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family.
"Many individuals are

Grand River to be resurfaced this fall

Council elated by possible project

Long-awaited upgrades to Grand River Avenue could be coming soone than expected after the Novi City Council discussed plans Monday to possibly start the resurfacing work in

Initial estimates called for the road work to start in 2012, but because an make their local contribution for their own project, money was freed up for

The only downfall of starting the project this fall is that it will take Place during the same time as the Novi Road Link project, which calls for the closure of Novi Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue, and the Meadowbrook Road project. However, Novi Mayor David Landry

does not see that as an issue. "Personally I don't care," he said Monday night. "If we can get Grand e sooner than later, blame me for the inconvenience. There is no inconvenience too big that we should has been a top priority for the City Council the last several years, but funding issues at the county level have caused delays. The road is owned by the county, and thus the city could not do nything about the decrepit surface.

The project, which spans from Novi to Haggerty roads, calls for extensive reha-bilitation and repaying, improving shoulders, select curb and gutter improvements, select construction of right turn lanes and tapes at driveways and intersections and the construction of ADA compliant pedestrian improvements.

Novi's financial contribution to the project is estimated at \$374,000, which will come from the municipal as well as the other council members, echoed the mayor's sentiment.

"It's better to get the pain out of the way all at once," he said. "This is way beyond needed." Mutch also joked that the road is already down to gravel base, so maybe that would speed up the construction.

City Manager Clay Pearson said he does not believe the work to require total closure of the road, and expects work to start in September. While the city is optimistic the project will be awarded, it still has to be

proved by the Oakland County Federal Highway Aid Committee on Feb. 22.

"... (W)e are still living a nightmare we cannot wake up from." - Kris Krstovski, Novi homeosener

Novi family displaced from Island Lake home William

Homeowner claims builder hid problems, will not fix them |8,9922



Former Island Lake of Novi resident Kris Krstovski (above) shows just some of the mold damage to the home he and his family of five had to abandon this past spring. Xrstovski said when he and his wife Sherry first looked at the home they were told they couldn't go in this room in the basement as there were "sensitive documents" stored there while the home was used as a model home. He said that there were a number of doors, one of which he holds, nailed to the ceiling loists to conceal some obvious mold incursion onto the walls. Wearing a protective breathing mask, Chris Kapa (top) helps affix Krstovski's protest sign outside of his now-abandoned Novi home

STAFF WRITER

It has been more than nine nonths since Kris Krstovski and his family spent the night in their Island Lake of Novi home. And it looks like they will not be

living there any time soon as the family has anchored down to fight nome builder Toll Brothers because of various issues with their new The most pressing issue the family alleges is the presence of mold they found throughout the home. I

was in the basement, bedrooms and the garage, and it forced them to evacuate because of various healthrelated issues. Krstovski said his wife, Sherry, was pregnant with their third child hen she started getting sick. Doctors had to induce labor a few

months after they got out. His two other daughters also got sick, suffering memory loss and asthma-related issues, and one had to be rushed to the emergency room He said his symptoms included

cysts in his ears and bad headaches. "Right off the bat (in 2009) we had numerous problems that were left behind, but in early April (2010) when we found mold on the ceiling in the nursery. And when I cleaned

it off and it came back in four days.

READ MORE Kris Krstovski also has started a blog at www.ourtoflexperience. bloospot.com regarding the issues. with stories and links to photos and

we knew there was a problem," Kris Krstovski said. "This turned into a serious situation for our family."

The home on Terra Del Mar Drive was built in 2004 and served as a model home until the Krstovski's They lived there until mid-April 2010 when an environmental con-

sultant informed them that the home had significant mold contami-nation and "immediate evacuation and remediation' should take place. Krstovski informed Toll Brot of the issues, and said he was told they would take care of it. But it never happened He continued to have more tests

done inside the home to identify the problem. During the process, the consultants found several issues including mold in many rooms, dried water marks on the wood floor in the attic space and a cardboard chute that was stapled to the wood in the attic that was used to drain water.

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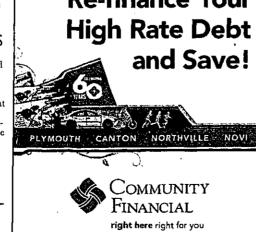
Local charities to benefit from clothing donations

BY NATHAN MUELLER

of Commerce hopes to help people get that upper hand at its annual philanthropic breakfast called Threads of

cifically men's clothing and jackets as well as acces-sories like hosiery, dress socks and shoes. The need has also grown so large that the charities benefitting from the event also are asking for clothes for the whole

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HOME

"There are water problems all over the house," Krstovski said. "They made alterations while this was a model home that were not caught during

the inspection process." Since the family moved out of their home, they have moved four times. They started living in a hotel and then an anartment before Tall Brothers offered to put them up in a place. That stay didn't last long, Krstovski said, as the company indicated to the family that they must sign a release to remediate the damage or they would no longer be paying for their housing.

Krstovski refused to sign the release because he wasn't convinced their plan would solve the problem. The family had to move once again, back into the other home they owned but were renting to another family, and are currently living there while their Island Lake of Novi home sits vacant.

Larry Bennett, the attorney for the family, said the company's recommendation for reme diation was "inadequate," and he filed suit with the Oakland inty Circuit Court in mid-

"Just getting rid of the mold doesn't do anything," he said. "They have to get rid of the

Recently, the building nspector for the city visited the home and noted several ode violations including the bucket in the attic, weep holes missing over some windows and door openings and moisture penetrating the home at the sun room door among other violations.

Also a signed affidavit from Michelle Trainor, who now lives in the subdivision, was submitted to Oakland County Circuit Court regarding the alleged problems with the

While her own home was being built. Trainor says she visited the model home, nov Krstovski's home, multiple times in 2007 and observed water in the basement and fans in the stairwell leading from



Island Lake of Novi resident Kris he and his family were forced to

She also said sales represen tatives were aware of water coming into the basement

TOLL'S RESPONSE

When Toll Brothers was contacted for comment regarding the allegations, they indicated in a statement that because of ending litigation they "can not comment as to any of the specifies being alleged by both "Tall Brothers would cer-

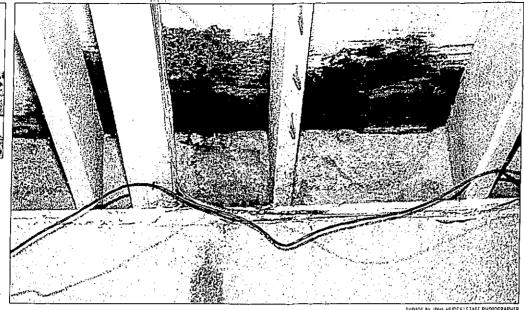
tainly have preferred that the matter be resolved to our meowners' satisfaction," the statement said. "Towards that end, when Toll Brothers was advised that a leak had occurred at the Krstovski's home, Toll agreed to repair the leak and any damage caused by the leak, remedi ate any mold to the satisfaction of an agreed-upon, third party expert and pay for the expenses while the repairs

were being made." Krstovski said he has spent nearly \$100,000 on fighting continue that fight until he gets a favorable resolution and mainly because he wants to show the public how they treat

"Although we are living in a home right now, we are still living a nightmare we cannot

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Doors nailed to the basement ceiling joists hid this mold growth



Wearing a protective breathing mask, Kris Krstovski points to an area of the



Sherry Krstovski was pregnant with daughter Yamila, 4 months, and was having illnesses that the Krstovski's blame on the toxic mold in their Novi home. The Krstovski's moved out of the home in April and have not returned

DONATIONS

and cannot afford to spend money on interview clothes," said Dawn Peters, event manager for the chamber "By providing them with an helped them find their next ob — not to mention that ooking sharp has a positive

effect on a person's selfesteem."
The clothes and other donations will be deliv

ered to Church of the Holy Family in Novi, the Transition Center at Schoolcraft College and the Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan People must pre-registe for the event by calling (248) 349-3743 or online at www

novichamber.com. Cost is

\$20 for members and \$25 for non-chamber members and includes breakfast, the chance to win prizes and a business fashion show.

"It's a great way to participate in a charity event that could directly impact the lives of people seeking jobs in our communities and extra help," Peters said.

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Mail truck catches fire in subdivision

Hundreds of residents lose mail in vehicle blaze

BY MATHAN MUELLER

More than 300 Novi resi dents did not receive their mail on Monday after a United States Postal Service vehicle went up in flames as a result possible mechanical failure.

The Novi Fire Department was dispatched to Emerald Forest and Freemont, near Taft and Ten Mile roads, tround 11:16 a.m. and fire fighters were able to extinguish the fire shortly after

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said investigators believe the vehicle was stuck on a patch of ice and the process of trying to get unstuck could have caused the fire.

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The female mail carrier abandoned the vehicle after was not hurt.

According to Mike Bulbuk, supervisor at the postal store n Novi, the carrier was only 12 contains 340 deliveries. All of the mail inside the vehicle as well as the driver's purse, surped in the fire

Bulbuk said Monday he drafted a letter that was supposed to be delivered to the esidents affected on Tuesday proceed. He said the only mail he post office would have knowledge of are those items that had tracking information on them, and the rest cannot

contact companies and people they were expecting mail from to make sure they eventually get the necessary items.

Shannon LaBruyere, com-nunications specialist for the USPS, said anything they do find with identification on i they will make every attempt

"It's really one of those bad things we don't like to have happen," she said. "It's a rare thing to have everything in the vehicle destroyed."

Bulbuk said this is the third vehicle in the district to get stuck in the snow and catch fire since 2005, and encourages residents to do their part to help by clearing the area in

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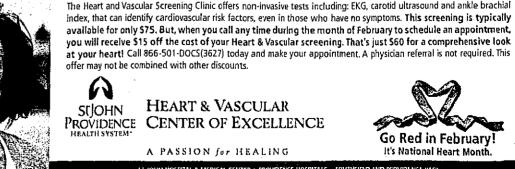
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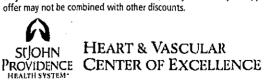


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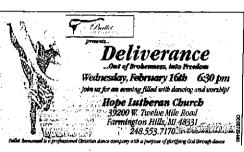


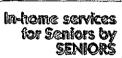
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Donations needed for Senior All Night Party

Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375. Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at alewis13@mm.rr.com.

The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as pos-sible so the committee can plan a budget.





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School board unanimously taps Matthews as next superintendent

Contract negotiations remain before final approval

Novi Board of Education members mentioned several times throughout the fiveview process that they wanted to find someone who could take the district to even great-

er heights.
And now they believe they have found that person in Grand Ledge Superintendent Steve Matthews.

Matthews, 54, accepted the position last Thursday following a unanimous decision by the board to select him over the other finalist. Manchester Supt. Shawn Lewis-Lakin. All that remains now is iron ing out Matthews' contract,

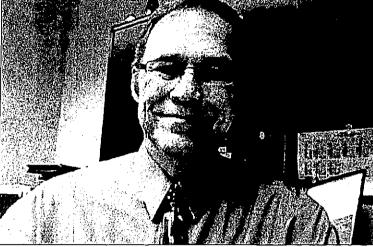
rave wrapped up by Feb. 17. "I was very excited Matthews said after being told by board President Bruce Bagdady he was their choice. "This is a great opportunity and Novi is a great district. I am really looking forward to working with the staff and the

which the board expects to

ommunity."
Matthews and Lewis-Lakir outlasted 43 other candidates to earn daylong final interviews in the district with vari-

The board members gushed over both candidates' abilities. but Matthews' experience in a ibility with Novi's goals stood

Vice President Dennis O'Connor spoke about an instance in Grand Ledge alternative ideas in an effort to help them under-



Steve Matthews was selected by the school board to be Novi's next superintendent of schools

schools and restructure the district.

