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Novi firefighters battle a blaze on Ridge Road East on Feb. 10. The home was severely damaged by the fire that began around 2 p.m.

Community comes to aid

of family displaced by fire

Cause of afternoon blaze still unknown

would raise \$438. "So far we have gotten a

great response for the cash drive," she said, noting that

cannot be enough help for

after the first day they already

Two of the four children who

There also were three adults

The fire started around 1:54

lived in the home attend Novi

Meadows and Orchard Hills.

living there, but no one was home at the time of the fire.

p.m. and Novi firefighters

were on the scene within five

minutes to battle the blaze.

Deputy Police Chief Tom Lindberg said firefighters from all four Novi fire sta-

tions responded to the two-

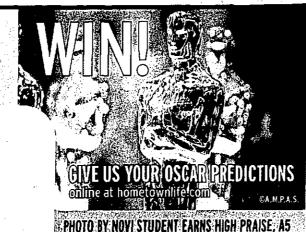
story home, and the stations

were covered via the depart-

"At one point we had 75 percent of the house engulfed

with surrounding cities.

The other two children are not



not drugs

The Novi Youth Council is partnering with the Novi Fire and Police Departments and annual Addicted to Games ... Not Drugs event from 9 a.m.noon Thursday, Feb. 24.

Hosted by Lucky Strike, Incated in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, this event offers students in Kindergarten through sixth grade access to tive entertainment, food, and Members of the Novi Youth Council, Novi Fire and Police Departments, and Lucky Strike staff will be on hand to supervise the event; however, parents are encouraged to join the fun. Proceeds will go towards local anti-drug initiatives in

The permission slip is available online at cityofnovi.org and payment may be made at the City of Novi Treasurer's Department, located at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road). Tickets are \$10 per student.

For more information, please visit cityofnovi.org. MSU Extension offers

program

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tems across Michigan. This 10-week program consists of nine Monday evening classes (6-9 p.m.) and three 4 n.m.) from Feb. 26 through sions are held at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, Saturday sessions will be held at the MSU Toilnate Education Center Indian Springs Metropark, and Independence Oaks County

Park, Registration fee is \$275. online at http://www.pakgov. to request an application by mail The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 4. Please call (248)

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- ily. If all students brought \$1, it County gives good news to businesses

and thrive despite struggling That is the message

Business owners in Oakland County can rest

assured that they are not

BY NATHAN MUELLER

A Novi family lost nearly

everything they owned last Thursday when an afternoon

fire destroyed their home on

East Ridge Road.
But just hours after word

spread about the disaster,

organizing ways to help. Lisa Fenchel, principal at Novi Meadows, said the

people in the community wer

school's lobby is full of clothes

and other necessities, and the

same can be said at Orchard

"It has been a phenomenal

response," she said. "The turn-

Other schools throughout the

the family in need and formed

Krista Cherniawski, a par-

ent of a student at Parkview, is heading up a drive at the school

out and generosity has been

Hills Elementary.

heartwarming."

crowd gathered Feb. 10 at the Crowne Plaza in Novi for the monthly networking lun-cheon of the Novi Chamber alone in their fight to survive of Commerce. The event was sponsored by the Detroit Media Partnership. Krauss spoke about the

and community relations for Oakland County, had for the Oakland County, had for the do their part as well. "I am passionate about the fact we are ambassa-

dors for our county, region Please see COUNTY. A3

under control by 3:15 p.m. and extinguished by 3:46 p.m. Jeff Johnson, director of

emergency medical services and fire operations, said the

fire marshal is still "digging into the scene to find the

in the fire investigation unit

from Oakland County to help.

There was quite a bit of

Johnson said they hope to

The family was renting the

home at the time of the fire and are in need of a new place

to stay. Anyone who has any leads on homes or would like

to help the family can contact

The family could not be

hel at (248) 449-1270.

have a cause identified by the

and floor partially col-

damage to the structure and

lapsed which means there

is more building materials and debris for them to sift

through," he said.

cause." They also have brought





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in flames or smoke," Lindberg | ly grateful" for all the support.

The firefighters had the fire nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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enrollment remains steady

District still has 30 days to complete final count

There was no need for socials to get the students all-important count day on

usual - despite frigid temperatures - for the students and teachers as the district numbers changed very little from the first count of the school year in September.

superintendent of human resources, said the results are fairly typical, with elemen-tary numbers increasing and secondary numbers decreas-

this school year than they were last year. "Of course we have

had some drops over the years but overall we have increased," Schram said.
"Maybe it's the stability of there are less areas where The figures reported

COUNT DAY

Novi Woods - 467 (Sept.), 468 (Feb.) Orchard Hills - 425 (Sept.), 431 (Feb.) Parkvien - 382 (Sept.), 379 (Feb.) Village Oaks - 462 (Sept.), 462 (Feb.) Deerfield - 469 (Sept.), 468 (Feb.) Middle School - 1,030 (Sept.). 1,025 (Feb.) High School - 2,010 (Sept.), 1,992 (Feb.) Farly Childhood - 16 (Sept.): 21 (Feb.)

Wednesday only count the mary special education and alternative education popu-

Enrolled students who have an unexcused absence as long as they show up with in 10 school days following count day, or 30 days if the



A group of Novi Woods students watch a production of the Wild Swan Theatre on Feb. 9. On that day, school districts across the state tool their final student count, which is important to the schools because it's

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Novi schools

Instead it was business as

count was 6,211, while in

September it was 6,216. Bob Schram, assistant

ing slightly.

Both count days are higher

the workforce of the people who live in Novi ... or maybe

Total - 6,216 (Sept.), 6,211 (Feb.)

K-12 students, with numbers still expected from the pri-

absences are excused. This count, combined with

the September 2011 count. funding the district will receive. The fall numbers count for 75 percent of the enrollment figure and a February count determines the other 25 percent.



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(From left) Tyler Ross, Linda Daly and Cindy Tschirbart stand together following the 12th annual Threads of Power event Tuesday. The program was put on by the

Chamber helps give people a new look

Annual event continues to be a success

Some less fortunate people in south-eastern Michigan will be dressing a little bit nicer thanks to the Nov Chamber of Commerce.

For the 12th consecutive year the chamber hosted its Threads of Power clothing drive and fundraiser to benefit

Those who attended the event, which ok place Tuesday at Nordstrom inside Twelve Oaks Mall, sifted through their closets and brought enough items to fill the entire truck brought to the store by Two Men and a Truck.

"As usual, I am overwhelmed by the amount of donations today," said Linda Daly, executive director of the chamber The clothing and other donations brought sday will be distributed to Church of the

University of Michigan

Health System

at Schoolcraft College and the Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan. All three organizations help people get back to work and provide families with essential supplies.

Center, told those gathered about a homeless woman who was living out of her car, but now she has a job and an apartment after going through their programs. Carol Ann Donnelly, director of Christian service and social ministries

it the church, said "it's because of you that we are able to help so many others." Credit Union to put on the event, and the breakfast and fashion shows were sponsored by Town and Country Eye Care and Varsity Lincoln Mercury.

"This event means a lot to us because

our credit union policy is people helping

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2010 savings on a wide range of operating efficiencies, the City of Novi realized over a quarter of a million dollars in cost savings. The City of Novi takes pride in keeping a healthy bottom line through service enhancements and partnerships which contrib-ute to Novi's financial health. The City of Novi produces the Fiscal Fitness publication regularly to share savings and ear. To view the publication, visit cityofnovi.org. Novi's fiscal fitness shape

ip included the reduction of vertime pay for library and police employees as well as the ion of the Novi Police and tions and produced further community. Most cost reducservice reductions. The City offices remain open 40+ hours a week, the City of Novi Public Library is open a full 62 hours a week, and police/fire average

response times are down. Additional savings come rom items such as adjusttion plans and negotiating ng in reductions of nearly \$25,000. Implementing a 20% reduction for those limited employees eligible for a car om line by almost \$15,000 Reducing the octane levels for uel used in City vehicles, realso produced savings of over Using the services of City

Engineering staff to perform one-third of the city street Payement Surface Evaluation ies vielded almost \$20,000 in current cost savings, and will continue to yield simivears. Likewise, using the City Landscape Architect to design, and City Water and Sewer staff Sanitary Lift Station, the City Utilizing the expert services of Forestry Services will save nother \$50,000 annually.

To remain fiscally fit, he City of Novi is participating in cost saving partnerships with compensate Novi with 75% of tion fees for construction projects, and a partnership with the City of Farmington Hills will save Novi over \$6,000 in engineering consultant fees for spection services and staking for pathway construction

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Massage therapist helps athletes get upper hand

Owner chooses Novi because of 'great' location

Bryce Jenney's journey back from elbow surgery in May 2009 is nearing its end. The former Northville spent 2010 rehabbing from the injury, headed to Florida this week eyeing a spot in the Michigan State bullpen And thanks to his work with personal trainer and massage therapist Jeff Kong he will throw off the mound for the first time in game

"Through my recovery pro-cess for the elbow I ended up straining and develop-ing tendonitis in my rotator tried to crank it up I felt a der, but after the first two to three sessions with Jeff

action pain free.

cuff." he said. "Whenever I lot of tightness in my shoul there was a quick change in how my arm felt and how it COUNTY

mportant for all of us to be

mbassadors for our area.

people you have good cred-bility."

One of the main focuses

at the county level is on eco-nomic development, includ-

ing retaining current busi-

She also emphasized that

the county does not go to

other counties in the state

to recruit businesses; rather

they "go around the world to

find the best technology com-panies we can find." "When I travel selling our

area, many countries don't

know what a county even is.

Jeff Kong, owner of Novi's Tri-Covery Massage and Fitness, works on the

shoulder of Alan Mukhatar in his Atrium of Novi office.

Alassace & Co.

she said. "I sell Detroit and then talk to them about my piece of Detroit." Jonathan Brateman owner of the real estate com-

pany Jonathan Brateman Properties in Novi, said he sees things starting to turn around "step by step" and sees a lot of businesses doing vell and growing.

He also said on top of his brokerage work he is spending more time as a consultant helping business owners

ambassadors for the community, that is exactly what I do," he said.

couple years," she is optimis-tic Oakland County and the businesses in it will perse-"The good news is we think we are coming back," she

it has "been a real tough

One of the websites Krauss recommended to business owners is www.globaloak-land.com. The site features several services for businesses and also talks about

county-wide initiatives.

of that success, to Jeff and what he has done."

Jenney said he was very skeptical of Kong's suggestion of massage therapy because "as an athlete you think it is one of those things that will work itself out," but the success has been "tremendous."

pain before working with nine and it is non-existent Kong said it's stories like

and a woman who plans Jenney's that makes him love what he does. For the last 11 years, Kong

and Fitness in Farmington Hills before venturing off in December to start his own business called Tri-Covery Massage and Fitness in

I like to think I helped them a little bit," he said. Through massage therapy, Kong said, the athletes learn how to relax their muscles

on swimming the English

"When I see an athlete

Channel in August.

in the Atrium of Novi and

he specializes in massage therapy, fitness and flexibil

He works with a lot of

competitors, as well as various other athletes. Outside

triathletes and Ironman

of Jenney some of his other clients include a Northville ing venues at Kensingtor etropark and Island couple who are trying to break the record for com-Lake Recreation Area, Running Fit and Mongolian peting in the most Ironman Barbecue, which has a triathlon team called Team

> brainer to me," he said. about Tri-Covery, contact Kong at jeff@tri-covery.com

and regain muscle control.

"I look to combine preparation and recovery together," he said. "If I can help

period of time it helps then

ed to Novi because of its

location to popular train-

Kong said he was attract-

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Send in the clowns

Clown Angels bring joy to nursing homes, hospital

Arlene Pollard may be con doesn't stop her from dancing Angels make their regular visit to the Manor of Farmington Hills, Pollard

bounce to the music.

