 45.37). Lakeland's

aylor Janssen won the event

in 38.56 seconds. The girls found themselve on the wrong end of a sweep for the second time in as many days, falling 10-32 to the Eagles. Kelsey Griffin won the race in 39.77 seconds and Dana Wiberg closed out the sweep in fourth at 45.39 sec

Spillane was the Wildcats' leader in sixth at 48.37 seconds, followed by a familiar cast of Rich (seventh in 48.50). Li (eighth in 48.75) and

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### CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTO

### Shamrocks swimmers bow to Loyola Academy in Great Lakes State Invitational

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were able to showcase their talent again this year in the Great Lakes State Invitation, hosted at Notre Dame University, and featuring some top-qual ity Catholic high school teams.

While the event usually has a team from Michigan, one from Illinois and one from Ohio, weather this year prevented the Cincinatti Arch Bishop Moellar team from being able to compete, essentially turning the invite into a dual meet. When all was said and done, the Shamrocks fell to Chicago Loyola Academy, 114-71.

The Ramblers won all but one event with the lone exception being Catholic Central's victory by Ryan Newman in the 100 yard breaststroke.

CC never gave up, with strong races in 200 medley relay, Joe Brinkman's second place finish in the 200 individual medley, Dan Szuba's runner-up 50 freestyle effort, captain Sean Ryan's 100 free second place swim, second and third place points in the 500, a thrilling 200 free relay race and Dan Burton's second in

Catholic Central will host "The Meet" today at 7 p.m. against Brother Rice. The Meet is a celebration of the sport. Each year, Catholic Central designates one home meet per season as The Meet does its best to make the experience a wonder ful one--for the athletes and spectators alike. In past years, the Shamrocks have drawn exceptional crowds to see the unique high school dual meet event.

Shamrocks split day in Cincinnati

The Catholic Central Shamrocks made the trip down to Cincinnati this past weekend to dual Ohio's No. 4 ranked Cincinnati Moeller. The Shamrocks split into an "A team" and a "B team" to take on Moeller. The B team defeated Moeller 28-26, and the A team lost, 30-28.

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Picking up wins for the B team were: Dave Lilley, Zack Colone, Mike Babicz, Alex Kas-Marogi, Jay Peterson, Andre Thompson, Joe Silvestri and Tim

The A team split seven matches with Moeller. However the difference ended up being bonus points as the Shamrocks icked up two falls in comparison with team were: Evan Toth, Malik Amine,

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Catholic Central also defeated two CHSL foes last week with wins over Warren DeLasalle, 48-18, and U of D,

Leading the way for the Shamrocks and earning two wins on the night were Colone, Robert Coe, JT Ayotte, Beazley, Babicz, Tim Naubert, Chris Naubert and

### Catholic Central hockey splits weekend with Culver

It's always a treat for the Shamrocks hockey team to travel to Culver Militar Academy to take on one of the toughest teams on their schedule in back-to-back

This year, the Catholic Central icers split the week, taking a 5-3 loss last Friday before coming back to earn a 3-2

Culver jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first contest before the Shamrocks added three of their own in the second period to appear to be taking complete control of the game with a 3-2 advantage. But Culver, not known for giving up, came back in the final stanza to score two for the 5-3 finale. Scoring for the Shamrocks were

Carson Gatt, Michael Babcock and Tyler Van Norman while Charlie Green (2), Sean Gaffney, Ryan Keller and Michael

Downing assisted in the goals. In the loss, Alex Nork took the fall in goal while stopping 24 shots on goal. In the second game, it proved to be a back-and-forth affair as Culver scored first in the first period for a I-O lead before the Shamrocks tied it on a goal by Gatt at 16:58 in the second period with Nolan Gluchowski assisting on the score Almost nine minutes later, Culver

scored again for a 2-1 advantage before the Shamrocks knotted it. 2-2, on a score Keller with just over a minute left in the stanza. Downing and Pete Halash

In the third, it was the Shamrocks turn to make the final period count in their favor. Keller found the back of the net at the 11:26 mark to secure the victory fo his team. Gaffney earned the assist on the winning goal. Connor Pankow faced 30 shots and

stopped all but two on his way to secur-Catholic Central put 40 shots on Culver's