"I was deeply impressed with (his) skill and ability to make tough decisions regardless of political conseque he said. "I think going forward that is the kind of analytical thinking we need in our district as we face difficult deci-

throughout the entire interview process he never wavered from his key point of putting students first. Matthews, who has been

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in Novi because it was "such a great district with high stu

dent achievement," and also gave him more of a "professional challenge. Current Novi Supt. Pete Dion is retiring in June, and a that time. Matthews will take Trustee Shari Lebo said time, he said he plans to help Grand Ledge with its transi-

tion and be involved with the process of hiring new administrators in Novi. Assistant Superintendents Gail Credit and Bob Schram

curriculum and assessment "I feel it's important I have in Troy for 10 years and spent ine as an assistant professor the opportunity to select peo-ple I feel comfortable working at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-

When asked what people should expect from him, Matthews said people should see he brings a sense of what schools can mean to a commu nity and families, and that he

> opportunities to make it grow "I will do whatever it takes to make sure the district runs

effectively," he said. Matthews is married to wife Jane and they have three children, Tyler, 28, Zach, 24, and

plans to continue the "excel-

lence in Novi" and look for

He said he looks at Novi as the last stop in his career.
Novi is a great place to be
and I'd like to put down roots and establish some continuity.

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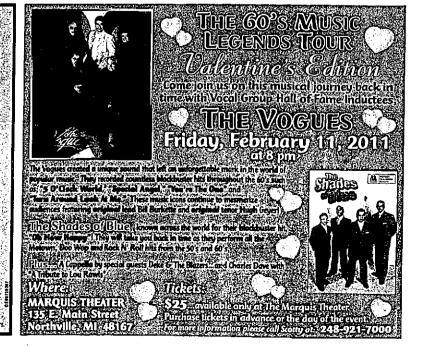
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'Romance of the Dance'

Ed and Shirley Handley celebrate their 63rd Valentine's Day together

turies about the "Romance of the Dance." Ed and Shirley Handley, residents of Fox Run

in Novi, live it. They met on a dance floor and are still dancing today. It is what they will do on their 63rd Valentine's Day together, dancing and lovingly gazing into each other's eyes just like they did the first time.

Their love story is the stuff Ed had served in WWII as a

ball turret gunner for the U.S Navy patrolling the Atlantic Coastline. He was attending classes at University of Detroit under the G.I. Bill and living in northeast Detroit after war. He and a few of his friends decided to join the 20-Up Club, a former tennis clubhouse in Royal Oak that had been converted into a non-alcoholic singles club by Pastor Charles Coughlin of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

Ed went to the club with no expectations. He played pingpong and cards and occasion-ally danced with single women who were there. One night in 1945, though, changed his life

"I saw Shirley and a few of her girl friends sitting by themselves," said Ed. "For some reason I liked her better, so I asked her to dance."

Shirley, who was working at the time as a secretary for Chrysler and who had recently broken up with her boyfriend. remembers the night as if it were yesterday. "He was tall and handsome," she said, "I had seen him around. And he was a good dancer."

The two danced that night to the recorded hig band. music of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and Glenn Miller. Ed asked her for her phone number over a soft drink and soon they began to double date with their friends, going to movies and - what else - danedancing once a week. When Ed and Shirley moved to Fox Run in 2004 they still

Fox Run will host a Valentine's Day 'History of Chocolate' extrava-

ganza from 4-6:30 p.m. Hundreds of residents will expose their quitty

pleasures by sampling an array of chocolate delicacies prepared by the

nation's finest chefs. The residents will bask in the nostalgia and roman ticism of chocolate as they celebrate Valentine's Day, Family members

Kevin Cunningham, director of Dining Services and a chocolatier who

admits to having a constant craving for truffles and cheesecakes, will create many of the chocolate masterpieces himself. He will serve a

selection of cheesecakes that are made from a secret family recipe and are prepared exclusively by him. The featured entrée will be Anatra al

Cjoccolatoch, which translates to duck with chocolate. Other treats will

include a variety candies, cakes, dipped fruit and hot chocolate made

Fox Run's Chefs de Cuisine have assisted Cunningham by gathering

chocolate recipes and history from around the world. The final presen-

tation will challenge some of the best "chocolatiers" across the globe.

from both milk as well as white chocolate flavored with liquor.

of got along."
Their first solo date together

was on a havride in the Royal

Oak countryside. And it was

"I was having trouble get-

ting up into the wagon," said

'She gave me a black eye,"

"He had a hard time explain

one neither will forget.

did I hit Ed in the eye."

said Ed. "Boy that burt."

ing that one to his mother,

said Shirley, smiling today. Ed and Shirley got married

on June 12, 1948 at St. Mary's

was hard to find apartments

at the time since the post-war

building boom had not yet

started. However, they per

of residents who have flown into Novi will also participate.

danced. They would find an empty craft room, turn down the lights, turn on their boom Shirley, "so I put my elbows up to give myself a boost. When I hox and dance to their records of the big band music that first brought them together so many years ago. Their Fox

Run neighbors would watch them dance and marvel at their dance steps and, more over, their love for each other. Ed and Shirley have since formed a ballroom dance Church in Royal Oak. They honeymooned on Cape Cod. It

group at Fox Run where residents join them once a month four times a year for events Ed and Shirley have five

children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. severed and put an ad in the local newspaper in which they said they were looking for an They are surrounded by love and affection by family men apartment. They found one in bers, neighbors and friends. Ferndale, just a long fly ball "Shirley was a beautiful blonde when we first danced

Ed's business took him and says Ed. "She's still beautiful Shirley to Overland Park, to me. We have stayed in love Kan., where they met friends who also loved to dance. Edafter all these years. She's my and Shirley took dance lessons "He's still tall and handsome favoring the fox trot, rumba,

"We found out real quick

said Shirley. "He's very loving. And he's still a good dancer."



Novi expecting decrease in water rates

Residents help cause by following lawn watering ordinance

BY NATHAN MUELLER

of Novi will be going down this year thanks to the efforts of the residents to curtail their water usage during peak hours.

The residents are reaping the bene fits of following the city's lawn watering ordinance as rates are expected to decrease 3.1 percent in the city, while most surrounding commi expect to see increases of more than

is looking at a hike of 11 percent, while the City of Northville's rates are expected to increase 9.6 percent and Wixom's 8.3 percent.

Novi had an increase of more than-10 percent last year. Tina Glenn, water and sewer

financial services manager for the city of Novi, said there was a ner clause in the contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department that after two years - if the city could show a decrease in peak hour usage - the rates could go

"There is only one element of the over and that is in the peak hour sage," she said. "People were aware of it and obviously wanted to see

The DWSD's rate structure is a

two-part rate structure that includes a fixed component for capital replace ment and a consumption charge. Also, the city changed its rate structure to include a minimum water rate but not a minimum consumption to better align with DWSD's rate struc-

Detroit determines the rate using a for-mula that factors in how far the city point, how high the elevation is and the city's usage. A city can

control its usage, and that is where the lawn watering ordinance comes into play. The ordinance calls for alternate day watering that takes place during nonpeak hours of 11 p.m. through

City Manager Clay Pearson said he s "very pleased" with the results, and cited the reason most communities

are seeing increases is because while overall consumption is down, there are fixed costs that still have to be covered. "Obviously this sure beats the creases we have seen," Pearson said

> of Novi's decrease. Glenn said while getting a lower rate is nice, it might not always be the case and the work is not done. "Now that we have negotiated this new flow rate we have to maintain it."

The rates will not be finalized until they are approved by the Board of Water Commissioners and the Detroit City Council.

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rant," said resident Jennifer

Logan. Novi Mayor David Landry

neeting, but the resident com-

said he had mixed feelings

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"(As Kravitz said), the near-

locate in the plaza.

Novi Resident Mark Pehrson was the grand prize winner at Novi Rotary's Mardi Gras Murder Mystery event. Pehrson received a check for more than \$5,000 for the lucky ticket drawn at the annual Rotary fund-raising party. More than 100 people attended the charity masquerade at Embassy Suites. Pehrson, a member of the club since last fall, said some of the money will be donated to charity and the rest will be spent within the state of Michigan. Mark and Kathy Pehrson will also plan to help their oldest daughter with school expenses at Michigan State University. "We would like to thank Novi Rotary club for the great time we had at the event," Pehrson said.



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28413. Abbey Lane, New Hudson, MI on February 27, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm., with remembrances start-ing at 3:00. In lieu of flowers, dona-

MARGARET H. TEGGE

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IRENE TROST

Age 80 of Garden City, died peace-fully with her husband and children by her side on February 3, 2011.

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mother of Bonita (Dave) Pilarz, Timothy (Sandra) Trost, Janet Trost.

Ann (Mark) Mills, Allen (Katrina) Trost, Karen (Roberto) Teran. Grandmother of 11 and great grand-

mother of four. Daughter of the late Glen and Mazel Ellsworth, sister of

Gen and Mazel Elisworth, sister of the late Alvin and George Elisworth. She is survived by her sister Marie Ayris. A memorial service was held on Sunday February 6, 2011 at the First Baptist Chruch in Dearborn. In

lieu of flowers the family is askind donations be made to In-House donations be made to In-House Hospice Foundation 30400 Telegraph Road, Sulte 334 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or The Village of Westland Senior Community 32001

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tions may be sent to The

Salvation Army.

THOMAS WILLIAM



CLARIS M. HARMS

Age 91 of Fowlerville, passed away Thursday, February 3, 2011. Born January 17, 1920 in Wxom, MI, he was the son of Lewis M. and Maude M. (Duncan) Harms. Claris had formerly attended the Lakeland Trails Baptist Church. He was a tormer member of the Mason Road Baptist Church. He was a wall to the Pacific Theater. Claris has been a resident of the area since the early 50°s and worked as a daily farmer on his tarm on Lange Road followed by his Norton Road farm from 1960 to 1983. Beloved husband of Donna Lean (Dial) Harms whom he married in Milford on August 12, 1950. Loving father of Douglas L Harms

2011. He Was born on Julie 30, 1926, dayleter of John and March 1928, to which was united in by his toring children: Pacticia (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) (Gardene) Gleick. She was united in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) (Gardene) Gleick. She was unlited in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) Gleick. She was unlited in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) Gleick. She was unlited in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) Gleick. She was unlited in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) Gleick. She was unlited in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) Glarichen) And they spent 53 Idving years of George Tegge in 1934 (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gardene) Glarichen, Deviden Marriad and they spent 53 Idving years and they spent 53 Idving years and they spent 53 Idving years (Obeby) Rose; grandchildren: Lisa (Deby) Rose; grandchildren: Land one grandchildren Deaton Rose, Lisa (Deby) Rose; grandchildren: Land one grandchildren Deaton Rose, Lisa (Deby) Rose; grandchildren: Land one grandchildren Rose; ktern Ros Jean (Dial) Harms whom he married in Militord on August 12, 1950. Loving father of Douglas Larms and Becky (Mack) McCrary. Also survived by his sister. Evelyene Burke; several nieces, nephews and very dear friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Howell (517-546-2800). Interment

(VANVALKENBURG) SARVIS supported to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd, Ste. parents were Harvey and Theresa were Harvey and Theresa Heintzl VanValkenburg. She lived in Northville most of her life. She was preceded in death by the head-ofat MacDonald's Funeral Home – Howell (517-546-2800), Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in are suggested to the American www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

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PAULA K. CARTER

Age 67, of New Hudson, Feb. 5, 2011. Beloved wife of George. Visitation Thurs, Feb. 10 from 3-5 p.m. with a funeral service at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 10 Mile Rd, South Lyon (248)446-1171.