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"They make it cheerful and we all dance," she said. "I always look forward to them ing; they are just happy

group of Caring Clowns, led by Novi resident Deb Foy make up the Clown Angels,

the hope brightening some-

Foy, a clown 20 years ago, dusted off the outfit about five years ago and decided she would use her talents to includes tags that read "Giggle Therapist" and "Clowns are

room grooving.
"When we walk in, just the visual brings a smile to their faces," she said. "In the nursing homes I try to keep them moving and make some sort of



Clown Angel Deb Foy gets Manor of Farmington Hills resident Debbie te up and dancing to Little Richard's "Tutti Frutti" during a Feb. 3

Foy was joined in Farmington Hills by fel-low clown and friend Angie

Caring Clown the last three years, said it doesn't take much o make a person happy. "You have to have a pass

and love for people," she said.
"And a big smile helps, too."
Leslic Towler, activity director at the Manor of rmington Hills, said it has been a joy to have them "It's nice to see the adults not acting like adults," she

said. "It brings a lot of smiles to their faces." Something as simple as a

have various degrees of ailat least for a little while. "The family, staff and child need that escape," she said. And for all the joy the Clown

Angels hope to bring others, they take a lot from every experience as well. "It really keeps you ground ed and appreciative for what you have," Foy said.

Foy hopes to add more facilities in the near future and is looking for more Caring Clowns and a sponsor to help For more information, visit

www.clownangels.com or e-mail Foy at debfoy@sbcglobal

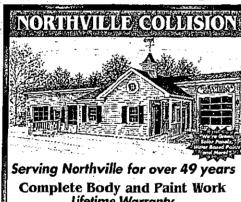
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Clown Angels Deb Foy, left, and Angie Wilson entertain Manor of Farmington Hills resident Arlene Pollard during a their Feb. 3 visit.

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Seasoned Gatt will make bid for mayor

Landry gives support for current mayor pro tem

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Bob Gatt has served the residents of Novi in some capacity But now he is ready to do so

Gatt, who currently is the mayor pro tem on the City Fischer in the race for Mayor David Landry's seat. He said his passion has fueled his career thus far and it

also led him to make the decision to run for mayor. "I just don't make a wish vashy decision on anything, he said. "I'm a passionate guy and always have been. I'm ready for this."

on the City Council and was a police officer in the city for 27 years. He now works for Oakland County. He entertained the thought

of running for the state Senate last November, but health issues - that have since cleared up — derailed that plan. He said during that time he reassessed his future and made the

the city and in leadershii oles with he police

leaves," he said. Gatt has earned the endorsements of the current mayor

and council members Dave

saying "it will be very difficult to fill his shoes." No one will ever be able to fill Dave Landry's shoes," he said. "He was the best mayor that Novi has ever had, and would know, since I worked for and with so many of them However, Novi is going to have a new mayor next November

and that person will have to create his own path, wearing his own shoes Landry, who has been mayor since 2005, approunced in January that he would not be seeking re-election to a fourth

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Photo by Novi student earns high praise

nationally for her work

BY NATHAN MUELLER

It was a huge surprise to PJ Anthony when she found out her photograph was chosen an American Vision nomine at the Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards

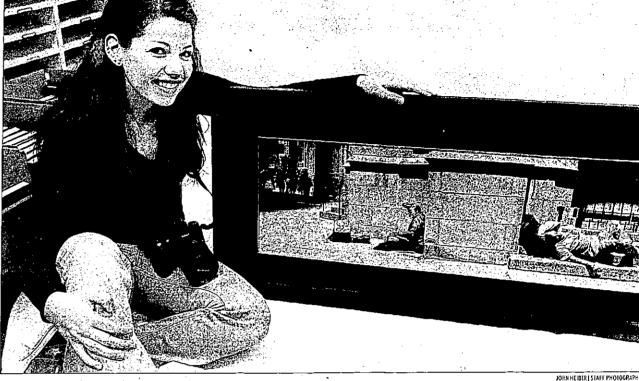
Her photo was one of five than 1,000 - by the judges for the chance to compete nationally to carn the American Vision Medal winner for the region. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the largest art recog nition and scholarship program for students in the nation.

And while this was Anthony's first time earning recognition for her work. School believes it will not be her last.

"You know when they say people have a light go on in their life and they are inspired, PJ was probably born with that light on," said Jennifer Harvey, "She is a mazing, upbeat and open. She is ope to learning and is like a brilliant sponge with creativity bubbling over.

"There isn't anything she will not be able to accomplish with that attitude."

"Passing By," and shows two homeless people sitting on the sidewalk in Chicago near a church as people walk by them



Novi High School senior PJ Anthony poses with her award-winning photo titled "Passing By" which she took during a visit to Chicago last summer. Anthony won a Scholastic Art and Writing Contest

throughout the last year.
"I definitely want people to feel the emotion," she said. "There is a lot going on in the picture but you can feel the

who are passing these people sitting near the church." prizes if her piece is chosen at Anthony won \$100 for being which she said is going to her college fund, and has the

the national level in March. But more importantly, the recognition has given her cor

really been proud of myself for like now it has paid off." her teacher.

had her attitude in doing what they love then every single one of them would be successful. T've seen a lot of kids come and go and she stands out."



Science Alive

Lindsey Conner gets a bug from a ball python that's held by Science Alive's Terri Neil. Neil and a number of

nature. During January, Wind Orchestra members observed

Carthage College

Carthage College freshman and a Novi High School gradu the Carthage Wind Orchestra who traveled to Japan from Jan. 15-27 as part of a monthlong study of Japanese music, language and culture by the band. The tour included a five-day residency at Sakuyo University (School of Music) in

Kurashiki, Japan.
The residency concluded with a joint concert of the Carthage Wind Orchestra and Sakuvo Wind Philharmony. under the direction of Prof.

James Ripley, director of the Wind Orchestra, and Ms. Keiko Kobayashi. The tour then continued to the city of Kochi (Shikoku island), where the Wind Orchestra played at a local school and also at the city's primary arts venue, the Cultural Plaza CUL-PORT.

This is the third trip to Japan for the Wind Orchestra, a select ensemble of 41 woodwind, brass and percuss performers. Band members visited several cities with rich cultural traditions, including Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Osaka, attending musical performances of a tradi-

study in Japanese culture, history and religion Denison University The following Novi students were named to the fall 2010 emester dean's list: Emily Hopcian is a membe

a daily routine involving three

to four hours of rehearsal,

Japanese, and two hours of

one hour of conversation

in English with a writing conof the class of 2014 and majors

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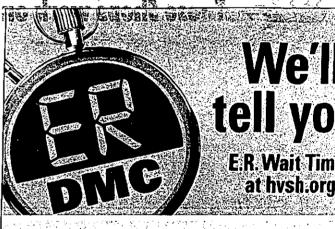
in English literature.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

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, super-vised 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.



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Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing,

Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering vari-

ous Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, ten-

nis group, support groups, support group for widowed

over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more, Contact

the number below for more information.

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Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 427-1175 5th Annual Pancake Supper Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 Details: It's time to put on you cowboy boots and hats and mosey on over to Holy Cross for a chuck Wagon pageake sugger. All proceeds henefit the Holy Cross Choir, Take-out orders will be available. Cost is

\$6 per person; \$20 for a family of four. Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowhrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

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: Falher Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father

Michael Zuelch, associate pasto Crosspointe Meadows Church

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experi

Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Online condolences:

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.

CHURCH EVENTS

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville

Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.

Family Worship; 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.: fourth Sunday of

Church of Northville

Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meet for funch afterwards

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 n.m. propram, every Thursday.

interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org, First United Methodist

> Counsel Catholic Church Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays

(Sept.-May) Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hiwallas@fumcnorthville.org

Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565

Worship

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248)

org. **Sunday Worship:** 10 a,m. Sermon: Better Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilarim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Vespers

348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.

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

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays

Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gym-

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community

Location: 41671 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Oak Pointe Church

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need

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Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays Details: Family members of all ages can gather for short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

CHURCH EVENTS

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggest-Service Broadcast

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Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.

drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing, & religious, education activity. will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a

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inday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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Feb. 8, 2011, age 81. Funeral was - Age 93, Feb. 8, 2011, Services took - Age 91, Feb. 11, 2011, Wife of the Feb. 12th. First United Methodist, place in Pennsauken, N.J. Interment, late Harvey Sr. Funeral was Feb. 13 at

ALBERTA FEAN

Online condalences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CHARLES JARVIS CAMILLERI Passed away peacefully in the care of his family on February 12, 2011. He was 82 years old. Preceded in death ov his dear wife. Karen Camilleri in (James Jones) Camilleri; daughter, Renee (Lee) Openshaw; grandchil-dren, Matthew Ronald Camilleri,

248-684-6645 or visit www.LvnchFuneralDirectors.com

MARY TERESA CHISMARK Age 88, February 6, 2011. Wife of the late Louis. Funeral was Feb. 11 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Burial at

Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

GARY DENNIS

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CHRISTOPHER, M.D. Age 57 of Northville, MI passed away February 3, 2011 in the arms of his family. Gary's life would seem too short by many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which Applegate. At his his request, no service was held. Memorials may be

Age 64 of Westland, died Saturday, February 12, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor sur-rounded by her family. She was been February 1, 1947 to Oxfort the exceeus the quartary of little in which mercy Hospitar, Ann Arbor Sur-one lives. He attended Fordson High rounded by her family. She was School, continued his education at born February 1, 1947 in Detroit, the the University of Michigan and daughter of Reginald and Alice received his Doctor of Medicine from (Carlson) Ashby. Beloved wife of received his Doctor of Medicine from Wayne State University. He was cerfiffied in Family Practice and April 3, 1971 in Port Austin, MI.
Emergency Medicine and worked for Loving mother of Tamara (Ash)
ER-One in the Emergency Dept. at Elassal of Springfield, VA and Claused Hasnital for over 30 years.

Carolyn (Jason) Cooper of Dewrled grandmoth-Oakwood Hospital for over 30 years. Carolyn (Jason) Cooper of Gary loved, golf, fishing, animals, Oceanside, CA, Devoted grandmoth-Gary loved, jotf, fishing, animals, his friends and family. He was the son of the late Albert and Roselle Timothy, Haley, Mariam, Sophia and Christopher of Dearborn, MI. Madelyn, Daughter of Alice Ashby of Cherished husband of Mary (nee Fowlerville and sister of the late Applegate). Loving father of Julie Charlene (Ron) Sellers of and Renee. Dear brother of Diane Manistique, Carolyn Eaton and Puste and Kenneth (Linda). Brother-in-law of Linda Martin and Kathleen Lobra Newberry, both of Howell. In-law of Linda Martin and Kathleen Funeral service was held Memorials may be oright at 230 (visitation 1 hr service was held Memorials may be oright at 230 (visitation 1 hr service was held Memorials may be oright at 230 (visitation 1 hr service was held Memorials may be oright at Marcolonald's Engale Home. ervice was held. Memorials may be prior) at MacDonald's Funeral Home nade to the Center for Exceptional 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517) Oakwood Foundation, 546-2800 Memorial contributions 23400 Michigan Ave S-301, may be made to the Gideons.
Dearborn, MI 48124 or the Huron Valley Animal Shelter. Please visit online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dichazarene ord 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.

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women

Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrances

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Construction. Thomas proudly served in the United States Navy and served in WWII. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Cathleen Lynch and his dear chil-dren: Ted (Lynn), Kale (Paul) Miller, KENNETH E. GRAY Age 86, passed away February 12, 2011. He was born on February 25, 1924, in Detroit, son of the late Clarence and Pearl Gray, Kenneth retired in 1982 from Ford Motor Co. retired in 1982 from Ford Motor Lo.
as a bypewriter repairman after 32
years of dedicated service. He is
survived by his beloved wife Marie
of 62 years; his loving children:
Terence M. Gray, Dennis C. (Connie)
Gray and Darlene (Robert) Divers.
He is also survived by his grandchildren:
dren: Jason Bryan. Nicolle and
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South Lyon un 324 St. 1940 p.m. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, February 14, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighlon. Memorial contributions Church, 1955 East Commerce Rd, Gray, He was preceded in death by his brothers Donald and Clarence Jr.