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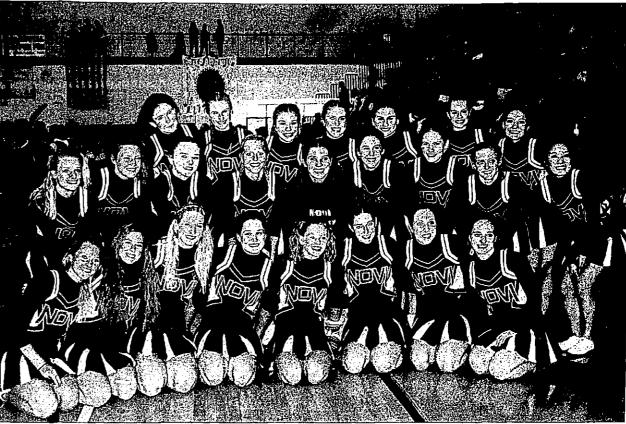
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**NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

Novi's varsity pompon squad poses Sunday at Ann Arbor Skyline after earning a trip to the state finals to defend their title.

BY CHRIS JACKETT

online at hometownlife.com

Both Novi's varsity and junior varsity pompon squads are defend ing state champions and each ned a trip back to the state finals thanks to a pair of strong performances last Sunday at Ani

Performing to a tune by Rev Theory, the varsity squad was led by captains Alexa Boron and Taylor Boron. Other team members are Kelsie Autterson, Mackenzie Betts, Lauren Collins, Alex DeLaCruz, Jessica Dipaola, Mary Favorite Marisa Giampa, Katie Groechel Paige Gurizzian, Gi Hong, Sara Hudgens, Megan Jamrog, Mackenzie Kelley, Kaley Kenne Christy Lyon, Ashley Miller, Kailey Oppat, Kimberly Powers, Nicole gdon, Morgan Shepherd, Delaney Ulle and Ashley Woitylo The JV team, captained by Aditi Chadha and Emma Weil, performed to "Sweet Lady Luck" by Whitesnake and advanced despite a

modest 11-person squad. Additionally, the middle school team, performing to Bullet for My Valentine's "Your Betrayal," finished second at the regional competition. Varsity coaches Kristy Renaud, Erin Bartos and April Brousseau, along with JV coach Elyse Bartos. now have two weeks to get the teams geared up for the Feb. 13 state meet at Eastern Michigan

Boys Basketball

After a tough loss to Livonia Stevenson, the Wildcats (9-1, 4-1 Central) defeated South Lyon East 81-35 at home last Friday. The team shot nearly 58 percent

from the field (30-for-52) and 12 of

University's Convocation Center

4 players scored, while all saw significant playing time.

Junior Scott Kempa led the way

with 14 points, followed by 12 apiece from senior Samer Ozeir and junior Mike Jocz. Senior Avery McIntyre and junior Alex King chipped in with eight points each Ozeir added 12 rebounds, five assists and two blocks, while senior

Chris Milon had 12 rebounds and three blocks. The team had 50 total Next up for Novi was a contest

last Tuesday at Plymouth (7-3, 5-0 South) before they host South Lyon (4-6, 1-4 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow and visit Plymouth Salem (8-2, 3-2 Central) 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Softball Camp

Fourth through eighth graders are invited to join the Novi softball coaching staff and Wildcat studentfrom 1-5 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Novi High School gym, 24062 Taft Road Sign-in runs from 12:30-12:50 p.m.

The camp, which costs \$40 ir advance or \$50 at the door, will cover hitting and bunting techniques with an opportunity to prac-tice skills through drills and station work. If players have their own bat they should make sure it has their name on it and bring it with them to the camp.

For more information, contact Novi High School softball coach Bob Lulek at (248) 363-5679, (561) 686-5867 or MightyHarley27@ aol.com. Players can also register in advance by mailing their name, home phone number, age and grade to the high school with attention to Checks should be made out to Bob

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# Catholic Central **bowlers** defeat Rice

Shamrocks continuing high-quality season

BY SAM EGGLESTO

If you're a Detroit Catholic Central Shamrock or know anything about them, then you'll know that no matte what sport is being played, it's always a season highlight to defeat Brother Rice.

team was the latest team to do just that, earning a 27.5-2.5 victory over the Warriors to stay tied for first place in the

Catholic High School League The Shamrocks didn't have nuch trouble, sweeping the Baker games, 213-119 and 199 regular game, 931-799. The Catholic Central bowlers finished the job in style, earning a win in the second regular gam

as well, 981-617. High scorers for CC were Matt Nugent (222), Tom Zahari (201), Jeff Conflitti (206) and Josh Moran (201).