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ROBERT O. MORAN

Age 86, of South Lyon, Feb. 3, 2011. A funeral mass was held Feb. 8, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 248-446-1171

RAY ROSE
Age 84, passed away February 6, She was born in Detroit on June 19, 1912, daughter of John and Mary 1928 in Kentucky. Ray is survived (Gardner) Glick. She was united in

DOROTHY (VANVALKENBURG) SARVIS

Norman. She passed away on January 20, 2011, in Mesa, AZ. Interment will be at Rural Hill

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Novi officials say 'no' to restaurants in Briar Pointe

Resident concerns help council make decision

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Briar Pointe Plaza owner's plea to the Novi City Council to modify a consen udgement and allow restaurants in the shopping center fell on deaf ears Monday night After six residents who live in the area of Ten Mile and Beck roads voiced their concerns. the council unanimously voted to deny amending the consent judgment and encouraged the owner to rethink how they plan on filling the vacancies.

"The applicant has not proven their case to me," said Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt. "L think the residents were right when they said the plaza needs a lot of work. I don't know why a restaurant is seen as a savior f that particular location."

This is the second time since the consent judgement was put in place in 1990 that the owner has been denied by council to modify it. The last time was in

The consent judgement in

place limits commercial uses in the shopping center to only
B-1 uses, local business district, and not B-2 or B-3 uses, which permit sit-down restaurants, last food sit-down restaurants and fast food carryout restaurants.

Attorney Gray Kravitz, who spoke on behalf of the plaza wners, said they were in favor of the planning staff's recommendation to only add sit-down and carry-out restaurants, and felt the modification would be beneficial in many ways. Kravitz said it would bet-

ter serve the neighborhood because the nearest restaurant is two miles away, add to the city's tax base and improve the overall look of the area. "As you may not be aware. tain vacancies that have existed for one-and-a-half going on two years," he said. "(We) look

plaints made it easier. "What struck me is the current developer's unwillingness to have some restaurants in or inability to maintain what is the shopping center to avoid blight in the area and provide

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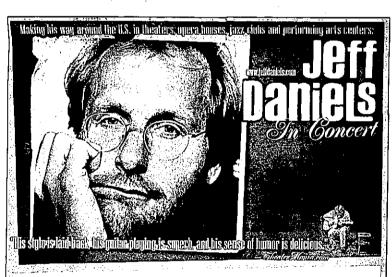


John and Chong Mione, of Noviannounce the engagement of their son, John Mione, to Kelly Johnson, of Berkley, Mich., daughter of Dennis and Karen Johnson of Avoca, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Yale High School and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Oakland University. She is a lender with Comerica Bank.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Novi High School and carned a bachelor's legree in economics from University of Michigan and a juris doctorate from Wayne State University. He is an ttorney practicing civil litigation in Bingham Farms.

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lvnovi.org

Mass Schedule Time/Day, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday: 7 p.m. Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays

or by appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and

Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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vice with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a m. Traditional worship service, Children's

Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service. Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study.

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible

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

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

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road. Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

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Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m. Saturday St. John's Enisconal Chirch Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road.

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

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Justin Fischer isn't wasting any The Novi City Council member who was just elected to his first term in 2009 announced last week his

has many of the same "Obviously I have been able to serve with David, and the leadership he exhibited has he said, "With his

election the opportunity is now for me.

Novi and served on the zoning board of appeals for five years, including two years as the chairman and one as the vice chair, prior to being elected

He said he knows some people may question his experience for mayor, but is confident he is ready.

"Even though I am 28 I bring close to a decade of experience," he said citing his volunteer public service and

sions, "Just because I am a young it doesn't mean the experience doesn't come along with it.

"I am young, but that means I want to be in the city a long time and have a long-term view for the city." Fischer has a background in finance and has worked at Ford

Motor Co. for six years. He said that

on-the-job training with a company

that has had to cut costs and deal

Landry, who has been mayor since 2005, announced in January that he would not be seeking re-election to a fourth two-year term.

him to manage the city in a fiscall

their candidacy, and its expected that Novi Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt will also be doing so in the coming weeks.

Thousands of motorcycle

buyers are expected to pack the

95.000-plus square foot exhibi-

Admission is \$10 for adults

and \$3 for ages 6-12. Car parking

is \$5. People who want to skip

the lines and get in 30 minutes.

earlier can buy them in advance

online at www.motorcycleswap.

The Suburban Collection

Showplace is located at 46100

Grand River Ave in Novi and can

be accessed using three conve-

nient exits off 1-96 - exits 159,

For more information on the

swap meet call 800-968-4242 or

visit www.motorcycleswap.com

to be around other bikers

160 or 162

tion area from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet rolls into Novi on Sunday

The Midwest's largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof will converge with thousands of bikers on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Suburban Collection wplace, formerly known as Rock Financial Showplace to buy, sell and swap mote cycles, parts, accessories and

STAFF WRITER

candidacy for mayor in November.

to fill following current Mayor David

Fischer, 28, knows he has big shoes

Despite the massive snow fall there is hope that spring is around the corner. Bikers with cabin fever turning to spring fever will arrive in droves clad from head-to-toe in leather and sporting ban danas, vests cluttered with pins collected from rides or events from across the country, and T-shirts that make a statement or prove "I've been there and seen that," said even ector Chad Dutmers. Tony Lamantia of Tony

Chrome Customs of Westland will be displaying his newest creation, called Fat Ass Bagge "It's an amazing one-of-akind bike," said Dutmers, "It nas an air bag system allowing the bike to kneel to the ground supporting itself without a kickstand."

Lamantia bas had some fun with it even while parked. "I have a remote control with actuators in the saddle bags' lids and can make them open and close at the push of a button People stop dead in their tracks when they see this bike move on its own," said Lamantia.



"It originally was a 2003 Harley Davidson Electra Glide dard that we completely stripped down to the frame. e widened the frame and swing arm 6 inches to allow the name Fat Ass Bagger.

The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, for the past 36 years, is famous for offering everything for rider or machine for men and women who love to ride motorcycles and the lifestyle touring. The hard-core biker

or the casual rider will find what they need and at swap meet prices.

When riding season arrives "With nearly one out of every four bikers in the U.S. living in bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or Michigan and its four border solete chrome, paint, parts, tires and apparel. You sponsor give bikers the chance

don't find these items at the mall, you find them at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet.

and to support the economi interests that are vital to keep ng the industry strong," said Dutmers. "We love to showcase Michigan-made bike builders and suppliers as much as nos sible. Our bread and butter is the Michigan biker." The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motor-

vele vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists attending will see new '11 bikes as ell as used bikes - street, dirt, metric, touring, cruising trikes, choppers, custom bikes and trailers.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

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Did you know that roughly 1 in 10 people living in Michigan can suffer from depression in the winter months?

This is a common condition that many people live through every year and you don't need to suffer alone.

We would like to help you!

PrimeCare of Novi is going to present a lecture on SAD and will have some tips that can help you or someone. you know have a more pleasant winter!

February 15th • 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm Providence Park Outpatient Medical Building Conference Room A-B

RSVP with Health Connect @ 866 501 DOCS(3027) We are going to bring with us:

A Reaistered Dietitian: Lisa Maroun A Behavioral Health Clinician: Sue Decker

Dr. Robert R. Zaid, DO Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Dr. Theodore W. Shively, DO

(Our dietitian will sample some foods that will make you feel better)



PRIMECARE OF NOVI 39555 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi (248) 426-7200



NOTICE TO BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS CABLE CUSTOMERS

Great NEW programming choices are coming for Bright House Networks customers

In furtherance of our commitment to bring new technology and advanced digital services to your community, Bright House Networks continues to implement a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital programming services than before including new HD and 3D channels.

Beginning March 15, 2011, the following new Movie Pack channels will be delivered on the SDV system Encore East HD, channel 680 Encore West, channel 581

Encore West HD, channel 681 Hallmark Movie Channel, channel 590 Indicates HD, channel 682 Flix West, channel 587

Also, beginning March 15, 2011 the following new Variety Package channels will be delivered on the

FS Detroit Plus HD, channel 286 Own HD channel 336

These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the date noted above. If you want to subscribe to this service, you will need a digital converter or similar bi-directional (two-way) equipment from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming

Other programming changes

rom March 2nd through April 15, 20: current and new channel locations as listed below. Starting April 15th, 2011, these channels will be carried on their new channel locations only.

•	Current Channel	New Chan
Encore	570	580
Encore Westerns	571	589
Encore Love	572	596
Encore Mystery	573	591
Encore Drama	574	592
Encore Action	575	593
Retroplex	576	583
Indieplex	57 7	582
Fox Movie Channel	578	585

Beginning March 15, 2011, the following channels will be carried on the locations listed below: Hallmark Movie Channel HD will be available in the Movie Pack on channel 690 and available in the HD Pack on channel 690

· Sundance Channel will be available in the Movie Pack on channel 588 and remain available on

• Encore Warm will be moved to the Movie Pack on channel 594, and no longer be available on Fifx will be available in the Movie Pack on channel 586, and no longer be available in The Movie

· Fox Sports Detroit Plus will now be available full time on channel 86, and no longer available part

· Community Bulletin Board will now be available full time on ch. 3.

• IFC will be available in the Movie Pack on channel 585 and remain available on channel 151. • IFC HD will be available in the Movie Pack on channel 684 and remain available on channel 351

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays

Shownlace Grand River Avenue

Details: Comrades and fellow yet

meetings: attendance is needed to

Suburban Collections Showplace

Contact: (248) 348-5600 or www.

suburbancollectionshowplace.com

American Rusiness Women's

Association - Novi Oaks Charter

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking)

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

ncludes dinner and presentation.

Contact: For more information or

to RSVP for dinner, please contact

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an

president@abwa-novi.org.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

Guests are welcome!

Location: 46100 Grand River

between Taft and Beck roads

Location: Rock Financial

pnerick@aol.com.

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OUR VIEWS

Winter woes? Get outside and enjoy the season's beauty

Regardless of what the groundhog predicts each year, winter isn't officially over for another five and a half

That seems like a long time from now, especially when we look around at all the snow on the ground. What's a winter-weary Northville or Novi resident to

Get outside and enjoy the white stuff!

safe to venture out.

Winter seems to fly by fast for those who participate in cold weather recre-Many people say they ational activities like downhill used to like winter when and cross country skiing, ice they were young, but they skating. dislike it more and more the older they get. That

try putting on a pair of warm, sturdy boots and taking a walk may be because they used around the block or building a to play outside when they snowman with your children or grandchildren in the front yard. That can be enough to were children but hunker cure a case of cabin fever. down inside now that they're adults. Of course, to like winter when they were Many people say they used snow makes driving more young, but they dislike it more

and more the older they get. difficult and dangerous, That may be because they used but there are more days children but hunker down than not when the roads are clear and dry and it's Of course, snow makes driving inside now that they're adults. more difficult and dangerous, but there are more days than not when the roads are clear

and dry and it's safe to venture out. Michigan is blessed with four seasons, each one disnutiful: This time of year, our state is a winter

The scenery through a picture window - especially with a roaring fire in the room — is something to behold But it's even more breathtakingly beautiful up close.