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Cemetery, Memorials may be to the National Parkinson Foundation. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday. February 18, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, Gravesida services along with military honors 56 years; children Philip Shawve will be rendered in South Lyon PJ (Keith) Andrews, Jennife

LUCILLE HUMPHREYS

Age 102, February 5, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Shelby, Funeral was Feb. 10 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. in-law JC Scott and extended family & dear friends. Funeral Service & Home, Interment at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Online condolences: Military Hopprs were held at Milford United Methodist Church on Feb. 15. 2011. Rev. Gregg Mayberry offici ed. Memorials encouraged www.obriensullivantuneralhome.com Building Fund or Thursday Club LYNN ANN KOS For further information, contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors Millord at 248.684.6645 or visit

> **ERICA SARAH TEEVENS** Age 19, Feb. 8, 2011. Daughter (

JIMMY LANE SHAWVER

Age 75 of Milford died in the care of his family February 11, 2011

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhonecenter

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

Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit failhcommunity

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship; 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study; 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. MYRTLE E.LENZ every month

THOMAS J. LYNCH Age 84, passed away February 11, 2011, Thomas Walking in the Park worked for 30 years at Sheet and Tube in Youngstown, Ohio; where he retired as Chief Engineer. He worked for 15 years at Great Lakes Steel, where he was General Manager of Engineering and

Carol (Harry-Eagens) Lynch, Mary Ann (Peter) Prokop, and Men (Joh Doyle, He is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and his sisters: Jo Anne Garramone and Helen Garrett, He was preceded Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church

Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Sunday Worship: II a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Asking Questions adult education class

9-10 a.m.; Sunday School for Adults / Youth /

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) Wednesday Family Night

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

iewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist

First Presbyterian Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Details; Informative and entertaining programs of

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship: through Labor Day weekend); B, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

EVENTS

Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Details: A concert featuring contemporary Christian Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and recording artist David Paul Britton in observation of peace and provides the environment to live and learn Lutheran Schools' Week. Worship leader Britton will in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped present the message of Christ in word and song. He has into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education

played public concerts and festivals and has eight CDs materials for all. all styles of original music. Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary Unitarian Universalisf Church of Farmington

online at hometownlife.com

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The

through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031 activities for all ages throughout the year - children's

social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novi-

Healing Service and Holy Communion

Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In Iront of the church

Joration: 50200 W 10 Mile Road Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit pakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m, Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

> Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office, Orchard Hills Bantist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

to pre-register; all are welcome. Our Lady of Good Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thaver Northville

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Saturday Worship Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director. Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or plynorthyille.org

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. 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 Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Contact: (248) 349-3140

David Paul Britton Concert

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 Please see EVENTS, NEXT PAGE Milford

CHRIST LITTHERAN CHURCH

Hegular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Junday Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Manday Evening 7:00 p.m.
The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor

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Oakland County facing road funding shortfall

the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force will meet Feb. 22 to award \$17.9 million in Because of the limited funding available, the committee has restricted the quantity and type of projects it will

consider this year. The 14-member commit tee includes 10 representatives of Oakland's cities. ages and townships, as well as two members from the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), one representative from SMART (the suburban bus vstem) and one from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). It neets every February to iden tify the road projects that will receive the available federal road funds four years in the

This year, the committee will identify projects to be unded in 2015.

The committee awards funding from two sources: Program (STP), which is fedregion based on a formula. and Transportation Economi Development Fund (TEDF), which is a combination of state and federal dollars intended primarily to address mie development. However the TEDF dollars that would have been available this year, have already been designated

nificant backlog of projects Because of the limited nding available this year, the committee again will not consider any new road widen-ing projects, though widening projects previously approved are eligible for "next phase"

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Coming Soon For The Kids...

The committee review projects submitted by RCOC and all the cities and villages in the county. Projects

compete for the available funds. In order to receive lars, projects must be rated, ranked and approved by the We are again facing the

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Bair said. "This does not represent the ful list of needed projects, but only those projects where the Road Commission or the communities thought they had a chance of successfull competing for the available funds."

The projects are ranked using an objective point system that gives the mos points to those projects that motorist safety and reduce traffic congestion. Then, only the projects that receive the most points receive funding projects remain unfunded

ing formula," Bair said. all major road construction

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situation where the road needs substantially exceed the available funding," observed RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair, He noted \$67.2 million worth of projects -- are vying for the available allocated to Oakland County

Every year, numerous worthy use of a lack of funds. "This is a 'worst-first' fund-

RCOC and the county's cities and villages rely on STP or TEDF funds for nearly projects. Without these funds there would be very few major city, village or county roads.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 22, and will take place in the Shannon Hall room at the City of Farmington Hills' Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show features fun activities for the kids, including a sandy 'beach

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Marketplace. Michigan artist

at the Cottage Fine Art Show

landscape fine art, sculpture. photography, woodcarvings,

watercolors and oil painting

for sale based on nature and

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Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership will provide

will present original prints and note cards, lakescapes and

tional accessories from a

decking and hydraulic boat-lifts will also be available. For

amendments through FEMA

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show gathers together numerous exhibitors Feb. 24-27 under the roof of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Exhibits feature something for every interest from furnishings, boats and docks to outdoor recreational equipment and a great deal more, said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. Special features add another dimension to the show with demonstrations on wide-rang ing topics of interest to the cottage and lakefront living set and fun activities for the kids,

including a sandy 'beach.' Exhibits include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, architects, cottage builders and realtors, lake-

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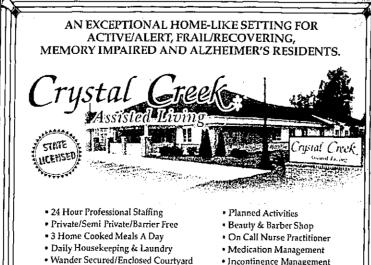
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Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Michigan Lake & Stream Association and other agencies, organizations, contractors and landscape professionals on shoreling construction projects and natural shoreline landscaping that benefit lake ecosystems and protect Michigan's inland

Other features include The

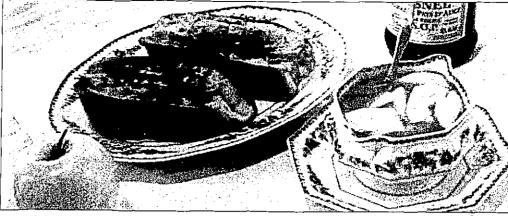
Beach, a giant sandbox complete with sand and carving children and adults; Log and Timber Frame Showcase; sharing and keeping the cottage in the family, environmentally sensitive lake practices and ways to enjoy your cottage more at the Cottage Living Stage; Cottage phy classes; Howell Nature Center Wildlife Encounter featuring native Michigan wildlife; Michigan Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society: and Water & Woods allow you to vote for the best cottage and lakefront living traditions photo.



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Marta Dmytrenko's French toast filled with apples and cream cheese and covered with apple liqueur sauce won first place in the first-time Favorite Michigan

Novi woman's French toast is a winner

Apple Lasagna and Swee Apple Noodle Kugel were some of the more untraditiona Apples. But in the end, it Dmytrenko's French toast filled with apples and crean cheese and covered with apple iqueur sauce that captured first-time Favorite Michigan

Apple Recipe Contest.
Other winners in the competition, held at Zehnder's estaurant in Frankenmuth on

Jan. 26, are: • Second Place – Kim Landhuis of DeWitt with South Pacific Fresh Apple & Sirloin Salad"

· Third Place - Betty Timmreck of Eau Clair with "Caramel Apple Pecan Cheesecake"

Complete recipes are available nt MichiganApples.com/recipes "South Pacific Fresh Apple & Sirloin Salad" isunder the Main Dishes category; "Caramel Apple Pecan Cheesecake" is listed under Desserts.) Twenty amateur bakers were

pre-selected to compete in the contest. Entries were judged on taste, texture, creativity and appearance

Committee, Pioneer Sugar, Zehnder's, WSGW radio sta tion and Bavarian Maytag. \$250, \$150 and \$100 respec-

BAKED APPLE-STUFFED FRENCH TOAST CREATED BY MARTA DMYTENKO OF NOVI

3 Tapple juice concentrate

remaining 2 tablespoons of liqueur.

French toast directions - baking:

French toast directions - frying:

Yield: 5 servings (2 slices each)

der sauce around for more!

% C + 2 T Calvadas or other apple liqueur, divided

Toss apples slices with Jemon juice. In a medium sauce

pan off the heat, stir together apples, sugar, cornstarch,

liqueur until cornstarch is dissolved. Cook over moderatel

clear and thickens. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Generously grease baking

sheet. Place bread on baking sheet about 2-inches apart.

Bake for 6-9 minutes or until bottoms are gold. Turn and

bake for another 6-9 minutes longer or until both sides an

Melt margarine or butter in frying pan and brown both ides of each bread pocket. Transfer to plates when golden

apple juice concentrate, apple juice and Calvados/apple

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pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

T apple juice concentrate '/, C Michigan Apples', peeled, cored, diced T Pioncer Sugar

Filling directions: Toss apples with lemon juice. In a medium bowl, stir cream cheese until smooth. Stir in apple juice. Fold in

*apples suggested are: Golden Delicious, Rome or Jona-

Bread/batter ingredients: loaf (16 oz.) Italian bread (about 4-inches wide)

4 large eggs //, C milk (regular, low fat or nonfat) 2 tsp. vanilla Bread/batter directions

Diagonally cut a small slice off both ends of bread and discard. Continue slicing bread diagonally into slices about 1 to 1½-inches thick. Holding the knife horizontal to the counter, cut each slice almost in half, leaving one side pockets, pressing closed around edges. Place on rimmed baking sheet.

In a shallow bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk and vanilla. Slowly pour over bread, turning to coat completely.

tively, along with several

other prizes. Sponsors of the contest are Michigan Apple

kick-off Zehnder's Śnowlest, a national ice-carving competition in downton

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cooking classes

Better Health Market (42875 will present a free cooking class, Intro to Raw Foods, by Michael Dwyer at 11 a.m.

Saturday Feb. 19. Susan Parker Stewart will offer a free seminar, Begin our Journey to Vibrani Health, at the store at 2 p.m.

Everyone who attends the ing Class will receive a complimentary copy of Jordan Rubin's book, "Raw Truth," which deals with the raw food

Novi Youth Assistance, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organiza tion, needs you. The 29th Annual Bowl-a-Thon is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday March 12 at Novi Bowl, and t teams are needed to help raise money for the summer pro-

Consider forming a team. sponsoring a lane or donating a prize. All of the money raised is used to finance programs which benefit Novi children and families. A new teen cen ter is scheduled to open June

For more information and to register your team, access http://www.cityofnovi org/Services/YouthServices/ BowlAThon.asp or call (248) 347-0410.

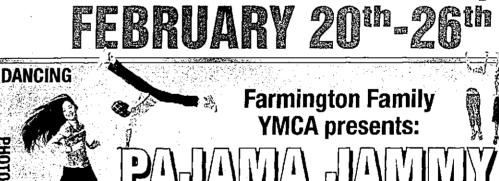
Bowling and jobs

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invite 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 used clothing or other items 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 another game.

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See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer march. His photo galleries feature the Farmers' Market, Buy Michigan Now Festival, the Michigan Art Institute's open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more. Visit hometownlife.com every day and see what's

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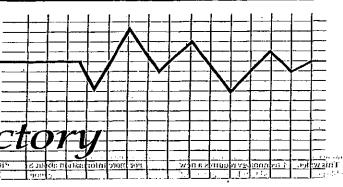
Daddy-daughter dance Robert Lee (above) and daughter Madison, 5, enjoy a dance together at the Feb. 11 daddy-daughter Disco Dance Night at the Novi Civic Center. The night, featuring food and beverages, dancing, a more than a few attendees who dressed the disco-era, was organized by Novi Parks and Recreation. Mackenzie Foy, 9, leans in close to talk to her dad Bill (above, right) during the daddy-daughter Disco



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Senate panel approves measure banning ergonomic mandates

Legislation to ban administrative rules mandating workplace ergonomics rules in Michigan
was approved Feb. 9 by a Senate panel, said
Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake,
The Senate Economic Development

Committee, chaired by Kowall, approved Scnate Bill 20. The measure is expected to be taken up soon by the full Senate and sent to the House of Representatives.