The team also competed in the Oakland County Championships last week and finished the preliminary round in fourth place to make the cutoff for match play. It was there that the team was unexpectedly eliminated by Waterford Kettering, 456-415.

High scorers for the Shamrocks were Conflitti (655 series), Scott Kujawa (642), Eric Pavlov (598), Nugent (628) and Zahari (653).

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ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be bowling again Saturday at noon when they compete in the Tri-County

# Shamrocks take first at

Ski team follows lead of Jim Herzog, Ian Pierce to victory

Slalom at Mt. Brighton. The squad, coached by Tom Gable, folto secure the first-place team finish.

"After years of coaching CC ski racers one thing we always stress is working as a team and finishing," said Gable, who has

troubles, however. The team had to overcome a "did not finish" by Damon Rottermond in his second run. Jim Dooley also had a DNF with his coming during

second in the season's inaugural slalom event. Catholic Central finished behind Rottermond, considered the Shamrocks'

top skier, took second-place while Pierce finished third while Evan Hicks finished

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# Workin' overtime Reynolds' 30 keys Stevenson win vs. Novi

Livonia Stevenson needed a big game from its 6-foot-9 senior center Jalen Reynolds in Tuesday night's KLAA Central Division showdown with unbeaten Novi. And the Xavier University signee deliv

ered with a career-high 30 points to go along with 14 rebounds as the host Spartans rallied for a 61-55 overtime victory Stevenson, which improved to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the division, overcame a 10-point third-quarter deficit and sent the game into

OT when Reynolds delivered a clutch three-

pointer from the deep corner to make it 53with 22.46 seconds go. "I fired it off and let it go," said Reynolds, who also added four rim-rattling dunks. "I was ready I felt it in my body and said, 'Hit this three.' I was ready to take it to overtin and prepare from there. Our coach has had

us in here shooting every day and preparing for what just happened today."

Novi (8-1, 3-1) had its chances, but missed a pair of front and a feet a control of the control a pair of front-ends of a one-on-one free throw situation, including one with 16.98 seconds remaining in regulation, giving Stevenson the ball one more time for an

opportunity to win.
Reynolds, however, missed a free throw line jumper in the waning seconds. Senior point-guard C.J. Mwila, who had suffered through a miserable shooting night, then came through with a seven straight points in the overtime, none bigger

than his short jumper with 54.31 seconds left to give the Spartans the lead for good, 57-55 (after he converted a free throw while being fouled on the shot). "I was open at the moment," said Mwila, who finished with 16 points. "It got tipped back to me and I just decided to shoot the

was to just go for the ball. I was going to go in for a layup, but I was open where I was and just decided to shoot it." Mwila then made back-to-back foul shots

followed by two more by Charlie Swingle in the final 44 seconds to put the game out of Stevenson junior guard Jonathan Campbell, who went scoreless during the

opening half, came alive during the second with 10 points. Campbell converted a rare four-point play with 2:02 left in the third period to pull the

Spartans to within two, 41-30, to spark a 9-0 run. said of the Spartan teammates, "They're happy, we're all happy and we got the win This just puts us further up in the map. It

puts us higher and makes us ready to take on whoever is in front of us. Novi shot a blistering 7-of-8 during the first quarter, but led by only one, 16-15. The Wildcats enjoyed a 28-24 advantage at halftime and stretched the margin to 40-

30 with 3:35 to go in the third period on a But 22 turnovers on the night led to Novi's undoing and the Wildcats went cold during the four-minute OT, shooting only 1-of-10 from the floar.

from the floor. "We didn't value the ball," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "The cornerstone of our

program is to value and possess the ball.
"I understand some (turnovers) at the beginning of the game. You're jittery and nervous — but two travels late and jump ball late that should have been a layup. Those are the things that the kids hopefully will learn from, take advice from and get better from. It's very frustrating to sit there and watch because those are plays we haven't made in months.'

senior, paced the Wildcats with 17 points. Brian Bush and Chris Milon each added 12. All of Bush's points came on triples as

A triple by Ozeir from the deep left corner with only 1:38 to go in regulation had given Novi a 53-50 advantage. "Samer – this guy can shoot," Reynold said. "He's a shooter. That's pretty much all

I can say. He's a shooter. He puts the ball in the hole." Novi connected on 21-of-51 shots from the

floor (41.1 percent), while Stevenson was 23of-64 (35.9 percent). Mwila made just 5-of-20, but it didn't shake his confidence down the stretch.