When was the last time you studied the intricacies of a single snowflake on your fingertip, watched an icicle take form as the sun melted and shaped it, or followed the tracks of a cottontail rabbit or other small woodland

animal in the snow? You don't have to rent a cabin Up North in the woods to enjoy what nature has to offer - these experiences can be as close as your back yard or the neighborhood park. And the Northville/Novi area has plenty of plac es - like Maybury, Community and Hines parks and

Rather than begrudge the rest of winter, enjoy it by going outside. The weeks will fly and spring will be here

Don't say 'snow-way'

Some Northville/Novi residents may still be digging out after last week's blizzard that brought about a snow emergency. So what exactly does the declaration of a snow emergency mean to residents and business owners? (You'll want to know because chances are pretty good in this state that we'll have another.)

The basic premise of declaring a snow emergency is twofold. First, officials want residents to get their cars off the streets as soon as possible so workers can start plowing local roads. Second, they want to remind residents and business owners of their responsibility to clear

Northville and Novi, to some extent, are walkable communities and should remain that way despite snowstorms. It does little good for half of the residents to clear their sidewalks if the other half don't make the effort. And no one wants to shop in a store if they have to trudge through heavy snow just to make it to the front door. So take proper precautions, but do your best to get the car off the street and into your driveway soon after a snowstorm. And clear the sidewalks so children can once again walk to school and your neighbor can get to the corner store, pharmacy or bakery with ease.

Whenever a major storm strikes, it is important to remember that the community has many seniors who are unable to shovel snow. That is where the true helping spirit of Northville/Novi comes in. If every able-bodied meawner with a snowblower helped a senior or two clean up after a storm, the entire township would be

back in business in short order.

Anyone who knows a shut-in should check on them after a major storm too. There is a good chance they may need basic necessities like milk and bread, so an offer to pick them up a few items would be greatly appreciated.

Being a responsible citizen and kind neighbor is espe-

cially important after a major storm. So take a minut to go outside and assess your neighborhood. Pay special attention to that neighbor who rarely gets out. If his or her property is still snowed in and there aren't any foot prints leading to the front door, pay a visit and offer to help. After all, that type of kindness is exactly what sets the Northville/Novi area apart.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite part of winter?

'The weather and

the snow. I like

being outside and

experiencing the

change of seasons."

Curt Krueger



"Taking my son sledding. It's a fun activity to do together and doesn't take much planning.'



"Snow davs" at home with my kids; sledding; and clearing the snow. And then everyone's favorite: hot cocoa with marshmallows." Sandy Peurach



the change in the seasons. It's the spice

LETTERS

Outrageous! Illogical! Unfair! Can anybody (i.e. government) explain or

justify the inequity inherent in the prevailing system for levying charges for city water and sewage disposal? Who is able or is willing to justify a flat

sewer rate that is often higher than rates charged for water and sewer combined when all meaningful factors are equal? It is incredible that my combined water and sewer bills are almost equal to the individual

sewer bills of our neighbors who depend on well water and use no city water. In 2010, one of our neighbors paid as much for sewer as we paid for water and sewer, and the house had been empty for the year!

Many of our neighbors, who have wells. paid \$420.00 for sewer in the last 12 months. . In that period we paid \$140.32 for sewer. Our water bill for that period was \$270.23 for a total of \$412.33.

Either the water fairy is providing us with 48,000 gallons of water at no charge or my neighbors are being penalized for maintain ing a well and not buying water from the city. Very often, financial circumstances determine one's choice to tap or not tap into city water. Do not infer that I am seeking an increase in my water bill. But I do insist that an injustice is being committed against my neighbors and anyone else who prefers the independence a well provides, or, perhaps, they can't afford the cost of a city water tap-in. Is this a not so subtle effort to coerce these homeowners to cap their wells and buy city water?

The irony of the situation is that but a few years ago we were pummeled with pleas to cut down on water usage. Our conservation backfired.

The ensuing grop in consumption now necessitates higher rates to compensate for

I'm mad as hell, and I'm but a minor casualty of the perennial water war, it's surprising that well water users throughout the county haven't taken to the streets with pitchforks in hand. Ahhh, another era, another place ... Patrick Downey

Fisher for mayor I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for mayor of the City of Novi in the November 2011 election, and ask for your sup-

Lam running for mayor because I care about the long term future of Novi and believe that I am the best candidate to keep Novi mov ing forward. As a lifelong resident of our city, I have been blessed with many opportunities that living in Novi has provided. Additionally, my wife, Melissa, and I plan to raise our children in Novi, the community we both called home growing up because we believe in Novi and want them to be blessed with the same

opportunities - and more. Presently serving as a council member and representing your best interests at the city level. I bring nearly a decade of volunteer public service to the City of Novi on various boards and commissions. I have seen first-



Snow day

Novi resident Bigan Sedjhi clears his home's driveway on Wednesday afternoon. By that time, about eight inches had fallen on the area - with a bit more to come later in the day

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com.

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hand the issues we face and have had to make tough choices in regards to our city's finances and budget. And to be honest, we still face unprecedented times in our community, state and nation. However, I believe that Novi is resilient and the choices we are making now. will make us stronger in the future.

In these tough economic times, we must to move forward. We must always be mindful of where we want our city to be five, 10, 20 years down the road, yet not forget where we came from. We must prioritize our spending while always striving to make our city a better place, yet be innovative and creative during times when money is tight.

I have met many residents through my past and/or current commitments to the city and I look forward to meeting many more of you during the following months as I work to be elected your next mayor. I am anxious to share all that I have to offer from my time serving Novi as well as my professional experiences at Ford Motor Company, where I presently am employed, while also looking forward to hear-

ing your ideas on the future of Novi. If elected mayor I promise to continue to work tirelessly to address the challenges facing Novi. More importantly I promise to work, not only for, but with each of you to build on our past successes, with an eye toward the

Justin P. Fischer City of Novi council member & candidate for

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

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; erans, please join these monthly by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, maintain and grow the Post. South Lyon, MF 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstriku included in Thursday's newspaper lis@twml.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

LOCAL EVENTS

Borders Books ocation: Novi Town Center Contact: (248) 347 0780 Children's Storytime Time: 2 n.m Saturdays Details: Gather round for a fun story suitable for children of 6 years old and under. Yorthville & Novi Garden Club

Fime/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady

Details: The topic will be "Bees--sweeter that Honey" with Dave Contact: Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

Democrats Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 Location: Comfort Suites Inn at Wixom Road and the south side of I-96 in Wixom

Description: A biologist from Friends of the Detroit River will speak on Saving our Rivers and our Great Lakes at a meeting of the Democrats of West Oakland County club. Free and open to the public, Contact: www.myderns.info

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road,

Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entre-

The Club is seeking new members

to join in the planting, planning and Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail. com or (248) 956-0029 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Time/Date: II a.m.-noon every

Wednesday Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook Contact; Deloris Roman at (248)

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

668-8600 for additional informa-

active, progressive chamber offer ing a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and . Ivement with local charities Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-12th Annual Threads of Powe Charity Breakfast Time/Date: 8:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, Location: Nordstrom of Novi. 12

Oaks Mail. 27640 Novi Rd., Novi **Details:** Help those in need by bringing gently used business attire to help men and women who are struggling to maintain an appropriate wardrobe. Cost is \$20 members: pre-registration required; \$25 nonmembers; must register by calling Chamber office

Business to Business Breakfast

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 Location: Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Rd., Novi Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door; non-members \$10 at door. Please pre-register.

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See website for direction to Plymouth Cultural Center Sponsored by Rawlinson Photography
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Sunday, February 13, 2011



Science Alive

Terri Neil, of Science Alive, dances around an energetic three-banded armadillo during her Feb. 8 visit to the Novi Northville Montessori School. Neil brought along a wide variety of animals including a ball python, common

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 team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Member: learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. and bring a friend. Visit www. Guests are invited to attend free novi.freetoalhost.us. of charge. Continental breakfast Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all candevelop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring excellence. Guests are welcome

freetoasthost.us Novi Rotary Club

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Eccation Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site

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

Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approxi mately 200 guests per show Feb. 9-20: Mike Dugan's "Men Fake Foreplay' Feb. 24-26: "One Man Star Wars"

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March 2-20: "The Godfadda March 23-April 10: "I Love You. You're Perfect, Now Charige" April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?" April 29-May 1: "Celebrity Autobiography' May 4-22: "Bad Dates" May 25-June indefinitely: "The Last Five Years" Contact: www.ticketmaster.com or

LIBRARY LINES

cali (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 noted below, all programs take place at the Library Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details. Understanding Autism

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. Details: Adam Brode, Speech Language Pathologist and Play Project Home Counselor will inform and answer questions about autism that will help you recognize the signs and symptoms of autism spec trum disorders. Please register. AARP Tax Day Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 Details: AARP volunteers will be available to assist with the preparation of taxes for those with middle and low incomes, with special attention given to those aged 60 and older beginning every hour at 10:30am with the last appoint ment at 2:30pm, Assistance is limited to simple tax returns only Registration is required prior to eceiving assistance. This is a free service sponsored by AARP and the Novi Public Library. Chinese Story Tim Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Monday.

Details: Chinese-speaking volunteer storytellers read Chinese nicture books to preschool aged children. I Love Chocolate

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Feb Details: Come and enjoy all things chocolate. Make chocolate recipes and learn other advantages to being a choc-o-holic. For grades 7-12. Registration required. Spanish Story Time Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Details: Spanish speaking vol

unteer storytellers read Spanish picture books to preschool aged children. ESL Book Discussion Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Tuesdav, Feb. 15 Details: If English is your second language and you would like to be more proficient in reading and discussing books written in English, then join our ESt Book Discussion. For advanced-interme diate to advanced English speakers We will discuss one book during the six-week session. Title to be announced. Books will be provided

Registration required and limited to 15 participants. **Enalish Conversation Group** Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register

4H Exploration Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

Details: If you think that 4H is just about farm kids taking their prize calf to the show, think again! There are lots of 4H clubs that focus on activities of interest to kids living in a more urban environment. If you are between 5 and 19 years old, you should join us as MSU Tollgate Farm danager, Roy Prentice, talks about 4H and Novi's local 4H Club called Sun, Water and Seeds, it focuses on growing vegetables, learning about healthy eating and developing entrepreneurial skills. Registration

reauired. Hindi Story Time Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.:11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 Details: Hindi-speaking voluntee storytellers read Hindi picture ooks to preschool aged children Booked for Lunch Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday.

Please see CALENDAR, A12

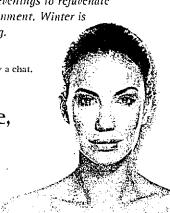


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Seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a chat.

Rejuvinate

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is \$49, which includes a personal appointment for our choice of one service

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25 min Age-Defying 3 25 min Neck-Back-

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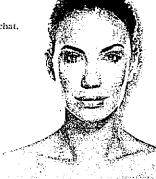
a package \$20 off a \$100 future select service purchased at Vita Wellness Center

Gift bags will be provided and refreshments will be served.