"Job providers cannot afford to have these

burdensome regulations in place," Kowall said. "Right now we have to focus on making Michigan an attractive place to do business, so job providers stay or locate here and offer our esidents good-paying jobs." California, which just passed Michigan in

unemployment rates, is currently the only state with separate mandatory workplace ergonomics rules. Ergonomics standards are indicated in the federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration guidelines and companies must operate under these rules. The state of Washington previously mandated workplace ergonomics rules, but the law was overturned y voters there. According to Charlie Owens, state direc-

tor of the National Federation of Independent Business organization, Michigan having its own set of ergonomics standards does not "throw out the welcome mat to businesses." Studies show that state ergonomic rules

could cost Michigan employers an extra \$400

. "I'm glad my colleagues on the panel approved this vital legislation," Kowall said.
"I look forward to this proposal becoming law and I'm sure Michigan businesses are anxiously

Road Runner Lightning strikes Bright House

Bright House Networks customers now have the opportunity to experience a next-generation cable modem technology known as wideband with the launch of Road Runner Lightning.

Road Runner Lightning expands Bright House Networks' current high speed Internet offerings by further optimizing the service for customers' homes with multiple users who access online content simultaneously. The

access online content simultaneously. The service is offered at lightning-fast maximum download speeds up to 40 Mbps downstream and upload speeds of up to 4 Mbps.

This wideband technology requires a new cable modem designed to take advantage of greater bandwidth and is \$30 more per month than Road Runner Standard service. The than Road Runner Standard service. The service will also be available to current Road Runner Turbo High Speed Internet customers for as low as an additional \$15 more per month. Customers may register for Road Runner

SERVPRO earns high ranking in Entrepreneur's Franchise 500 List

Lightning service online at www.brighthouse.

SERVPRO earned the #8 spot in Entrepreneur magazine's 2011 Franchise 500 ranking, moving up one notch from their 2010 ranking. The disaster recovery and restoration franchise company also placed \$1 in its category for the eighth consecutive year.

"This recognition from Entrepreneur maga-zine emphasizes the value of SERVPRO, not only to the franchises, but to the clients in the Northville area," said Rick Isaacson, executive vice president of Servpro Industries, Inc. "We're proud of the service that SERVPRO offers to its clients, and the franchises work hard to earn trust with every job they do." SERVPRO specializes in disaster restoration,

cleanup and repair services, helping to remediate fire or water damage for both commercial and residential customers. SERVPRO also offers mold remediation, carpet and upholstery cleaning and other home-maintenance and res-

SERVPRO's eighth place ranking in the 2011

Franchise 500 list represents the second con-secutive year they have carned a top-10 rankmoving up from the #9 spot on 2010's list. The Entrepreneur magazine rankings process begins when franchisors complete a survey and submit a Franchise Disclosure Document (FDD). Once that document has been verified by Entrepreneur and certain other qualificaconsidered for the rankings. Qualifying franchisors are then ranked based on "objectiv quantifiable measures of a franchise operation. according to Entrepreneur. Those quantifiable measures include financial strength and stability, rate of growth and system size, litigation, length of time in business, and others.

The "Go Green Youth Challenge" will engage Michigan youth in environmental stewardship.

Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entreare invited to attend seminars Oakland County Business Center Business Basics work shops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months Workshops are held at Oakland County Executive

Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake

For pre-registration and location specifics, visit our website **FUTURE WORKSHOPS** (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.

to noon or 12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9 or 9:30 p.m. Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford unless otherwise 18 FastTrac Listening to

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(Venture Forward) 9 CEED Microloan Orientation (Southfield Library)

Green Youth Challenge," will be awarded a tree

planting in their community and an invitation

to the State Arbor Day Celebration on April 29

For more information or to sign up for the "Go Green Youth Challenge," contact Michigan Arbor Day Alliance at gogreenyouthchallenge@

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Wedding winners

The Knot wedding website named Craig David Butler Studios with its highest honor in their 'Best of Weddings' publication for an unprecedented fifth year in a row. WeddingWire, a wedding technology company, announced Craig David Butler Studios has been selected to receive the prestigious annual WeddingWire Bride's Choice Awards 2011 for Wedding Photography. Craig David Butler Studios is a full-service photographic studio located in downtown Northville. Craig and Bonnie Butler relocated their studio in 2010 from the Water Wheel to 410 E. Main Street in the blue Victorian house at the corner of Griswold and Main Street.

The team that raises the most for the "Go

"We know that Northville-area residents community development and service-learning through a statewide effort to plant trees in turn to SERVPRO to help them return to normal after an unexpected, or even devastating, event," said Isaacson. "It's both a huge responsibility and a privilege to be the brand that they Michigan. Children, pre-K through 12th grade, are challenged to collect coins, as an individual, classroom or club, through April 1. The coins collected will directly fund community tree call when they need to get their life or their business back on track. SERVPRO's continued presence in Entrepreneur's Franchise 500 list is proof that SERV PRO's customers' confidence in the brand is well-founded."

For more information about SERVPRO.

please contact William Hannon, SERVPRO of Novi, at (248) 344-0044, or bhannon@

Credit unions jump start savings

with \$100,000 grand prize

The changing economy has put great emphasis on personal financial education and the benefits of saving, With branches in Novi and Northville, Community Financial Credit Union is one of 36 Michigan credit unions that are offering the innovative Save to Win program that gives members an exciting reason to save - a grand prize of \$100,000 - and teaches then how regular deposits can put them on the path toward building wealth.

Members open a one-year share certificate with an initial deposit of at least \$25. Then, every time they deposit \$25 they earn another entry into monthly drawings and a grand prize drawing. At the end of every month, prizes totaling \$4,000 will be awarded to Save to Win account holders who continue to save. The prize entries will also be entered into the grand prize drawing of \$100,000, to be awarded in January 2012.

Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton said, "Our credit union is excited to offer this innovative program to our members. At Community Financial, we are committed to helping our members save money and work their way out of debt." Lawton added, "Save to Win gives a good incentive to learn the value of saving and how just a little each month can add un

Research from the pilot year of Save to Win shows that the product is helping people save. About 27 percent of Save to Win account holders reported having \$2,000 or less in financial assets prior to opening the Save to Win account, and 60 percent said they regularly To see the official rules of the Save to Win product, go to www.cfcu.org/savetowin.

ITC supports 'Go Green Youth Challenge

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

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OUR VIEWS

Donate blood

Supplies low, need great After Chrysler's Super Bowl ad featuring Eminern, the world has been reminded of what we do best in metro Detroit: manu-

However, there is one thing pobody can manufacture. Blood And supplies took a major hit with the recent winter storms, which led to the cancellation of over 300 blood drives and a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood since the year

Worse yet, the American Red Cross' supply of type O-negative (the universal type of which only 7 percent of the population has) is at critical levels.

At the end of this editorial we'll list a few opportunities for one to donate. But first, just in case you're sitting on the fence,

. Adults have about 10 pints of blood in their body; one pint is given during donation.

One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
Five million patients in the U.S. need blood every year.

 Donors can give blood every 56 days.
 One out of 10 people admitted to the hospital needs blood.
 Every two seconds someone in our country needs blood. "Fifteen years ago, when I started for the American Red

Cross, 70 percent of the population was eligible to donate," said Diane Risko, who works out of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region on Mack Avenue in Detroit. "Today, only 38 percent are eligible to donate due to donor criteria. Of that 38 percent, less than 5 percent donate blood.

Ten percent of our population is over 69 years old, yet this group uses about 50 percent of all whole blood and red blood

Don't think that you need a special reason to give blood you just need your own reason. Some people give because they're asked to by a friend. Others just believe it's the right It doesn't matter why. What does matter is that the need is

constant and contributions are necessary for a healthy, reliable supply of blood. As a donor, you'll get a mini-physical to check your pulse.

blood pressure, body temperature and hemoglobin.
So now that we've convinced why you should donate, here's

 Drink plenty of fluids the day of your donation. Wear sleeves that can be rolled up above the elbow

· Include iron-rich foods in your diet a few weeks before . Bring a list of any medications you take.

· Bring your donor card (if you have one), driver's license or two other forms of identification.

Donating is simple, too. The entire process takes about an hour, although the actual donation averages just 10 minutes. After registering, your health history will be reviewed and you'll get a mini-physical. Then you're ready to donate. After a pint of blood has been taken, you can relax with a snack and drink and be on your way in about 15 minutes. You should continue to hydrate yourself and avoid heavy lifting or exercise for the rest of the day. Pretty simple, don't you think?

Now that you're ready to help others, here are two great local opportunities (donate and you'll automatically be entered to win free groceries for a year -- a \$5,000 value): nesday, Feb. 23, 2-7:45 p.m.; Hillside Middle School,

775 W. Eight Mile, Northville • Monday, Feb. 28, 2:15-8 p.m.; Novi Middle School, 49000

If you're not sure you're eligible to donate, call (866) 236-3276. Anti now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Risko to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Novi High School students: How do you best prepare for your tests?



"We go to a coffee shop in a group and talk about and review our lessons. and we feed off each other's conversations and questions."

Alyssa Miller



'I think flash cards are the best way to study. And the night before a test is when I really study If you constantly study. intently." Breanna Thomas breaks."



"The best way to prepare is to look at your notes prepare is when teachers and make flash cards. will allow you to ask questions of them before it's not good. You need the test so you get an

Tim McNamara

idea of how to prepare." Shannon Rouston

LETTERS

Vision of Progress

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading can cer killer in the United States. Last year alone, more than 43,000 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and of those nearly 37,000 died from the disease. Pancreatic cancer remains the only major cancer with a single digit five year survival rate at just 6 percent. This five year survival rate has not improved substantially over nearly forty years. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

a national groanization fighting pancreatic cancer in a comprehensive way, is leading the way to increase the survival rates of people with this devastating disease by announcing The Vision of Progress: Double the Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate by 2020. The organization is doubling its efforts to raise awareness support patients and intensity advocacy for a national research strategy dedicated to finding a cure by undertaking this bold new initiative.

Working to double the survival rate by 2020 through a comprehensive approach to know fight and end pancreatic cancer is creating hope for all those who have been touched by this insidious disease. This initiative is very important to my children and me. We lost the best Mom and Wife in the world when Chris Pyden lost her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer in October 2006. We have missed her each and every day since, and have dedicated ourselves to helping raise awareness and research funding in her honor.

In order to achieve this goal we must support those who have been afflicted by pancreatic

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cancer and advocate for greater awareness and more resources to fight this disease. To learn more about this initiative and how you can become involved in the light against pancreatic cancer, please visit www.pancan.org.

Staudt seeks re-election

I am pleased to announce that I am running for re-election to Novi City Council. I was elected to serve you 3+ years ago During that time. I believe that I've helped Novi become a better place to live and raise a family,

I have strived to encourage an open, transpar ent government for and by all of the people of our City

If elected to another term, I pledge to continue to bring improvements to our quality of life in the areas of roads, senior services, public safety, trails and pathways, parks, recreational and cultural services and sustainable economic expanded and diverse tax base for our city. I will continue to promote fiscally responsible principles and policies for an efficient, costeffective city government, and safeguard every single hard-earned tax dollar. Tam honored to receive the endorsements

of Novi Mayor David Landry, Mayor Pro tem Bob Gatt, County Commissioner Kathy Crawford, state Rep. Hugh Crawford and state Sen. Mike Kowall for my re-election effort. During the next decade, opportunities that will benefit and challenge Novi will be numerous and complex. am extremely confident we can work together to achieve great, positive results for our city. I am excited about serving you as part of an excellent team of elected officials and city

Lask that you consider allowing me to continue to work diligently to represent each of you." and your families to the best of my ability as a council member for the City of Novi. In short, I pledge to continue to work with you to build a Novi that is fiscally responsible, accountable, accessible, transparent and is respected

David W. Staudt

GUEST COLUMN

Quality education is nation's pathway to global competitiveness

license plate frame by a local educator that read: "Our Public Schools - Our Future" (both traditional and charter schools). I proudly display this true proclama

tion on my Ford But like my fadframe, our system if education in Michigan has been fading. Not that it was great dur-

ing my tenure - in continue to have much work to

lo to be competitive on the world stage.
Given the global competition we

face we must continue to innovate and change or our children and The Education Trust-Midwest

recently released a report saying Michigan "trails most other states hoth economically and educationally." They go on to say, "We have to stop lying to parents about how well their children are prepared for the challenges of living and working in the 21st century."