"I think I was over excited for the game. he said. "I wanted to win and do best for my team. I was trying as hard as I can to make the right play. I felt if I kept shooting it would come to me and come back. I just kept playing and tried not to think about it

Stevenson has now won back-to-back

games in OT. We're still learning how to play, Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "There's still a lack of varsity experience on this team. Although we have tremendous talent we're lacking the basketball I.Q."

During a 15 minute and 18 second stretch from late in the first quarter to midway through the fourth. Reynolds had nine straight field goals for the Spartans. "Tonight was a simple game — throw the

ball inside to Jalen Revnolds," Allie said. "We shot too many three-pointers I thought We threw it to him until it didn't work and thankfully it worked for 36 minutes tonight. I'm just proud of the kids for buckling down and figuring out a way to win.

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The Detroit Catholic Central ski team secured a decisive victory last week with a first-place showing in the Boys' Giant

lowed the lead of Jim Herzog and Ian Pierce, who finished fourth and fifth, respectively, while Eric Kurcz added a 13th-place showing. The Shamrocks defeated Okemos and Birmingham United

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# Previously undefeated Farmington loses 9-1 to Novi

## Wildcat hockey improves to No. 5 in state

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With an eight-game road trip on the horizon. Novi's icers had an impressive three-game home stand since returning from their annual trip to the Upper Peninsula.

The Wildcats' ice hockey team is 3-0 during the past two

After cruising through a struggling Livonia Franklin (2-10-1) team with a 9-1 win Jan. 17, the Wildcats (12-3-0, 5-2-0 Kensington) were poised for an intense matchup last Friday against Farmington (13-1-0).

Ranked No. 9 and fac-ing the No. 8 Falcons, Novi senior Michael Kruse put the Wildcats aboad in the first period and Farmington answered back shortly after. Novi senior netminder Michael Pesendorfer came up with several big saves early on in the game before something lit a fire under the Wildcats,

who let loose with three more

quick goals to take a 4-1 lead

into the first intermission.

"Farmington's been doing well. I just think everything came together for us," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "It was just a total team effort." The Wildcats didn't stop there. Pesendorfer made 16 saves on the night as Novi's offense rattled off two more goals in the second period and another three in the third

to claim a 9-1 victory over the previously undefeated

Novi's icers (12-3-0, 5-2-0 Kensington) have a string of conference road contests coming up. The team was scheduled to visit No. 25 Livonia Churchill (7-5-0, 4-5-0 Kensington) last night and No. 54 South Lyon (5-9-0, 2-4-0 Kensington) Monday. The ·puck drops at 6 ptm: 122 annual Hovi coach Todd Krygler said his teams haven't beaten Churchill in the five years he's been coaching the Wildcats, and the Chargers got the best of Novi twice last

before we started putting the puck in the net," Krygier said

Eleven different Wildcats earned points on the night. After lighting the lamp for the first goal, Kruse had another goal and an assist. Novi also saw multi-point nights from seniors Taylor Howell (one goal, three assists), Joey Ferriss (two goals, one assist), Zach Mohr (one goal, one assist) and junior Brock

Senior Nolan Valleau, sophomore Jon Mencer and junior Curtis Herzog each added a goal, while senior Ryan Cordes, junior Dylan Shepard and sophomore Carl Faraon each tallied an assist

"We had three lines contributing. I didn't expect us to play as well as we did and I have high expectations of our team," Krygier said, "I think we got some kids who, when they're playing, they're some key times, early in the game of the top kids in the state.

We've got a good foundation." One of the biggest accom-plishments for the Wildcats was keeping their composure Novi only had to kill penalties twice after struggling earlier in the season with constant

"I was upset with our penalty situation in Marquette. I thought it cost us the game, Krygier said. "Our focus has been being more focused and disciplined and staying out of That "staying out of the box'

factor allowed the Wildcats to rack up 32 shots. "The best game Novi has played to date - outstanding work ethic, execution of sys-

tems and discipline," Krygier The victory dropped the Falcons one spot in the state rankings to No. 9, as they held steady at No. 4 in Division II.

The Wildcats made the np from No. 9 to No. 5 n the state, leapfrogging Orchard Lake St. Mary's to the No. 2 spot in Division 1. Novi is the only public

school in the state's overall

top six. Warren De La Salle. ended Novi's season las year, is ranked No. 1 overall. "It should give us confidence going forward," Krygier said of the dominant win over Farmington. "The objective is to get better as the season

The Wildcats took a 3-0 lead against No. 23 Canton last Monday and held on to defeat the Chiefs 4-3 in conference

and former Novi News staff writer.