West Bloomfield Hospital and Henry Ford Plastic Surgeon Dr. Donna Tepper will present two evenings to rejuvenate yourself in a healthy, healing environment. Winter is the perfect time to refresh for Spring.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 Don't Hibernate,

Reservations required, please call



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CALENDAR

Horses by Molly Gloss.

Library Board Meeting Fime/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Details: Come join the Library Board at their new location - The

bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Hearts of

Whole Meeting room at the Novi

sions, annual budget, and broad

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 Details: Come and try out your culi-

nary skills in this challenge. You will

limit to make a delicious concoc-

tion. For grades 7-12, Registration

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday

Details: Calling all preschoolers! Share stories about Clifford the Big

dance, and take home a picture to

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday,

Details: A fun and practical 2-ses-

sion healthy living course equipping

kids ages 8-12 with new attitudes,

skills, and knowledge about eating

better and moving more - for life

Registration is required and we

Intermediate Word for Adults

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday,

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Public Library. Topics could include planning for the future, policy deci-



Park workshop focuses on winter activities with your dog

STAFF WRITER

Tim Riley cringes when he thinks about the family dog being cooped up inside for months on end because of rigid temperatures.

Dogs - even chihuahua – can handle the cold, and owners need to get outside vith their pets throughout th

year, he said. Riley, owner of Grayling based Snow Bound Adventures, will be at Lyon Daks County Park this Sunday for a workshop on winter

said Riley. Snow Bound Adventures offers dog sled rides, and will show people how it works. Not all dogs are made to pull their owners on sleds, but another possibility is skijoring, where

the dog helps pull its owner on But Sunday's workshop will run the gamut on pets and winter weather.

Riley said the workshop includes winter-related equipment, as well as advice on and how to decide if your dog

ssues and cold weather. questions and answers.

> can customize to things they'd Riley said some people wil have a chance to ride one of the dog sleds as time permits

The workshop will run Sunday, Feb. 13, noon to I p.m. and 2-3 p.m. The dog sledding

demonstration area must be

There will also be time for on a six-foot leash. The event is free and no registration is required, but they can do with their dogs i enter the park.

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After the snow

Following last week's big snowfall, winter scenes could be seen all around the area along a snow-covered Eleven Mile Road in Novi on Wednesday afternoon: Zach Johnson 15, launches himself off a ramp that he and his buddies built on a hill at Novi Woods mentary. All Novi School District students had the day off, as the schools closed due to District meant that its buses sat empty and covered in snow along Eleven Mile Road on Wednesday morning; and snow covered tires and cars had some tough going on Wednesday around Novi as more than eight inches of snow fell on the area.





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Drunk driver caught with weed

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A 41-year-old man was arrested at 9:12 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Novi Road and Pau Bunyan Drive for operating while intoxicated and posse sion of narcotic paraphernalia after he was stopped by a Novi police officer.

The officer was traveling driver began to tailgate his semi-marked police vehicle. The officer saw the suspect's car swerving in its lane and moved over to allow the truck to pass him before initiating a traffic stop.

The man admitted to drinking at Novi Bowl and said he knew he should not be driving. He failed field sobriety tests

and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The egal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

juana one-hitter with mari-juana residue in it. The driver was issued two citations and was released

the officer also found a mari-

Extremely drunk driver stopped

2 Novi police arrested a 21-year-old woman for drunk driving at 2:50 a.m. on Fcb. 5 after she was stopped for running a red light at Novi Road and Grand

According to the report, the officer observed her car go through the light before she pulled into a gas station. When he approached the car he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside and the woman admitted to having one drink in Detroit.

The woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a BAC of .20 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent.

She was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated

Police nab drunk with drugs 3 Novi police arrested a man at 2:20 a.m. on Feb. 5 at M-5 and Thirteen

City of Novi 5 12 Mile Rd. 11 Mile Rd. 10 Mile Rd. 9 Mile Rd

Mile Road for drunk driving and posses-sion of marijuana after he was stopped for

running the red light. According to the report, the driver approached the red light and the intersection and turned without stopping or using a turn signal. The officer then observed the truck swerving several times in its

When the officer approached the truck he could smell an odor of intoxicants coming from inside, and the suspect denied He fell against his truck when getting

out of it to perform field sobriety tests, and then refused to take the tests. A PBT registered a BAC of .18 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 per-

cigarettes were found in the center arm rest and a small amount of marijuana was

The driver was issued two citations and released after posting bond and when

8 Mile Rd.

Two cars broken into at Red Robin

4 Two women had their purses stolen from their cars while they were parked

she returned the purse was missing. She said she thought she locked her car but there was no sign of forced entry.

called the bank to report the theft, they told her the card had been used at Meijer and Target stores.
The other victim had her passenger

The one woman said she left her purse under clothes in the front seat and when

Her purse contained her debit card, driver's license and money. When she

window smashed and purse stolen around the same time. The purse contained her passport, but the suspects left her wallet Police have no suspects.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Daddy Daughter Dance

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host its annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, Feb. 11 and at the Novi Civic Center.

clothes and be ready to boogic under a mirror ball. Back for 2011 are the chocolate fountain, sno-cone machine, great refreshments and goodie bag. Corsages and silver commen rative charms are available for purchase upon registration and ready for pick-up at the dance. Photo packages are sold

separately.
Registration for the Daddy Daughter Dance is available online at cityofnovi.org. Tickets are \$12 per person for sidents and \$15 for non-resi dents.

For more information about the Daddy Daughter Dance, please contact Sandy Fisher, Recreation Programmer, at (248) 347.0414 or sfisher@

Bowling and jobs

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invit Metro Detroiters to "Bowl for Jobs" and "Donate for Jobs" at locations in nine area cities, including Novi Bowl. Each location will accept monetary donations and gently through Sunday, March 6. The best donated items will be among those sold at Goodwill's new flagship upscale resale store in Canton.

Every donor will receive a coupon for one free game of bowling with the purchase of mother game. Participating centers

also will raise funds for the campaign through 50/50 raffles during league bowling Donation and raffle activities supporting Goodwill are in conjunction with Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers lengue "St. Patrick's Pot o' Gold All donations support the

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cation programs of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, the only organization in solely to helping local people overcome employment challenges and earn jobs. Novi Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road.

Supplies low, so blood drives are scheduled

The treacherous winter weather throughout much of the United States over the last few weeks has caused horrific driving conditions and power outages. But these winter storms have had another consequence that was more subtle. their impact on our nation's

In many communities around the country, with blood supplies already low, the American Red Cross has seen its efforts 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 since January 1. To this week's cancer patients require anywhere from one to 40 pints in their treatment, that loss could be significant.

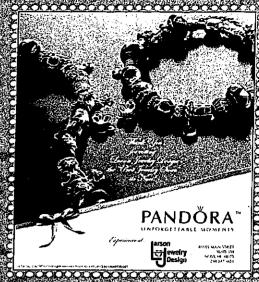
Additionally, the supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels. Currently the local Red Cross s not able to fully fill requests from hospitals for type Onegative, and is moving blood among hospitals to where it is needed most while supplies are critically low.

A number of local blood

drives are scheduled:
• 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, 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 p.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eight Mile, Northville



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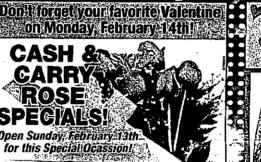
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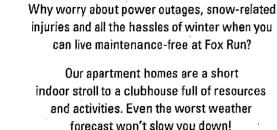
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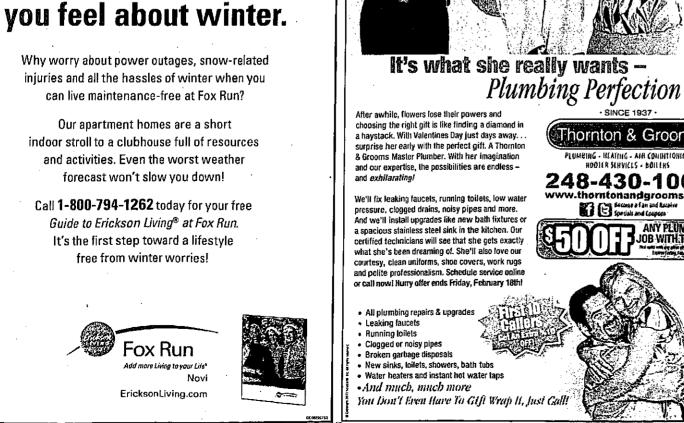
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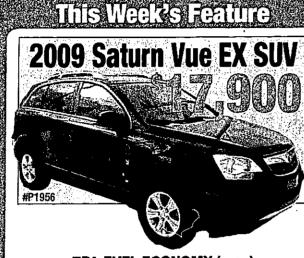


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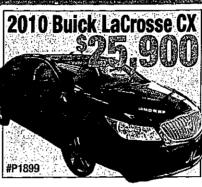


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SECTION B



Senior class sets new bar for collegiate student-athletes

Wildcats' program total jumps to 11 and counting

Novi's school year is just midway through and the Wildcats' Athletic Department is already setting program records for the number of seniors who have signed on to play a sport at the

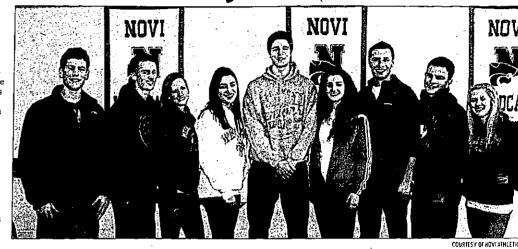
Last Thursday was signing day for many collegiate sports. Although many Novi student-athletes had already made their official by signing their letter of

Four members of the girls soccer team, three from the football team and two from the Thursday to continue their athletic careers. A few will continue to play alongside one another as

Senior goalkeeper Wes Smith and senior midfielder John DeLeon both signed on to play occer together at Oakland University next fall. DeLeon had four goals and two assists from his defensive

center midfield position last fall, earning All-State second team, All-Conference and All-District honors throughout the season for his defensive work the area's best players, all whil posting a 3.32 Grade Point Average in the classroom en

Please see SIGNING, B2



Molli Krick all signed letters of intent Feb. 3 to play either soccer or football in college next year

Clutch free throws give Novi rivalry win

Ozeir, McIntyre combine for 41 of Wildcats' 55 points over Northville

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Some teams focus on enior Novi forward Samer Ozeir and others try to shu down everyone else and rely on Ozeir having an off night. Northville went for the latter, but was unsuc-cessful as the Wildcats wor

the baseline rivalry contest

The Wildcats (11-2, 6 Central) were gradual in pulling away from the Mustangs (7-7, 3-5 Central) during their 55-43 boys pasketball victory. After aking a 15-12 lead in the first quarter, the 'Cats and Mustangs notched 10 apiec before halftime.

An 11-9 Novi third quar ter didn't widen the gap much, but a 19-12 fourth quarter closed out the game with success for Nov baskets during the final

patient on the defensive end and wear them out a little bit." Novi coach Corv

Central) were scheduled to host Livonia Stevenson (13-1, 7-0 Central) two nights ago in a contest that would ikely determine the division pion. Next up is a trip to South Lyon East (0-11, 0-7 Central) tomorrow and an undetermined Kensington Conference tournament opponent Thursday. A Feb. I snow delay also has the boys cagers visiting

regards to how close

The Wildcats (11-2, 6-1

Plymouth Salem (10-3, 4-3 Central) Monday. All game tip off at 7 p.m.

the game actually was. Northville had a three to tie at just over a minute to go and we came down and an Bush buried a bigtime three for us. Then we closed out the ball game with free throws.