President Obama in his State we must innovate and change to be able to compete on the hyper-competitive, global stage. We must become the brain bank of the

deposits and withdraws. Gov. Snyder promised during his State of the State to deliver "a special message on education to the Legislature in April." We are past the point where incre-

mental changes are sufficient. Major change is required to get many not only out of financial distress, but out of educational bankruptcy as well.

Competition on the world stage is on steroids even as we struggle with

Based on recent tests given to students in 60 countries by the Organization for Economic eration, Shanghai, China. students scored first overall in the world on assessment of their read-U.S. ranked 17th in reading, 23rd in science and 31st in math.

The price to thrive in the global 21st century innovation/knowledge economy is education. By whatever measuring stick you use, our educa-

school with or without a diploma and still walk onto the factory floor and into a middle class life, so this statistic was not as alarming back then. Today those jobs are gone,

never to return. While we worry about educated students fleeing our state after graduation, we need to be conally and under-educated ones that stav

The uneducated are not the foundation required to reinvent or rebuild Michigan. We can either get smarter and wealthier economically dumber and poorer as a state and

nation. It is that simple.

When you add up the numbers, our state's future looks bleak with-

out a dramatic change.
Perhaps the hidden statistic is more frightening: Far too many of our students who DO graduate from high school are not prepared for the rigors of higher education or the 21st century global, knowledge economy. Our future is sitting in our class rooms today. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy

the quality of our lives, the vibrancy

tion system is in a rut if not a deep hole.

of our democracy, and our place in the world all depend on our system invest our limited resources (existing and new) to help our teachers teach said - from the cradle to the grave. The world is changing in dramatic

ways and our system of education must embrace those changes or be totally engulfed by them. We have a choice: We can continue to delude ourselves into thinking we have a divine, preordained right to be a great state and nation, eco-

nomically and spiritually secure. or harken back to our history and conclude it must be earned through imagination, ingenuity, innovation, hard work and risk.

Democracy provides new begin-nings. With the Republican sweep in Michigan, Gov.-elect Snyder and his party now control the levers of

change Educational reform must be part of the reinvention of our state. We need a focus on the new 3 R's: Restructure, Reform and the Reinvention of our schools. This requires more than minor tweaks to an educational system in need of a citizens to compete.

Education can lead the reinvention of our great state. It must begin with NOT simply funding the "sys-tem," but asking — Where should we

Will our new refrain be "innovate to educate" or will we continue the "contain the change" mentality that permeates the debates surrounding education under the capital dome? A reinvented system of educating

our youth must not be about educa vendors or any other special-interest We must break away from an edu-

cational system that has morphed into protecting adults at the expense I am betting Gov. Snyder will

place teaching, learning and chil-dren ahead of power, control politics and adults as he lays out his educational plans to the Legislature this

We cannot continue to allow education in this state to fade. Our collective future lies in the balance.

consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the citizens of Michigan as state superinten dent of schools, 2001-05, and president and CFO of the economic council of Palm. Read County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@agl.com.

online at hometownlife.com

Chaplain knows his Bible and Fox Run's floor plans Matt Humphrey knows his Bible. He also knows floor plans of two-bedroom retire unity apartments But sales work has shown

It's all part of his unique dual iob as chaplain and sales move-in coordinator at Fox Run, a continuing care retire ment community in Novi that has nearly 1,000 residents. He may have what many consider one of the most unusual jobs anywhere. He certainly has an eclectic mix of professional skills not normally found in the business world. Humphrey, who has a

bachelor's degree from Baptist Bible College in Springfield. Mo, once managed customer service for a luxury automobile dealership and once owned a small business. His faith drew him to volunteer at churches nation of spirituality and pragmakes his work at Fox Run intriguing.
"I believe that I have the

gift of encouragement," said Humphrey, who assists with marketing luncheon events provides tours of Fox Run for risitors, answers phone calls and schedules appointments when he is not sharing the Word of God with existing residents and staff. "Sometimes it is just a matter of spending time and talking with a resident, or prospective resident



said. "This is receiving atten-

ous faith backgrounds.

tion from residents with vari-

Humphrey enjoys his dual ob duties. In his sales capacity

his goal is to be a calming and

renssuring voice — much like

stress-free as possible. This, he

people being more comfortable

said, often opens the door to

to speak with him about their

lives and expectations of their

Just recently a retired

into Fox Fun. Also, a fam-

ily whose volunteer work at

their church is very import

minister and his wife moved

new life at Fox Run

his work as chaplain — and

keep the move process as

Fox Run Village employee and chaptain Matt Humphrey chats with resident Selma Goldstone in the community's Belmont Manor house. Goldstone has known Matt since she moved in two years ago and thinks so much of his personal outreach abilities that she said "I have a special place in my heart for Matt

speaks quarterly at Fox Run's

ship service, and if a minister

Humphrey is involved with the

Novi Minister's Association

on behalf of Fox Run, a forum

where he and other members

of the clergy discuss issues

cancels for any reason he is

always willing to stand in

about his or her life. A lot of people find comfort in knowng that I will pray with them. my prayer list. I always ask for updates on what we've been praying about."

When he is not sell-

NEWSMAKERS

Todd Taliaferro, with RE/ MAX CLASSIC, has recently been presented with the pres us RE/MAX Hall of Fame ward, which honors successful agents who have earned more than \$1 million in commissions during their careers

Todd Taliaferro

with the company. As a seasoned professional n the real estate industry, Taliaferro's sales experience spans over 25 years including past positions as a regional vice president for a Fortune 500 company. He specializes in residential and condoum sales, luxury homes and lakefront and investment properties in western Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties. He has also gained

John J. O'Brien

as a certified sale, foreclo sure and bank owned prop-Taliaferro erty specialist

been an integral member of our team and is more than deserving of this very prestigious award," said Carol Boii, of RE/MAX Classic. "Winning this award is a tremendous accomplishment in real estate, making us and his

Taliaferro, a Central Michigan University graduate, is a long-term Plymouth resident and actively supports local

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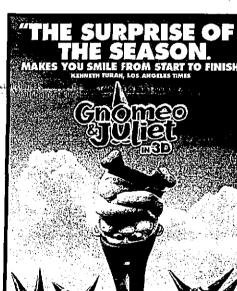
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affecting the greater commu He hosts Bible discussions at Fox Run and has just started a property exper Chat with the Chaplain series where he focuses on a person from the Bible (this month is Moses, next month will be

"We will talk about their life and times and draw applica-



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another family whose wife has since had several oppor tunities to speak at Fox Run's worship service and join the ninational Council. Humphrey said they moved Where are there needs and how can I serve?" "I just met with a resident

vesterday with a chaplain background who told me she prefers to serve one-on-one as opposed to being in front of a crowd," he said. "We'll be integrating her into voluntee oles for new residents, and a listening ear for our assisted allows me to see more than just one side of our residents

sharing my time this way."
"The bottom line for me is people," said Humphrey, who freak who reads non-fiction. business publications, leader

right questions, staying ocused, following through, delivering a quality product and continual education. "People are dynamic, their constantly change," said Humphrey, "The sales

im the value in asking the

force needs to be aware of the changes and adjust to them In ministry I have found tha God is not only timeless but timely - He can meet the needs that we have each day In so many of my conversations with residents they have affirmed His provision, as evidenced by the host of spiri tual opportunities that our residents take part in weekly I try to implement programs based on feedback given by our resident led Catholic Council, Interdenominations Council, and our Shalom

Humphrey lives in Novi with his wife, Erin, and their 6 ½-month-old daughter, Selah. He has both his grand mother's and his father's Bibles on display in their home as a inder of God's impact on

his and his family's lives. "God has been so faithful and I have learned so much by in my life and family." he said. "It's what prompted my wife and I to name our daughter Selah which means - in Hebrew — "Stop and consider all that God has done

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Borders Books Location: Novi Town Center Contact: (248) 347 0780 Elmo's Birthday Time/Date: 2 o.mm. Feb. 26 Details: Celebrate Sesame Street Elmo's birthday with music, stories, crafts and more, Best for kids ages 3 to 6. Please note that this is not a costume character event. Children's Storytime Time: 2 p.m Saturdays Details: Gather round for a fun story suitable for children of 6

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

Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for 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: 11 a.m.:noon every

Wednesday Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook.

Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional informa-

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays



Details: BNI is a structured net-

working environment for profes-

sionals. The Metro Novi BNI team

members are committed to provid

other. Members fearn how to create

ing bona fide referrals to each

and refine an 'elevator speech.'

develop a broad network of other

business professionals in the com-

munity and receive training/educa-

tion on networking more efficiently.

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of charge. Continental breakfast

Contact: For more information,

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

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile

www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club

Location: Novi Civic Center.

Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a

community-based club which is

Our diverse group provides a

mutually supportive atmosphere

in which all can develop and refine

part of Toastmasters International.

and third Tuesday

contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-

Generous donation

Peter Woods donates a pint of blood at a Feb. 11 Red Cross blood drive held at Orchard Hills Elementary.

Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

Suburban Collections Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Contact: (248) 348-5600 or www

suburbancollectionshowolace.com.

BUSINESS American Business Women's Association - Novi Oaks Charter

Chapter Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking); 6:45 (dinner); second Wednesday of each month Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Novi Details: ABWA is an active business group offering networking, profes-

sional development and leadership

opportunities. Cost is \$16 which

includes dinner and presentation. Guests are welcome! Contact: For more information or to RSVP for dinner, please contact

president@abwa-novi.org. Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201,

Contact: For more information, call - provided, (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. 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

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi

their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit

> Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirolary.

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.

www.novi.freetoathost.us.

NIGHTLIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini

Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approxi-Feb. 9-20: Mike Dugan's "Men Fake Feb. 24-26: "One Man Star Wars"

March 23-April 10: "I Love You,

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

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a,m.: 9 p.m.: Friday-Salurday, 10 a.m.-5 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. Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details. Teen Iron Chef

nary skills in this challenge. You will have a list of ingredients and a time limit to make a delicious concoction. For grades 7-12. Registration

Clifford Story Time Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday,

Details: Calling all preschoolers! Share stories about Clifford the Big Red Dog with others who love him like you do! Sing songs, do a Clifford dance, and take home a picture to color. Empower Me 4 Life!

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and 26 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 need a minimum of 15 kids for the program to proceed.

Intermediate Word for Adults Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Details: Expand your understand-

March 2-20: "The Godfadda

You're Perfect, Now Change" April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male

1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.Details: Unless

online at hometownlife.com

beyond the basics. Registration required. Japanese Story Time rime/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday,

ing of Microsoft's Word program

Details: Japanese-speaking volunteer storylellers read Japanese picture books to preschool aged

ESL Book Discussion Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 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 ESL Book Discussion. For advanced-intermediate to advanced English speakers. We will discuss one book during the 6-week session. Title to be announced.

Books will be provided. Registration

required and limited to 15 partici-

pants. Historical Commission Meeting Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 Details: Public is always wel-

come. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission. Happy, Healthy Families Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

Details: Kids, bring your parents or parents, bring your kids to the library to learn healthy habits and how to make exercise fun for the whole family. Please dress in comfortable clothes. Presented by Meghan Lawler of Seung-Ni Fit, Novi, For ages 8-18 years. Marathi Story Time Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Friday,

Feb. 25 Details: Marathi-speaking volunteer storyteller reads Marathi picture books to preschool aged children. **German Story Time**

Time/Date: 11-1:30 a.m. Friday, Details: German-speaking vol-, unteer storytellers read German picture books to preschool aged

children. Fabulous Friday Fun Flick Time/Date: 1-3;30 p.m. Friday, Feb.

Details: Time off school is precious, so spend your Friday afternoon watching "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2"! We'll provide some snacks; bring a pillow if you wish or just sprawl on the floor and relax. For grades

Novi Writer's Group Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 26

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

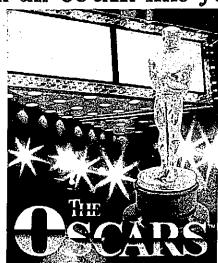
Tamil Story time Time/Date: 10:30-II a.m. Saturday. Feb. 26

Details: Tamil-speaking volunteer storytellers read Tamil picture books to preschool aged children. Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday,

Feb. 28 Details: Join us once a month for Lego show-and-tell and building

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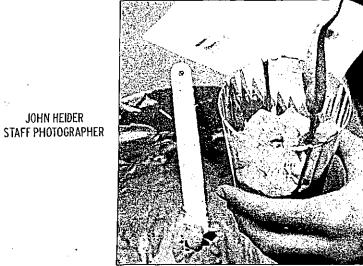
Shravya Musku, 16, enjoys another spoonful of chocolate mousse at the Feb. 14 "I Love Chocolate" event at the Hovi Public Library. Teens were invited to whip up a variety of chocolate confections and then sample their efforts.