Wildcat Joey Ferriss tracks down a puck deep in the farmington Falcon's end during their Jan. 21 match



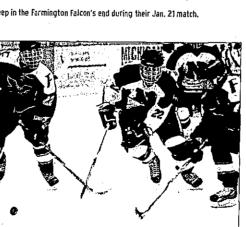
Even as his stick is slashed on this play, Wildcat Joey Ferriss scored a goal on the Farmington Falcon's goalie, at right, during their Jan. 21 match.

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Ovlan Shepard, center, chases after a puck on Jan. 21,

Wildcat Jor Mencer battles with a Farmington Falcon on Jan. 21 for a loose



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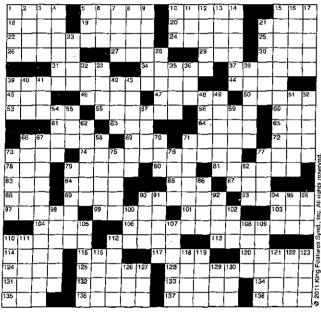
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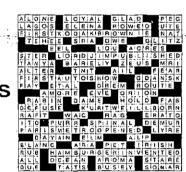
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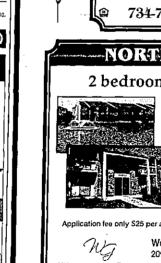
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There are many rites of passage in every young person's life. Getting your driver's license, graduation day and turning 21 are just a few. But another rite of passage can be even more important to your future -- writing your first résumé. While it's not as exciting as

learning to drive, creating your first résumé is a vital step in launching your career. The process may seem daunting. You have to nut all of vour best qualities on paper, make vourself look more attractive than the next person and completely sell yourself, all on one sheet of paper. 'You have only a few seconds to snag the employer's attention," writes Seattle-based career coach Robin Ryan in Winning Résumés, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.). "You must sell the employer within 15 seconds of looking at your résumé, or you'll lose the job." Here are seven tips to help you catch an

1. Start with the basics. It sounds obvious, but your résumé must include your name, address.

phone number and e-mail address. Be mindful of the address you include. College students, in particular, tend to move often, so include a permanent address, such as your parent's address. Take care with your e-mail address too. "Make your user ID related to your name, not any nickname attributions," Ryan says. If you want to appear professional to an employer, a user ID like

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"summary of skills" should highlight experiences and qualifications that the employer is seeking, Remember, Ryan says, "a résumé is not about what you want.

employer."

There are three basic types of résumés: chronological, functional and combination. Chronological résumés focus on work experience, and list professional experience in order from most to least recent. Functional résumés concentrate more on skills. A combination style works well for first-time job seekers.

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4. Brainstorm your experience and skills. While you may be struggling to

think of pertinent work experience, Ryan says that you have more than you realize. For example, if you have worked in a retail operation, your skills and qualifications include customer

ability to work as a part of a team and experience in managing money. Were you a full-time summer babysitter? This means you coordinated schedules, handled finances, and were extremely responsible. Many skills learned in part-time positions are quite relevant to the corporate world. Don't underestimate the skills you have

means nothing to an employer. Your

computer skills will be particularly attractive and should be highlighted. You can also demonstrate your aptitude and strengths by projectspecific examples of class work you have done. For example, if you were a journalism major in college, tell the employer about major articles you wrote and the legwork you did to complete those projects. Also consider your volunteer and extracurricular experience. If you held an officer position in a club or fraternity/sorority, were an athlete,volunteered or took a leadership role in any other extracurricular organization, you have valuable

experience to list. 6. Know the cardinal rules of résumé writing.

First, use strong action verbs and leave out the word "I." Words like created, developed, organized, motivated, and produced all say much more than "did." Next, remember that your résumé should be one page only -- no exceptions. And, finally, never send a résumé without proper proofreading.

7. Never, ever lie. So you were just two courses short of your college degree and think the company won't figure out that you didn't actually get it? Think again. If you lie on your résumé, you will be caught. Don't misrepresent your past -- it will come back to haunt you. Kate Lorenz is the article and advice editor for CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues. Other writers contributed to this

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## 2011 FORD EDGESE



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'2011 FOAD TAUAUS'SEL \$1000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE





\$1000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE \$3222° # \$301°#

\$0 DUE AT SIGNING MSRP \$30,890

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Monday and Thursday

Tuesday, Wednesday e & Friday 9 AM to 6 PM

\$1000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE

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