Going 18-of-22 from the charity stripe, the Wildcats were able to secure the wir



Novi's Samer Ozeir puts up a shot against Northville on Feb. 4.

Lady cagers dominate Mustangs

D'Annibale a force off Novi's bench

The Wildcats (12-1, 6-1

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ers hosting Plymouth

tonight in a pivotal

oss of the season.

Salem won 52-46 Jan

determine the division

champion. All games

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11. The rematch will

Salem (6-7, 5-2 Central)

rematch of Novi's Ione

Tuesday.

BY CHRIS JACKETT

The Wildcats (12-1) improved to 6-1 atop the KLAA Central Division after a 15-6 first quarter generated a 28-14 halftime lead. Novi would hold on for a 42-27 win over the Mustangs (7-7, 3-5

"We hit a couple of shots

the charity stripe, but the early drives to the basket got several Mustanes in foul trouble "As I have said before, Ally

Please see GIRLS HOOPS, B2

The buzz of a baseline rivalry matchup at Northville last Friday wasn't intense for ver long, as Novi's girls basketba team raced out to an early lead

and (were) pumped up for the rivalry game," Novi coach Bill Kelp said of the quick start. Junior Ally D'Annibale had a game-high 12 points off the bench while hitting 6-of-8 free throws. The Wildcats went 15-for-24 (62.5 percent) from

has a lot of tools and hope-

'Cats split decision with Warriors on the slopes



Novi's Lucia Li placed seventh against Walled lake Western.

Novi's ski team finished the regular scason with a split cision against Walled Lake Western last Thursday at Alpine

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The boys team improved to 5-4 overall with a 18-24 victory. after a tough 14-22 loss. Although the Warriors took first and second in the event, the Wildcats swept third through ninth, pushing Western's last two scorers to 10th and 11th. Senior Austin Feight led the way for Novi with a two-run total of 40.48 seconds, behind only Western's Jeff Arlan (37.22)

and Dan Tanbakuchi (39.37).

Feight was followed by consecu

Novi's skiers will compete in the

Boys ski team defeats

Western to finish above .500

before the KLAA Championship Monday at Alpine Valley in White meels begin at 4 p.m.

tive Wildcat finishes from senior Steven Speers (40.68), senior Kuni Hotta (41.18) and sophomore Harrison Halley (41.47). With one of their five skiers earning a disqualification, the Warriors nearly didn't have the four required skiers to challenge Novi didn't have as much luck

Junior Calla Spillane sparked



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Novi's Harrison Halley at a recent meet at Alpine Valley

against Western's girls, who only Novi, leading the Wildcats in a had four skiers, but managed to finish first, second, fifth and sixth, pushing the Wildcat fin-ishers to third, fourth, seventh and eighth. The effort pushed the Warriors to victory behind Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

senior Michelle Rich (fourth i n 47.63) and junior Addison arantonio (eighth in 50.20)

either side of victory as he finished

in a tie for 11th in his weight class

to face high seeds due to their unranked status, causing each to

struggle on the day. Sophomore Zach Roush (160)

and jurnior Justin Michaels (215)

tied for 13th, while Ben Landry

(152) also finished tied for 13th

Because the Wildcats didn't

weight class, sophomore Anthony

Despite finishing 5-0 (16-7

overall) in the KLAA Central

Division, Novi landed 12th of

24 teams at the individual meet

based on points. West Division runners-up Brighton (42-2, 4-1

However, the 'Cats still had

West) won the individual med

hopes for a team title Monday

squared off at South Division

hamp Canton (24-5, 5-0 South)

despite a 0-2 showing.

both went 1-2 on the day to finish

Novi's other four Wildcats had

GIRLS HOOPS

fully she continues to show the consistency that she has been playing with lately," Kelp said. We can't settle for just outside shots. We have to get to the basket. Concentration and repctition is the key to free throw

shooting." As Novi built up their league, many reserve players saw playing time, as all 13 players got time on the floor Despite the varying levels of experience on the court, the Wildcats' 13-for-34 shooting (38.2 percent) was enough to silence the Mustangs, who hit just 10 field goals and eight wer free throws

"Everyone did play, but we were settling for outside shots instead of taking it to the basket," Kelp said.

Novi's players did improve less fouls, with just 11 total on

BOYS HOOPS

But the lead wouldn't have een there if not for another consistent game from Ozeir. who finished with 30 points, 1 rebounds and three blocks, all while going 10-for-12 from the free throw line.

"He was incredible, took advantage of his back to the basket game, finished at the rim, cut hard, posted hard, played above the rim on the poards and knocked down his free throws," Heitsch said. "In the second half, they were run ning a double at him on the low block but, he was able to recog-Ozeir was held without a

ree-pointer for just the second time all season, however. The Mustangs were also able to shut down senior Chris Milon, who typically has big

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completely on offense, Milon rebounds and three blocks

"It's been a focus point for us all year hopefully we are getting better moving our feet instead of reaching," Kelp

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through aggressive defensive patterns and failed steal attempts, but the Wildcats were strong last week, making

"We try to play an aggressive man to man with the main goal of pressuring the ball, thus hopefully creating turnovers," Kelp said, Sophomore Jade Antolec

five steals) and senior Joanna Beaton (two points, six rebounds) were key forces in the paint for the Wildeats, McMahan had 10 points on 1-for-5 shooting and senior Alyssa Armiak added eight points and four assists to a strong defensive performance

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

against Northville.

"Northville really ran hard at Chris in the low block and handled him and us much better in transition," Heitsch said, "I am not sure if they shut down our guards, our guards just took what was available and looked to get the ball inside. They played advantage basketball, which is what we preach."

Senior guard Avery McIntyre helped the Wildcats secure the game, going 6-for-6 from the line and finishing with a season-high 11 points.

"Avery was fantastic. Heitsch said. I was really pleased because he had two ough turnovers early and he showed the poise and composure necessary to move on and just play. He had just an out-standing fourth quarter."

The rest of Novi's point production was split between a pair of très by Bush, a senior. and an individual basket apiece by seniors Brady Sheldon and

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Wildcat grapplers struggle at KLAA meet

some of the fouls have come Sparling storms to third-place finish

CORRESPONDENT

The KLAA individual championships did go as expect for many of Novi's wrestlers. The Wildests entered the med

at Hartland with five grapplers seeded in the top eight, and only six managed finishes in the top nine at the end of the day. The best performance ca rom fourth-seeded senior David Sparling (189 pounds), who went 3-1 in finishing third in his veight class. He scored a pair

of pinfalls before losing a 23-10 decision to eventual champion Anthony Abro from Canton. He then won a 4-2 decision over Brighton's Vince Tkac. Third-seeded senior Beau

before being upset by the sixth seed in the second round and los ish eighth in his weight class.

Bielski (140) won his first match

matching his seeding, unseeded senior Matt Aoun (135) opened his day with a win over an eigh

seed. Despite losing his next two matches. Aoun won his final match of the day to finish sev enth in his weight class.

Alejandro Albuerne (125) and eighth-seeded junior Giddian Albuerne (119) both finished as they were seeded. Aleiandro went 2-2 and Giddian was 1-3 in matching seed expectations

was junior Jake Dobras (171), was seeded sixth, but suffered a loss in his first match of Seniors Shahbaig Sidhu (130) and Chris Caverly (145) both had

impressive performances and finished 10th in their respec-tive weight classes despite being unseeded. Sidhu lost his first match, but won two straight lead ing up to a loss in the ninth-place additional match to get into the bracket, but had an identical patin a quad meet rescheduled from tern to Sidhu's in finishing 3-2 on

the Feb. 2 snowstorm re Dan Denova (103)

Regionals.

Novi's wrestlers (16-7) will compete at Team Districts tonight at Northville before the Wildcats face off in Individual Districts Saturday at Detroit Catholic Central, A strong performance at Team Districts will send the Wildcats back to Canton to compete Wednesday in Team

50-19 against the Rocks in a bout Levy (112) was the remaining Novi for the Kensington Conference title, but bounced back to defeat wrestler, tying for 19th after going Waterford Kettering (6-2, 5-0

> The Captains were defeated b eventual KLAA champ Hartland (25-2, 5-0 West) in the Lakes Eagles defeated Canton 37-23 in Hartland had finished second

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

at the individual KLAA meet,

followed by Canton at third,

while Kettering was 17th.

Shamrocks defeat Howell in hockey

Hockey team earns third win in a row

Team is playing pretty well," said Johnson. "We are searching for consistency

The Shamrocks started the game with the first goal, notching a 1-0 lead with 12:08

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hock-Michael Downing and Tyler Van Acke assisted on the power play.

It took nearly a full period before the Highlanders tied it up, 1-1, at the 12:55 mark n the second. Jordan Simmonds, on the power play, scored with assists from Dakota Olvin and Kenny Miloser to make it an even p.m. against Hill Academy.

But the Shamrocks would not be denied the win, pushing the contest to the 5:16 mark in the third period before securing the victory. Downing scored a goal of his own with assists from Sean Gaffney and Mitchell

The contest was chock full of penalties with Catholic Central taking 10 to Howell's nine. Howell's Colin Myers was called for

Gatt to tip the scale in Catholic Central's

ith a game misco Earning the win between the posts was Alex Nork, who stopped 21 shots on goal to earn his sixth win of the season. Bryce

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks are officially on a winning streak.

The team, coached by Todd Johnson, collected their third-straight victory last week, edging a tough Howell Highlanders squad,

in our work ethic and discipline. If we do find that consistency we will be very competitive at the end of the season.

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ev team will be back in action when they play in the MIHL Showcase tournament this week end with a game scheduled against Marquette at 6 p.m. tomorrow before a contest at 10:40

hecking from behind at 15:38 in the third period before being removed from the game

Goulah took the loss for Howell, stopping 24

sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

route to the All-Area Player of

"One of the strongest players on the ball ever to play at Novi, almost impossible to dispossess of the ball once he has control of it," Novi boys and girls coach

Brian O'Leary said. Smith made the All-Area first team as the backstop behind the Wildcats' 20-5-0 campaign. He had a 0.9 Goals Against Average through 20 games between the pipes – as well as three goals and an assist during nis limited time on offense – as he also earned All-Conference, All-District, All-Region, All-State third team and Academic All-State honors with a 3.6

"A great athlete; tall, rangy and aggressive in goal," O'Leary said. "He made great late-game prevent the other team from

ying the game up." Also flocking to the sar school are senior forward Nicki Gabby Gauruder, who both take their talents to Michigan State the fall. Both All-State studentnthletes were instrumental in the Wildcats' 21-2-2 run to the vision I state title last spring and will return for one more season of action this April. Caruso racked up 19 goals

All-Area Player of the Year "She plays the left side for ward and is a player that is equally strong with both feet, she is our best dribbler and provides a speedy drive to the goal that is unmatched on our team," O'Leary said. "Gabby was a very clutch goalie for us We had many close games this provided a save in a game that

and eight assists as she carned

would preserve a one-goal lead to lead us to victory." Gauruder tied the school record on the opposite end of the field with 18 shutouts, games, a 0.32 goals against

Caruso and Gauruder could quad off against fellow Novi

enior Nikki Greenhalgh next fall when Greenhalgh is playing for the University of Wisconsin. and four assists for Novi last

spring despite miss games with a torn ACL. The sixth, Novi soccer player and fourth from the girls team to sign a letter of intent is senion Molli Krick.