Kirsten West, 15, mixes some chocolate mousse at the Feb. 14 "I Love Chocolate event at the Novi Library.



Kirsten West, left, Shravya Musku, center, and other teens partake in some chocolate at the Feb. 14 event at the Novi Library.



JOHN HEIDER



A youngster dips a strawberry into some white chocolate mousse at the Novi Library

clearance rate which came in

at 41 percent for all part "A" crimes. The state average is 20

percent, and the Midwest aver-

age is 19 percent, Molloy said.

"You look at the work the

folks in uniform are doing and we are double what the state is

On the fire side, the depart

ment was able to post a 29 second reduction overall in

response time average, and

saw an 17 percent increase in

"When you can reduce

response times by 29 percent

that speaks volumes," Molloy said, "We are not doing any-

ing the improvements we have

the entire city, including the

residents, for getting on board with the change and helping

Pearson, like Molloy, praised

"It's not just police and fire.

thing different, we are just

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have in police and fire and

the quality of

dedication the

display," he

said. "It was a total team effort

From a financial standpoint

police management was able

to reduce overtime costs by

\$89,373, a 22 percent reduc-

tion from 2009, which now

amounts to roughly a 40 per-cent reduction over the last

The part "A" crimes, which

includes serious/violent rape,

serious crimes, went down 10

and robberies down 70 per-cent. Traffic accidents at the

op five intersections in the

ent, while burglary com-

ints went down 31 percent

murder, robbery and other

and I am very satisfied with the results."

The city of Novi took a calculated chance last February when it decided to combine the administrative functions of the police and fire departments to

save the city money.

And it appears that chance paid off as the 2010 preliminary safety statistics released last week show the two departments are working as efficiently and effectively as ever.

"We are really pleased with how this worked out," said City Manager Clay Pearson, "We change, but we are all about not staying the status quo. We definitely believe if you are not getting better you are getting vorse, and we are not content to stay as is."

The restructuring of the departments called for David Molloy, director of public safe ty/chief of police, to oversee both entities

He said the credit for making a successful transition

activities. We supply the Legos, you

T**ime/Date:** 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

Details: Make friends while you prac-

conversation skills. No need to registe

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English Conversation Group

most to Molloy on the police Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 28

The number that stands out

Details: The Walled Lake City Library will host a two-part introduction to e-Bay; both sessions will last about 90 minutes. This event is free but advanced registration is required. Participants must have a Contact: Call the library to registe

EDUCATION Novi Community Education

Contact: (248) 449-1206

Web: www.novicommunityed.org and March 7 SENIORS

Blood Pressure Checks Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. at (248) 624-3772 or e-mail admin@ walledlakelibrary.org,

Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check vourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be can track your health. No charge.

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that hovered over an unsuspecting landscape will eventually be whisked away be a changing wind or dissipated by a new light. The indicators point to rays of sun-shine in which hope becomes action and promises become contracts for forging a new beginning. Every new age brings with it new opportuni-ties and a set of underlying issues heretofore thought to b non-existent. What is revealed in the light is that the issues were just flying underneath the radar by cautious pilots unwilling to subject themselves to any additional tur oulence while trying to maintain a steady course. Waiting

allowed resources to be preserved and a new flight to be designed. What is being vitnesses is the emergence of those employees who have weathered the storm and, as hey move toward the sunlight, and have taken on a renewed perspective about their career The internal structuring that has allowed many organizations to keep their doors

open also created a mindset ng 'thankful' employees that to 'have a job' is better than to 'not have a job'. While the simplicity of that mindset is painfully obvious, the been largely ignored and will eatch a number of organiza-tions off guard. The theme of Employee Engagement may experience some sense of erosion due to the undercurrent as these newly-minted, multi-

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market (the hope is that it would be the first step) and begin to reflect thei base. As survivors, they have learned a great deal and now must wrestle with competitors will be shop-ping for the skills they have

acquired. The winds blow the clouds away and the light shines on the new war for talent. Ironically, in an overcrowded market of unem ployed professionals, the first step in the war for talent will take place business to busicompanies, before looking in will compete with each other for each other's engineering talent. Retail companies will compete for each other's Wales talent and accounting firms will compete for each other's accounting talent. Opportunities abound for those who were shackled to their cube, but told to stretch in order to get the work done. At the end of that process is a broader skilled employee with a knowledge base and skill set that surpasses anything the The unintended consequence an unexpected event has created a small market of highly marketable people thus putting the employing organization at risk.

argue that most organizations might just look beyond their

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bring in talent at a lower starting salary. Inherent in that assumption is the belief that the current talent pool will remain in place having seen how bad it can get. The problem with that assump tion is that it does not take into account the prevailing atmosphere of adventure ov loyalty and risk over sensibilan economic upturn, the only assumption any organiza-tion can make is one that recognizes the relief that comes from knowing 'Happy Days Are Here Again!' The undercurrent theme points to taking the time to rebuild ship with current employees to make sure that their new found happy days are not connected to a person al exit strategy. A lot of time and energy has been spent running through a rainstorm with no umbrella and only the belief that things will get better. Now that rays of sunlight are starting to break through, it is in the best interest of the storms you have weathered translate into walks in the

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quarter through most of the third

we played our best all-around ball

We guarded, we competed and won

possession after possession," Heitsel said. "The frustration from our

view as coaches is we didn't reward ourselves by taking full advantage

of what we were doing on the floor. When you play with that much emo-tion, it can become a slippery slope

PUZZLES, B6

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Streaky runs make, break Wildcats' title hopes

Novi falls to Stevenson, cruises through South Lyon East

Novi's cagers played the best Central Division last week. The results left the Wildcats at a lock for second place in the division for a

out 8-2, although winning at Salem will be a heck of challenge," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said Monday before his 'Cats defeated Plymouth Salem 63-57 in double overtime tha night, "That would put us at 8-2 in with defeats only at the hands of two programs. That says a lot about the

lost the majority of their backcourt in the offseason, the team flourished against opponents other than defending division champion Livoni

Stevenson (15-1, 9-0 Central). The Spartans and Wildcats traded runs in their Feb. B battle for the division title, but Stevenson broke

"It was a rollercoaster of a night we didn't do it, we had a major shift in body language and couldn't climb because, from the end of the firs

> Only six Wildcats scored in the contest, with seniors Brian Bush and Samer Ozeir scoring 15 apiece. Bush went 5-for-7 from distance. "Bush has been on absolute fire," Heitsch said. "I hope kids in the stands watch him carefully before

> > Please see BOYS HOOPS, B3

Novi bowlers hit stride same time as opponents

Wildcats rev up for conference tourney

BY CHRIS JACKETT

It was a tough week for Novi's bowling teams. The boys' squad (4-9-2, 2-8 KLAA Central) started with a strong performance Sept. 9 against Plymouth at Westland Bowl. However, Plymouth bowled their best game of the season with a 1,166-1,070 score advantage leading up to a 23-7 defeat of Novi.

"Both the first and second high games in league play

have been shot against us," Novi coach John Osb Senior Brandon Ross started out with nine straight

strikes en route to scores of 267 and 206 to score two points for Novi, while senior Steve Cullen (216, 203) scored one point. Junior Andrew Thorwall (237, 214) and

The Wildcats' bowling team looks

With the Novi boys' record at 4-9-2

(2-8 Central) and the girls at 3-12-

0, 1-9 Central), both teams were scheduled to take on Plymouth

Salem last Monday at Novi Bowl

tonight at Town N Country Lanes

in Westland, which was resched-

uled twice from an original Dec.

13 date. Tonight's match begins at

3:30 p.m. before the 'Cats head to

tomorrow's Kensington Conference

tournament 10 a.m. at Century Bowl

in Waterford.

before taking on Northville

to wrap up the regular season by improving through a string of

matches this week.

(200) added to Novi's scoring. On the girls end,

Plymouth got the best of things 21-9. Novi lost the first baker game 158-150 and won the second one 154-153, led by two points apiece from junior Bridgett Porras (171, 151) and senior Tina Johnson (135, 161), while junior Callie Wright (177, 150) scored one

Novi's Wildcats made things closer the next day against Canton at Super

The boys lost a close 17-13 contest, winning the first baker game 164-156,

but lost the first game 1,011-833 with only one singles point. The 'Cats won the second game 994-942, but two single points and two for totals gave the Chiefs the win. Cullen (170, 221) had two points for Novi and senior Brandon Gillespie (216) scored one point. The girls (3-12-0, 1-9 Central), however, got a rare win

on the season, ousting Canton 22-8 after jumping out to

a 10-0 lead with 187-167 and 157-142 baker game victothe second 902-794 to clinch the match Freshman Sara Schultz had a 157 and personal-best

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News stalf

237 to earn two points for the Wildcats, while Wright (179, 198) also scored two points.



From left to right, seniors Chris Caverly (third at 145 pounds), David Sparling (third 189) and Shahbaig Sidhu (fourth at 135) are the only Wildcat wrestlers

Three Wildcats advance to Regionals

Sparling, Caverly, Sidhu continue season with rest of team on sideline

With three grapplers advancing at Individual

Districts, Novi seniors David Sparling (189

pounds), Chris Caverly (145) and Shahbaig

Sidhu (135) will compete in the Plymouth-

hosted Individual Regionals Saturday. The

top four finishers in each weight class from

both the Garden City and Beverly Hills-Wylie

E. Groves districts will compete for a trip to

The Palace of Auburn Hills for the individual

BY CHRIS JACKETT

It was a tough week on the mats for Novi's wrestlers that ended the season for the team, but three individuals advanced to Regionals with impressive performanc

es in district competition.

Defending Division I state champion

Detroit Catholic Central dominated the Northville-hosted team district meet last Thursday, advancing to Regionals as a team with a 78-6 decision over Novi and 70-9 win over the Mustangs. The Wildcats end the season with a 16-8-0 team record However, the 'Cats were still together

Saturday at Garden City to cheer each other on in the individual district tourna Senior David Sparling (189 pounds) went 4-1 and senior Chris Caverly (145) went 3-1 on the day, as both finished in

third after losing to the eventual district champions in their respective weight classes. Sparling scored a pin 2:15 into a match against Livonia Franklin's Andrew Ingold and another pinfall 1:55 into a match

against Plymouth Salem's Jacob McCabe en route to a battle with undefeated Anthony Abro of Canton. Abro won a 11-7 decision over Sparling,

state finals March 3-5.

bracket, where he pinned Dearborn Fordson's Ali Bazzi in 1:24 and defeated Fordson's Mouhamad Soukar by a 6-2 ecision, claiming third place and a trip to the regional meet. Sparling is now 42-10

Caverly had a near-identical path to his

third-place finish, except he had a firstround bye before earning a 17-2 technical tall over Dearborn Edsel Ford's Frank

Caverly then ran into CC's Nick Mason, who earned a 19-4 technical fall 4:13 into the contest. In the consolation bracket, Caverly defeated Fordson's Victor Lindsey with a 11-5 decision and Franklin's Avery
Opperman 15-11 for a chance to represent s school at the regional meet. Caverly is

now 34-15 on the season. Now 34-15 on the season.

Senior Shahbaig Sidhu (135) put on five pounds to compete in a heavier weight class and the method paid off as he finished fourth with a 3-2 record and

advanced to the regional tournament. Sidhu started off with a pinfall over Canton's Westen Price in 3:25 before Northville's Travis Compo pinned Sidhu in 3:10. Sidhu prospered in the consolation bracket, defeating Dearborn's Mohamad Makki by pinfall in 1:51 and Farmington's Zach Shulz with a 5-3 decision. But Sidhu after defeating Sidhu, again in the third-

Please see WRESTLING, B4



Kelp's cagers clinch Central championship

Three-win week ups record to 15-1

The past week was huge for Novi's girls basketball team. The Wildcats racked up three victories, two over opponents vying for a share of the

division title

Outscoring Livonia Ste the Wildcats improved to 15-1 (9-1 KLAA Central) and clinched the divi-

sion title.
The biggest similarity between all three contests was Novi's dominance in the paint, where they outscored and outrebounded each of their opponents. "Its an area we have focused on in

practice, thus nice to see the improvement," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "All the post players are playing with a lot of confidence."

8 at Stevenson, would end up being both the toughest and most important

the only game Novi was on the road or because the 64-48 win was the narrowest margin of victory, but because the Spartans would roll forward to fin ish 6-4 and second place in the division (11-5 overall).

Freshman Kerri McMahan led Novi's charge with a game-high 17 points, six assists and three steals during a very solid 8-for-12 shooting "She doesn't play like a freshman,

Seniors Alyssa Armiak (13 points,

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Plymouth Salem and South Lyon East by a combined 161-98 mark last week,

The first contest of the week, Feb.

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BY CHRIS JACKETT

After a strong finish in the

rogram struggled at last

Novi skiers slip

Hotta qualifies for SEMSL Championships

CC bowling team continues to win

Squad beats Brother Rice, wins Divine Child Invitational

BY SAM EGGLESTO

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team sure knows how to peak at the right

The squad, coached by AJ 25-5 victory over Brother Rice last week to clinch first place in the Catholic League West he Divine Child Invitational l'ournament last Saturday.

"The team is bowling well and hopefully peaking at the to advance to the state finals

If their showing in the Divine Child invite is any indication, they are indeed peaking. The ournament win of the season the third tourney win in a row

The squad finished with a total score of 3,450, averaging 215 a game. High scorers for the Shamrocks were Eric Payloy (222 and 234), Matt

Booster Club plans February fundraisers

The Novi Athletic Boosters club is offering sports fans several opportunities during the month of February to enjoy a dinner out and support Novi sports teams Novi Athletic Boosters Diningo-Donate fundraising program Through the program, diners simply present printed flyers at specified eating establishments and enjoy dinner as they normally ould. The restaurants pledge to donate a percentage of those sales

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar, 44375 Twelve Mile Road, is the newest addition to the lineup of restaurants supporting the Monday, Feb. 21, from 5 to 9 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings will do 15 percent of all pre-taxed food ales, less alcohol and promotional liscounts, for all Novi guests who

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Confusion caused by regulation changes in Little League baseball bats

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The Shamrocks will be back in action when they compete in the Catholic League Championship this weekend at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington.

Nugent (212 and 244), Scott Kujawa (204 and 246) and Ken O'Connor (246). The Shamrocks also had a 290 Baker game during the tours leaving only a six pin in the first frame to spoil a perfect game. In their only dual meet of the

week, the Shamrocks clinched the CHSL West Division title a they beat Brother Rice, Catholic Central and the Warriors split the Baker games before the Shamrocks went on to win the two regular games, 1,097-860 and 935-732. High scores were Jeff Conflitti's 206, O'Connor's 203 and Kujawa's 256.

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NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

season holds the promise of both excitement and confusion. Parents headed out to buy their Little Leaguer a new bat will have new rules to follow when it comes to

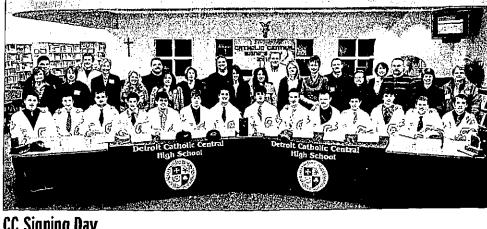
finding the right bat, with man still fuzzy as to what is acceptable and what might be denied. The Little League Internation Board of Directors - along with uth leagues, which inclu the Babe Ruth League and the American Legion Baseball League - decided to ban composite basehall bats due to potential safety not all youth leagues have made

nese changes. "Many leagues are banning erned about the safety of the kids," said Ian Somerville of Play I Again Sports Novi. "We are advising parents to check with their bat barrel diameter, and ounce drop-the difference between the length of the bat in inches, and the

ight of the bat in ounces." Composite bats have thinner walls and a larger sweet spot, which allows the ball to travel faster and farther, in turn all for higher scoring games, which However, since the bats make the baseballs travel faster, fielding players are given less reaction time and are at a higher risk of injury. However, some composite bats

are being waived and allowed for

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CC Signing Day

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Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi held its annual Signing Day on Feb. 4 in the school's Media Center. Following are the student athletes, the sport they signed for, and the university or college they will be attending (1 to r): Brandon Yammaro (Buffalo-totali), Brandon Sullivan (Northwood U-football), John Lawless (Kalamazoo-football), Nico Colucci (Saginaw Valley State-golf), Stone Monarch (Toledo-football), Mitchell Gatt (Hillsdalebaseball), Justin D'Agostino (Hillsdale-football), Andrew Nelson (Cornell-foolball), Mike Birney (U of D Mercy lacrosse), Jake Spuller (US Air Force Acad. track), Andrew Garcia-Garrison (Bucknell-cross country), Michael Tibbits (Holy Cross-baseball), Joe Brinkman (The U of The Cumberlandsswimming). Alex Lang (Olivet-soccer). Missing from the photo is Justin Messner (Northwood-football).

Shamrocks defeat two big foes

Squad topples Marquette and Trenton, but falls to Hill Academy

It was a good week to be a member of the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson earned wins over two former state cham pions as they beat Marquette, 3-0, and Trenton, 5-2. Unfortunately, it wasn't a perfect week as the skaters fell to a very ough Hill Academy squad, 4-1

"The team is playing well," said Johnson.
"We need to continue to improve in all areas of the game in the next two weeks a we lead up to the state tournament. Against Marquette, the Shamrocks

scored two goals in the second period off the sticks of Sean Gaffney and Nola Gluchowski before nailing the Redmen's coffin shut with an empty-net goal in the third by Charlie Green, Earning assists in the win were Ryan Keller (2), Gluchowski Pete Halash, Mitchell Gatt and Michael

Alex Nork earned the victory between the posts for the Shamrocks, stopping just 14 shots on goal. Marquette's goalie, on the

BY SAM EGGLESTON

CORRESPONDENT

Central Shamrocks wres-

earned two championshi

and graduated 13 wrestlers

to the individual regional

The squad, coached by

tournament.

ling team had quite a fev

highlights last week as they

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will play again today when they visit the Port Huron Northern Huskies at 6.15 p.m. before taking on the Cranbrook Cranes on the road at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. The team will then visit DeLaSalle at 5 p.m. Feb. 20.

other hand, was peppered with 41 shots on goal and stopped all but two Against Trenton, the game was a bit

closer on paper, but wasn't so in actual game play. The Shamrocks skated out to a 4-0 lead by the early minutes of the third period before Trenton was able to add their first tally of the game. The final min utes of the contest found the two powerouse teams trading goals before the final buzzer sounded.

The Shamrocks benefited from firstperiod goals by Tyler VanNorman, Babcock and Tyler Van Acker before third period for a 4-0 lead. Trenton scored at the 10:10 mark in the third off a shot by

Shamrocks advance 13 grapplers

In the individual dis-

trict tournament, Catholic

Central had five grapplers win titles with Ken Bade,

Mason, Drew Garcia and

Kevin Beazley taking home

runner-up in their respec-

Evan Toth, Logan Marcicki

Riley Hanson, Andy Erickson and Miles Trealout

third and Malik Amine fin-

As a team, the Shamrocks

thanks to a district win over

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ished fourth to advance to

tive weight classes were

while TJ Fagan finished

also earned a berth to

the regional tournament

Northville and Novi. The

first-place finishes. Earning

Alec Mooradian, Nick

Team also earns District Tournament, CHSL titles

great showing in the indi-

vidual district tourney and

advanced 13 wrestlers to the MHSAA regional, includ-

ing five grapplers who took

In addition, the squad

after earning the crown in

the Catholic High School

We call this title time,"

said Catholic Central assistant coach Kevin Griffin.

This past week we began

title, and this is the first

to prepare for the ultimate

League tournament just

earned the team district

championship by defeat-ing Northville and Novi

me district champion-

Jonathan Miller before Gaffnev answered for the Shamrocks just two and a half minutes later to make it a 5-1 contest. Trenton added the final goal of the game off a shot by Josh McPatlin

Earning assists for the Shamrocks were Nick Daigneau, Halash, Gatt Downing, Keller (2), Connor Pankow and Conno

Pankow, the team's goalie, earned the victory with 17 stops while Trenton's Blake Wojtala stopped 36 of 41 shots on goal. Against Hill Academy, the Shamrocks

just couldn't get the best of their foes, who took a 2-0 lead by the early minutes of the final stanza. Catholic Central answered at 7:57 in the third period on a goal by Gluchowski, who was assisted by Downing and Gaffney, but Hill tallied two more goals, one at 16:36 and an empty netter at 16:58, to secure the victory.

Pankow suffered the loss, stopping 20 of 23 on the night while Hill's George Argiropoulos stopped 28 shots on goal

toppled Northville, 70-9

the team also won the

Tournament with 282.5

As if that weren't enough,

Finishing in a distant sec-

Out of the 14 weight class-

ond was Divine Child with

es, the Shamrocks had 12

wrestlers in the finals and

seven earning champion-

ships. Taking home CHSL

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NOVI ROUNDUP

BY CHRIS JACKETT Pompon

Give it another year and the Wildcats' pompon program could be considered a dynasty BOTH the varsity and junio state champions in their respective Class A/Division 1 levels last Sunday at Eastern Michigan University

The varsity squad competed against 14 other schools and nailed a title repeat with a 40formation performance during a 3:30-long performance to a tune by Rev Theory. "The routine included double

toe-touches, walkovers, splits, stunts, drops and a great kicktimed," parent Lynda Favorite

Kristy Renaud, Erin Bartos and April Brousseau coached the squad to the championship, which was the second to seniors Alexa Boron, Taylor Boron, Kelsie Autterson Jessica Dipaola and Kimberly

Other state champion Wildcats are Mackenzie Betts, Lauren Collins, Alex DeLaCruz, Mary Favorite, Marisa Giampa, Katie Groechel, Paige Gurizzian, Gi Hong, Sara Hudgens, Megan Jamrog, Mackenzie Kelley, Kaley Kennedy, Christy Lyon, Ashley Miller, Kailey Oppat, Nicole Rigdon, Morgan Shepherd, Delancy Ulle, and

Ashley Wojtylo.

The JV squad defeated seven other schools with a performance to Whitesnake's "Sweet Lady Luck.

JV coach Elyse Bartos had a small squad, but Aditi Chadha, Emma Weil, Jeanne Beau, Amy Cao, Amy Liang, Annie Segal, Jessie Snider, Caitlin Sultana, Drew Thommasson, Gillian Autterson, Jenny Chang, Laura Baumgarten, Patricia Dixon, Rence Weil and Atsuko Yuda worked together to secure the JV state title.

The pair of championships comes on the heels of the varsity's squad's High Kick Championship last November,

BOYS HOOPS

he shoots, he is always prepared on the catch and that is why he

sive about it, is that he is chasing

and harassing the opponents' top guard and still has the condition-

lown open shots."

Ozeir's 15 points were accom-

panied by 11 rebounds despite

pressure from Stevenson senior

Xavier University, had 19 points

he can score 15 against an oppo-

nent that is focusing on him and has a 6-fect-9 Division 1 player

in the middle of the paint and w

played very effectively on offense

see 15 as tame," Heitsch said. "He

and really took it to Jalen and got into his chest. Jalen is going to

doesn't mean you don't attack and

block shots, and he did, but that

Having been outscored 22-

10 in the final quarter against

Sam did."

"It says a lot about Samer when

17 rebounds and six blocks in

Stevenson's 62-50 victory.

Jalen Reynolds, The Spartan.

ing, focus and mentality to knock

is successful. What is impres-

Division title because the contest is a non-count game, a win

LOCAL SPORTS

ould go a long way toward redeeming the loss earlier this season. The title puts the Wildcats into Saturday's KLAA Championships last Saturday they'll likely face Howeli for

The varsity Novi poms won a second-straight state title Feb. 13.