Despite missing 12 games with an ankle injury, Krick was a defensive center midfielder vho earned All-Conference honors behind two goals and two assists last spring. She'll b taking her talents to Eastern Michigan University.

proud of what they have accomolished because they were all players that cared about the team first and would do whatever was necessary for the team to be successful." O'Leary said of his collegiate-bound student-athletes, "Because of this attitude they, as individua recognition for their skills as they lead their teams to great

The world's sport of football college athletes from Novi, as gned letters of int

Kicker Scott Stanford committed to play at Saginaw Valley State University. The 5-feet-11, 165-pound senior was 3-for-5 on field goals last fall (5-for-9 career) and 20-for-22 on point after touchdowns (30-for-35 career). He also had 21 punts for 710 yards (33.8-yard average),

with a 49-yard best. "Scott did a great job kicking for us this year," Novi football coach Todd Pennycuff said. "He has a tremendously power ful leg and was a big asset for us this year. Scott will be an immediate impact player for Saginaw Valley

Stanford's squad will compete with Novi teammate Brady Sheldon's Ferris State University team.

The 6-feet-4, 174-pound or (listed as 6-feet-5 with Novi's basketball tearn) had 105 yards rushing for three touchdowns on 12 attempts last fall. Sheldon had a 66-yard interception and was second on the team with 59 tackles

(30 solo). He also had six pass breakups in two years of var-"Brady is an outstanding

athlete who is just beginning to come into his own," Novi football coach Todd Pennycuff play a many different positions of athletic ability. Brady can cover ground quickly and bring a major punch at the point of attack. Ferris State will have e luxury of being able to play Brady at several positions. He can catch the football and he can tackle.'

The final college-bound Wildcat is Brian Bush. The 5feet-11, 150-pound senior (ne 6-feet-1 with the basketball team) had six interceptions and eight pass breakups over the course of two years, but could at Adrian College, Bush also had 25 rushing yards (eight attempts), 20 punt return yards (five attempts) and two

kick returns for 14 total yards. "Brian has all the character istics that a coach looks for in a football player." Pennyouff said ethic, along with intelligence, where he is supposed to be when he is supposed to there Brian is a young man that displays a tremendous amount o racter. Adrian is fortunate to get such a high quality per-son, athlete and student as

The nine new collegiate sign ees put the Wildcats' program total at a record of 11 in a single signed their letters of intent in

Senior Laura Subject committed to play volleyball at Clarion University and senior Becca Berman committed to wim at MSU.

The Class of 2011 isn't likely done either, as senior volleyball players Erica Robb and Erin Floomian, as well as boys bas ior Samer Ozier, have yet to decide between multiple options. Other athletes are also exploring their options and

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Wildcats defeat #5 Wayne

Novi bowlers hitting hot streak at right time

BY CHRIS JACKET

online at hometownlife.com

its best week of the season. combined to go 3-1 while the boys notched a win over No. Wayne Memorial in the pro-

The Wildcat boys (4-7-2, 2-6 Central) rebounded from a 22-8 Jan. 6 loss to the Zebras (8-2, 5-2 Central) for a 18-12 win on Jan. 31 at Town N Country Lanes in Westland A pair of close 182-178 and 205-202 baker game wins got Novi out to an early 10-0

The Zebras took the first game 1,072-992, but the Wildcats came back for a 943-928 win in the second game. Junior Chad Smith (212, 210) scored two points and senior Steve Cullen (224, 191) had one point to lead the

The girls (2-11-0, 0-8 Central) also improved in an uphill battle against a No. 9 Wayne team (7-3, 5-2 Central). However, the nent still resulted in

After losing all 10 baker points, the girls won the first game 794-784 behind junior Shelby Limpert (159). to hold off the Zebras, who pulled away late for a 858-

With the Novi boys' record at 4-7-2 (2-6 Central) and the girls at 2-11-0 (0-8 Central), both teams were scheduled to take on Plymouth last night at Westland Bowl before visiting Canton at Super Bowl tonight. The regular season wraps with a pair of contests Monday against Plymouth Salem at Novi Bowl and Thursday against Northville at Town N Country Lanes in Westland. which was rescheduled twice from an original Dec. 13 date. All

Last Thursday, both teams pulled off solid victories over Bowl in Canton.

The boys squad again rebounded from a loss earlier in the season to defeat the Trojans 21.5-8.5. Using a 6-4 edge in the baker games, the Wildcats won the first game 944-885 en route to building a 13-6 lead.

The second game came down to anchorman senior Brandon Ross picking up a

The Wildcats' bowling team hopes to use four matches in the final week of the regula season to propel them onto a hot streak heading into the Feb. 18 Kensington Conference tourna

674 while securing four of the

matches begin at 3:30 p.m.

867-859 win. Smith (202,

182) earned two points, while senior Nick Kuczajda (201) and junior Andrew Thorwall (205) each scored one point. The girls got their sec-nd-straight victory over the Trojans, winning 23-7. The

and won the first game 734

five single points to take a commanding 12-7 lead. match with a 657-563 win in the second game. Johnson (156, 140) and freshman Sara Schulz (163, 170) each scored

The Wildcats capped the week last Saturday at the Farmington Mercy

"After a good week of bowling, all but a few of our bowlers were humbled by tough scoring conditions a the tournament," Novi coach John Osborne said.

Junior Callie Wright (508 or three games) was the lone varsity All-Tournament team member from Novi while freshman Abby O'Leary (408 for three games) and more Morgan Wiley (538 for three games) earned honor for the respective junior varsity girls and boys

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

NOVI ROUNDUP

The Wildcat cheer squad had a few tough breaks in a pair of competitions last week. Novi's girls started out Feb. 2 with a 718.7320-672.4000 loss at Livonia Stevenson, dropping the 'Cats to 1-3 in the five-team KLAA Central Division.

Although they finished fourth in the divi-

a after winning the title last season, the girls improved just enough to take sixth of the 11 Kensington Conference squads last Saturday's conference championships at Westland John Glenn. The Wildcats earned 677.6712 points, edging out seventh-place South Lyon and 10th-place South Lyon East. Canton won the conference title with

724.4320 points, edging out South Division champ Livonia Franklin by 2.582 points and Central Division champ Northville, who finished fourth in the conference, by 6.916 The Wildcats will host the Association

meet 1 p.m. Saturday, hoping to improve their KLAA standing by facing off against

8-I-1 Central).

Novi's icers had a big week last week. securing a pair of 7-2 victories over both Northville and Brighton.

Now ranked No. 3 in the state and No. 2 in Division I, the Wildcats (16-3-0, 8-2-0 KLAA Central) defeated No. 41 Northville (5-10-3, 1-6-2 Central) last Friday and No. 19 Brighton (7-8-2, 3-4-1 Central) last Saturday he 'Cats were scheduled to face No. 46

Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea. The team will return to Chelsea tonight for the second leg of the Public High School Showcase against No. 10 Howell (14-3-0). Novi will then try to get back on top of the Central Division 6 p.m. Wednesday when they head to Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in

onia to take on No. 11 Stevenson (13-3-2,

Utica Eisenhower (15-3-0) last night at the

In the finals, Legacy defeated Sky High Volleyball (Crystal Lake, Ill., near Chicago) in a tough 28-26, 23-25, 16-14 match.

VOLLEYBALL

COLLEGE WRESTLING A team of Novi alumni won the University of Michigan Intramural Wrestling Tournament last Saturday in Ann Arbor. Team members included were Albert George, Aswin Reddy, Jeff Lai, Jon Lichorobiec,

Adam Ballantyne and Ryan Ridenour.

Novi juniors Victoria Rose, Aly Ryan,

Legacy Volleyball Club at the Central Zone

Molly Marzonie and Lesley Harrington

The girls won the 17 Club Division over

Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky.

competed with the Rochester-base

SOFTBALL CAMP

Fourth through eighth graders are invited o join the Novi softball coaching staff and Wildcat student-athletes for a softball hitting camp from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Novi High School gym, 24062 Taft Road. Sign-in runs

The camp, which costs \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, will cover hitting and bunting techniques with an opportunity to practice 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

For more information, contact Novi High School softball coach Bob Lulek at (248) 363-5679, (561) 686-5867 or MightyHarley27@

Players can also register in advance by mailing their name, home phone number, age and grade to the high school with attention to Athletics and Physical Education. Checks

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Novi tankers finish third at county championships

Chung wins 200 IM, all three relays take top six

BY CHRIS JACKETT

It was the Wildcats' depth across all 12 events that helped Novi's boys swim and dive team finish third of 27 teams at the Oakland County Championships

last Saturday in Lake Orion. oite their struggles in KLAA Central Division play, Novi (2-3, 1-3 Central) used the invitational format to earn 173 points. meet with 332 points, follo by Birmingham Groves at 257.5

"The team swarn great. It was a very fast meet and we made many improvements, not just in time drops, but as a tea Novi coach Eric Lynn said. The Oakland County Championship are not just another invitational and winning it was never even a thought. We went into the mee

Birmingham school has done in over a decade, and we were very excited about it." finished sixth in 3:20.14, behind

The Wildcats edged out several ther strong teams, as Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (160), Clarkston (149), Crankbrook (143.5), South Lyon unified (131), White Lake Lakeland (128) and Detroit Catholic Central (87.5)

anded out the meet's top 10. The three relay events were but point producers for the Wildcats finished in the top six for each

Seniors Joon Chung, Tiger Bourque and juniors Jongmin Kim and Eugene Song combine to finish sixth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:42.25. Scaholn won the event in 1:39.81. Matt Wright, Travis Vincent and Song tearned to take sixth in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:32.27, as

Seabolm's squad won in 1:29.43

Groves' first-place finish in The Wildcats also benefited from multiple top-25 finishes in three individual events.

took second in 1:00.18, behind Lake Orion's 59.95-second fin ish. But Kim finished fourth in 1:02.27 and junior Austin Reed was 23rd in 1:07.09 to earn vital points for Novi. Chung finished first in the 200

individual medley in 1:58.17, with teammate Kim following at 14th in 2:07.08. Ao and Vincent also combined for a 7-12 punch in the 200 free finishing in 1:48.45 and 1:50.20.

event in 1:43.69. Both Ag and Vincent also earned top-15 finished in two other freestyle events. Ao finseconds and Vincent finished the

Novi's swim and dive team (2-3, 1-3 Central) was scheduled to visit North Farmington Tuesday

Northern (3-2-1, 3-0-1 North) at 6 p.m. tonight to wrap up the regular season. The team then has a week to prepare for the. KLAA Central Division Meet Feb. 18-19 at an undetermined time

before hosting Walled Lake

and location.

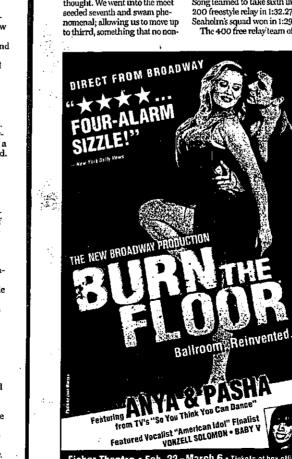
"The league meet will be verv interesting, but really should be repeat of the division meet," Novi coach Eric Lynn said, "Our division is extremely fast and deep. Looking at the top ranked schools in the state, each team in our division is ranked, and the only other team in the entire association which is mentioned

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(Canton) will also be at our

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under the 2010 Tax Relief

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and payroll taxes for employe

National Health Service Corps

scholarship programs. While I am unhappy that

a long-term "fix" was not be

approved by Congress, we

are left to play with the cards

that have been dealt. The best

advice I can give clients is to

remain patient and not panie

about anything they may per-

ceive in the short-term; some-

times surprising results can

occur when you remain cool.

passage of the 2010 Tax Relief

advice for the next two years;

Act and that will remain my

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to achieve implementation. It's

also an opportunity for these

institutions to embrace the

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ideas they can bring.

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Everything you should know about the 2010 Tax Relief Act

n Dec. 17, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Tax Relief, Un Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 (2010 Tax Relief Act). This law provides some relief and cerainty for Americans; at least until the end of 2012. Far from Internal Revenue Code, many of the items in 2010 Tax Relief Act are merely "extensions" or renewals" of various tax provisions that were set to expire on 12/31/2010. In other words, Congress and Obama essentially punted any real tax relicf intil the 2012 Presidential

The increase in the estate tax credit amount to \$5 mil lion is a very significant change to the tax code. Considering the greatest amount excluded any previous estate tax was \$3.5 million, \$5 million is a nice relief under the 2010 Tax Relief Act. Without this evision to the estate tax, only \$1 million in assets would be sheltered for persons who died

The problem with the estate tax relief under 2010 Tax Relief Act is that it is very shortsighted. Although married shelter up to \$10 million in of this tax windfall would require both spouses to die before 12/31/2012. I do expect an extension of the estate tax elief enacted (maybe even an increase to the sheltered and clients will need to monisuch time as any longer-term

relief is approved.

The reduction in the employec portion of social security ithholding (from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent) for the year 2011 will provide immediate savings for all employees. Ar equivalent portion of the selfployment tax is also reduced in 2011 (10.4 percent). This is a velcome relief, as these savings will be immediately felt in all

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Dan Hoops social security taxes withheld is \$4,200. The \$2,000 savings will be seen ncrementally in every pay-

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ers, dividends are the income throughout the year, paying reduced rate of tax on that income is appealing. If this "type of income" were taxed at the higher ordinary income tax rates, they could have been ore inclined to make drastic nvestment decisions before the end of 2010. In other words, individuals may have taken an immediate capital gain ing stock and replaced those shares with investments that would not generate additional ordinary income tax, such as

The 2010 Tax Relief Act also provides some extensions of various tax benefits to individual taxpayers for another two tion for itemized deductions and the personal exemption for individuals with adjusted gross income in excess of \$169.500 vill not be in place on 1/1/2011. In addition, the "marriage penalty" will not effect the standard deduction for married

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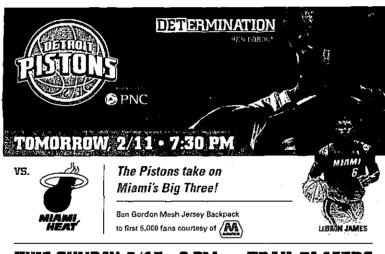
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Farrell concentrates his practice on multi-party, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of environme torts, product liability, toxic torts and emerging claims. An alum nus of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Farrell's than three decades and includes



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The American Attitudes About Homeownership survey found that in today's challenging economy, 95 percent of owners and 72 percent of rent ers believe that over a period of severa years, it makes more sense to own a home. In addition, an overwhelming majority of homeowners are happy with their decision to own a home -93 percent of owners surveyed would ouy again.
"Of course it's true locally. Nothing

takes the place of home ownership. said Gary J. Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi and immediate past president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. Interest rates are low, said Livonia resident Reggish, and many renters want to buy.
"You can buy houses today, nice

houses, and have your payments lower than renters are paying in rent, he mortgage interest deduction, and can deduct property taxes as well.
"There are incredible bargains," he

said of current housing inventory in the metro area, "in all price ranges." "Interest rates have dropped dramati-cally." A loan can be obtained for 30ear fixed in the 4 percent range, with significant savings over the life of the oan, he said.

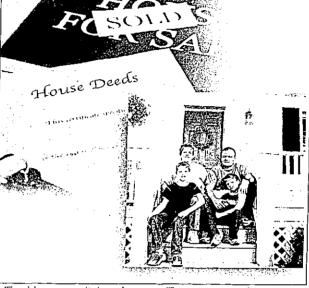
Both professionally and personally, Reggish sees less tangible benefits to owning.
"Once thing that renting can never

take the place of is the sense of community," he said. You don't get that in an apartment complex, he said, where ents are more transient. "You just don't have the sense of camaraderic.

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"There's nothing better than being able to go home and say "This is mine. You have choices," Reggish said. "Homeowners and renters agree that home ownership benefits indi viduals and families, strengthens our communities, and is integral to

our nation's economy," said National Association of Realtors President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "The results this survey illustrate just how important issues related to home ow

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The survey uncovered some differences between homeowners and renters, as well. While more than half of owners are "very" or "extremely" sat isfied with the overall quality of their family life, only one-third of renters report the same levels of satisfaction Similarly, 43 percent of homeo community life, compared with 30

percent of renters. A majority of renters - 63 percent said that it was at least somewhat likely that they would purchase a horat some point in the future. Among this group, young adults (18-29 years old) have the strongest aspirations for home ownership; only 8 percent of

young adults said that it was "not at all likely" that they would purchase a home at some point in the future. In today's market, many aspiring omeowners are faced with worries about job security and creditworthi ness. Among renters who are very or extremely likely to buy a home in the

future, three out of five consider con

fidence in job security and creditwo One point of agreement between enters and homeowners was support of the mortgage interest deduction (MID). Seventy-four percent of owners and 62 percent of renters say it's "extremely" or "very" important that

the MID remain in place "At a time when the middle class is under increasing economic pressures both homeowners and renters agree that the mortgage interest deductio should not be targeted for change," said Phipps. "Given strong public sup port of and aspirations toward owning a home, we need to keep policies in place that support and encourage responsible, sustainable home owner ship for our future."

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. and fielded Oct. 6-20, 2010. A total of 3,793 adults, 18 and older were surveyed, including 1,880 homeowners, 1,115 renters, and 798 young adults. All samples came from the Harris Poll online database and were weighted for age, sex, race/eth-nicity, education, region and household income to be representative of the U.S. general population of adults 18 and older.

Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online. Results are available online at www.realtor.org/

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How To Avoid Job Scams

Rachel Zupek, CarecrBuilder.com

If nothing else, this age-old adage might be the most important piece of advice to remember it your job search, especially in today's market.

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Though job scams are prevalent at any time. today's tough economic times have increased the amount of scammers looking to take advantage of people desperate to make money

"With the economy sliding, people who might otherwise be skeptical want to find a silver lining and too often mistake the glitz-andglamour promises of a scanmer's ad for their path to financial security," says Christine Durst co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix, a training and development company that focuses on home-based work.

Durst says Staffcentrix researchers screen about 5,000 home job leads every week, and there is a "56-1 seam ratio" among work-at-home job ads. Any opportunity where you can "make money fast," "no experience is necessary," or "work in your pajamas" is appealing to people, so they get thrown into the

Mindy A. Bockstein, chairwaman and executive director http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/ keyword/director> of the New York State Consumer Protection Board, agrees that people are trying to capitalize on the strong desire for work and income in different populations and

"Don't fall for get-rich-quick schemes, work-athome scams, pyramid schemes and numerous other approaches promising employment and wealth but being used to separate job seekers from their money," she says.

Who's the target of job scams? Anyone seeking a better job opportunity or looking to earn some money -- even smart people -- can get sucked into scams, says Robin Giroir, regional vice president of Spherion Staffing Services. With the wide scope of the

Internet, every bogus "job" can reach hundreds of thousands of people, she says.

Durst says victims of work-at-home scams are typically -- and unfortunately -- those who can least afford to part with their money. One particular scam reviewed by Staffcentrix targete women who were between the ages of 18-49, had children, were less affluent and did not have a college education.

"We are also seeing a rise in the number o seniors and retirees falling prey to these cons, as many of them are now looking for ways to supplement their income due to the declining stock market," Durst says,

Spotting a scam While identifying a scam seems like as it would be easy, you must remember that the people who creat them are practiced seams are linked to

legitimate Web sites that have professional photos, testimonials, audio and video -- all the things that can convince someone that it must be

Here are some things to keep in mind when spotting a job scam:

1. Hold tight to your cash

"No legitimate employer asks you for money. This is a foolproof tip off that something's not right," Giroir says, "There are a number of scams that work this way. You deposit your money in an offshore account and wait for your investment to make you wealthy, or you purchase a list of highpaying jobs you can do from home. Whatever the

"Beware of ads that make outrageous claims.

don't specify job duties and don't require that you send a résumé. Legitimate employers are seeking candidates with specific skills, knowledge and education. Watch for ads, even for entry-level < http://www.carcerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ entry-level> jobs, that use the phrase 'no experience necessary,' especially when there is a promise of big money," Giroir says.

> 3. 'Work at home' appears in the header Work from home' is not a job title," Durst

warns. "If it appears in the ad header, there's a good chance it's a come-on. Scammers can rarely resist including it in the of their 'hook' as they people to reel in.

4. Miracles arrive in your inbox "How could this man from Romania have known you were based work? Miracles do happen, but not via

spam." Durst says. "Move [the e-mail] to your trash file without using the 'remove me from this list' link you're likely to find at the bottom of the page. These links are often used to confirm that your e-mai address is active, and using them can result in even more spam,

5. Palm trees, mansions, beaches and bikinis "Successful scammers often bag their prey by dangling enticing things in front of them -- much like kidnappers do," Durst says. "'If you get into my car I'll

give you this candy bar ... " 6. Put on your detective hat There are essentially two ways to get listed with the Better Business Bureau: Buy a membership or get reported for

bad business practices, Durst says.

"While the absence of a company's name in their listings is not unusual -- not every business is a paying member of the BBB -- a C, D or F rating and multiple complaints are a flashing warning

Durst adds that you must be careful about ads that look legitimate and that contain the name and Web site of well-known companies but carry a "free" e-mail address for a reply.

"Reputable companies have been victimized by scammers using their company names and reputations to scam unwitting job seekers. Always take the time to stop by the company Web site before responding to a job ad," she suggests, "You may find a notice warning you of the scam. What you won't find, is a job listing for someone to accept checks and wire funds to someone."

Too little, too late Unfortunately, many job seekers still fall victim to job scams. So what happens when you realize that you're involved in something you probably shouldn't be?

Consequences include identity theft, loss of savings, unauthorized charges to your credit card and, at worst, a run-in with the law. At minimum, you lose some money and a little pride, but consider it a lesson learned. Durst says.

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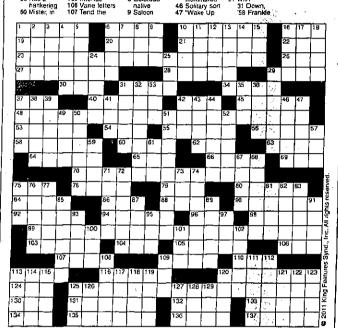


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