Novi's competitive cheer squad hosted the KLAA

and finished eighth of 23

schools behind a 680.5512

won the meet with 768.472

Ranked No. 3 in the state

Novi's second by more than one

Novi was scheduled to face

2, 8-2-1 Kensington) last night.

The Spartans defeated Novi 6-

to a 71-53 win over the Cougars

"We didn't play with the sus-

tained energy that we had hoped for against East," Heitsch said.

Despite the effort, 10 Wildcats scored in the victory. Seniors

ebounds, two blocks) and junior

finished in double figures, while senior Brady Sheldon added eight

"It was nice to get some bal-

nice to see Zac be aggressive on

offense," Heitsch said. "Milon

overcome a tough stretch and

haven't seen since he fractured

from some of our reserves. Tre

Jocz (six points, six rebounds)

Although the team shot 51.9

the Wildcats struggled at the

percent (27-for-52) from the field

charity stripe, hitting 11 of 25 free

continues to improve.

throws (44 percent).

is nose. Saw a lot of positives

(Cadwell, four points) played very well on-the-ball defense and Mike

oked relaxed again, which we

anced scoring and was really

Chris Milon (12 points, six

rebounds), Zac Dotinga (12

points), Ozeir (10 points, 10

Scott Kempa (10 points) each

Although the Wildcats

(0-14, 0-9 Central).

(No. 2 in Division I), the

Wildcats (17-4-0, 9-2-0

Coliscum in Chelsea.

goal this season.

Hockey

which the JV team also won in already clinched the Central

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the association title. The 'Cats wrap up the regular season 6 p.m. Wednesday against No. 31 Farmington United (8-9-3) before the state tournament Feb. 28.

Boys Swim & Dive

Novi's boys swim and dive Kensington) split their perfo mance at last weekend's Public record to 4-3 with victories ver both North Farmingto School Showcase at the Arctic and Walled Lake Northern.

The guys defeated No. 48 Utica Eisenhower (16-5-1) in an The Feb. 8 contest in Farmington ended up with 103-83 win for the Cats before 8-0 performance Feb. 9 before falling 5-1 last Thursday to No. they hosted Northern last 8 Howell (17-3-0), who is No. 3 Thursday in a 129-57 victory in Division I. The loss was just

The 10 seniors will try to go out on top with strong performances this weekend at the No. 11 Livonia Stevenson (14-5- KLAA Central Division nicet and next weekend's Kensington Conference meet.

ON TAP

Stevenson again."

Plymouth and Stevenson

thumb ligament injury.

Softball Camp

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

p.m. The camp, which costs \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, will cover hitting and bunting techniques with an opportu-nity to practice skills through drills and station work. If play ers have their own bat, they should make sure it has their name on it and bring it with

should be made out to Bob

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

and former Novi News staff writer.

After defeating Plymouth Salem (11-5, 5-5 Central) last

Monday in a makeup game, Novi's cagers (13-3, 8-2 Central)

will gear up for the state tournament with a run through the

KLAA tournament. The Central No. 2-seed Wildcats are sched-

uled to visit South No. 3 Westland John Glenn (9-6, 5-4) today,

with the winner facing either Central No. 4 Northville (8-8;

4-6) or South No. 1 Plymouth (32-4, 9-1) Monday at Novî if the

Wildcats win tonight. The winner there plays Feb. 25 for the

"I am not a huge fan of the conference tournament, but of

course you want to win the thing," Novi coach Cory Heitsch

said. "This year will have a little extra edge to it because we

could potentially have the opportunity to play Plymouth and

The 'Cats are also looking forward to the return of senior Rob

Laney, who has been out of action for the past month with a

"We know for almost certain that we will have Rob back for

the state tournament, which will be a huge lift for our team."

Heitsch said. "Rob's absence has been a noticeable one, but

ne is still making a large impact with his leadership and his

villingness to communicate to teammates from the bench

"The only positive that comes from injuries to players you

rely on is that it provides opportunities for others. I look it

as a bonus when we get Rob back because now we have guys

that have battled against one of the state's top teams, have

All three of Novi's losses came from contests against

Kensington Conference title. All games tip off at 7 p.m.

them to the camp.
For more information, contact Novi High School softball coach Bob Lulek at (248) 363-5679, (561) 686-5867 or MightyHarley27@aol.com. Players can also register in advance by mailing their name grade to the high school with ittention to Athletics and Physical Education. Checks

The KLAA Championships were scheduled to take place Monday at Alpine Valley in White Lake before the Regional Championships today at Mt. Brighton, From there is Monday's

Aloine Valley in White Lake. ninth in the regular season and Milford Round-up and then the matched that performance at the divisional meet. However, SEMSL Championships at Pine Knob, where only senior Kuni the boys team also finished Hotta has qualified to compete. ninth at the meet after finishing the regular season fourth 5-4 from their regular season finish

out just four at Divisionals after scoring 296 points in the meet. The score landed them at fifth on the season, two points beh South Lyon (4-5) and one ahead and Milford (5-4). (52nd in 57.84).

Led by senior Kuni Hotta's two-run slalom finish of 41.6 seconds, the Wildcats had a representative in the top 10 via a ninth-place finish. qualified for Tuesday's SEMSI Championships at Pine Knob Trailing Hotta were senior

Steven Specis (17th in 42.95). Matt Pilat (30th in 45.85) and senior Brandon DuBois (33rd n 47.40). Senior Austin Feight struggled in his second run and fell to 48th in 53.95 seconds. Further hampering the Wildcats' efforts, usual ton-four finisher sophomore Harrison Halley did not compete.

Novi's performance in the giant slalom didn't go as oothly. Hotta finished 11th in (23rd in 54.44), Speers (35.5th is 55.68) and sophomore Bjoern-Ivar Haug (43rd in 56.18).

more of a struggle for the girls

All meets begin at 4 p.m. eam ...funior Calla Spillage led Novi in 31st place after a

two-run time of 54.89 seconds 55.57) was next, followed by juniors Lucia Li (51st in 57.76) and Addison Notarantonio Like their male counterparts

the girls team fared better in 26th-place finish of 49.83 seconds. Rich (30th in 50.6) Notarantonio (41.5th in 58.72) and sophomore Katherine Hamilton (1-4th in 59.58) also scored for the Wildcats

The two races scored 311.5 points for Novi, who finished .5 points behind eighth-place Milford at the meet. The two points earned from the meet gave Novi 12 total, which kept them at ninth on the season; two three ahead of South Lyon (0-8)

Birmingham Brother Rice (9-0) and Bloomfield Hills Marian's (9-0) combo team wor 53.61 seconds, followed by Feight both the boys and girls divisions divisional meet and, hence, the overall league titles.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF SEWS-DTC, INC.

Creditors of SEWS-DTC, Inc., a Delaware corporation (th Corporation was dissolved pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, effective December 31, 2009; (b) all creditors of he Corporation shall filetony claims they may have against the Corporation in writing to SEWS-DTC, Inc., 22300 Haggerty Road, Northville, Michigan 48167 (Attention: Mark Epstein); (c) each daim must include sufficient information to inform the Corporation claim must include sufficient information to inform the Corporation of the identity of the claimant and the substance of the claim; (d) any claim against the Corporation shall be barred unless it is received by the Corporation within sixty (60) days after the date of this notice; (e) The Corporation or a successor entity may make distributions to other claimants and the Corporation's stockholders or persons interested as having been such without further notice to the claimant; and (f) The Corporation did not make any distributions to its stockholders in the three years prior to the date the Corporation dissolved.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 280 of the Delawar

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 11-100.40

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-100.40 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE, AT SECTION 28-1, "DEFINITIONS" AND AT SECTION 28-5, "PERMITTED ACCORDING TO DISTRICT" IN ORDER TO INCLUDE DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR A PROMOTIONAL WALL SIGN.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 7, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Stevenson, the Wildcats outscored
South Lyon East 22-11 in the first
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quarter last Friday as they cruised former Novi News staff writer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7.00 PM. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 16. TC AND TC-1 TOWN CENTER DISTRICTS. SECTION 1603, REQUIRED CONDITIONS AND ARTICLE 17. RC REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT, SECTION 1702 PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL, CONDITIONS AND SECTION 1703, REQUIRED CONDITIONS. IN ORDER TO ALLOW FACADE WAIVERS IN THE TC AND TC-1 DISTRICTS TO BE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITHOUT REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL AND TO ALLOW PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL WITHOUT REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL AND TO ALLOW PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL WITHOUT REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL OF SPECIAL LAND. USE PERMITS AND SITE PLANS ON SITES TOTALING FIVE ACRES OR LESS IN THE RC DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, W Ten Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary Publish: February 17, 2011

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18,246

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.246 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AT ARTICLE 19, 1-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, IN ORDER TO PERMIT ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AS PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES IN LIMITED INSTANCES, TO REQUIRE A NOISE IMPACT STATEMENT INSTANCE, ANDISE ANALYSIS FOR SOME USES, TO ALLOW MORE THAN ONE OUTDOOR STORAGE TANK WHERE NECESSARY AND TO ADDRESS MINOR INCONSISTENCIES IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 7, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the bours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Camelius, City Clerk

City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

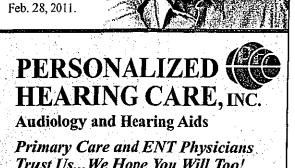
Case No. 11-001 41460 Grand River Ave- Ste F & G The petitioner is requesting a variance to install an additional 1s SF wall sign on Suite F & G of Gateway Village Retail located at 41460 Grand River Ave. The property is zoned NCC and is located north of Grand River Ave and west of Meadowbrook Rd. Section

Case No. 11-092 41370 Bridge St
The petitioner is requesting an extension of the variance to install a real estate leasing sign of 48 SF adjacent to 1-96 for 41370 Bridge St. The property is zoned 1-1 and is located east of Meadowbrook Rd and south of 1-96. Section 28-6 (4) Case No. 11-003 30995 Springlake Blvd

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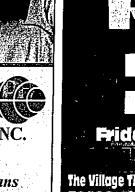
The petitioner is requesting a variance from Section 2503.2.A to allow accessory structures in the interior side yard. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located south of Pontiac Trail and east of Beck

Case No. 11-004-31170 Wellington Dr
Portsmouth Apartments
The petitioner is requesting a variance from Section 2503.2.A to allow accessory structures in the front and interior side yard. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located south of Pontiac Trail and east of Beck.



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seven assists, four steals), Joanna Beaton (nine points, six rebounds) and Maddy Sinkovich (eight points, six rebounds) had strong showin As a team, the Wildcats had 46 points in the paint.

"She is having a great senior year," Kelp said of Beaton. "When Maddy plays well, the team plays better"

Although Novi led 31-25 at halftime, it was sophomore Jade Antolec who was the difference maker, pulling down 14 rebounds (five on offense) to go along with her six points and four steals "Very impressive for a sopho-

more," Kelp said, "Jade is one of the most coachable kids we have ever had. She wants to learn and get better; the results are showing. I'm very happy for her."

A loss to Stevenson would have put Novi at two losses and Stevenson at three in the division as the Wildeats headed into a rematch last Thursday against Salem, who had defeated Novi carlier in the season.

However, Salem was knocked out of the title hunt with three losses last week, A Feb. 8 setback to South pushed Salem back to 5-5 (6-10 overall) after Novi got their retribu tion with a 52-31 victory thanks to 16-5 first-quarter and 14-5 thirdquarter runs.

"It was a very good week for Novi basketball. The girls were pumped up for the rematch," Kelp said Antolee was held off the boards for just three rebounds, but was repeatedly fouled by the Rocks in the process. She hit 7-of-8 free throws to end up with a game-high

Beaton was consistent with 12 points, while McMahan (nine points, five assists), junior Ally D'Annibale (six points, six rebounds) and Armiak (five points, four assists) were also steady in their production during the pivotal

Going into their third game in four nights, the 'Cats were steady in defeating a less experienced South Lyon East (1-15, 0-10 Central) team last Friday. Novi ran up a 21-8 halftime score before closing out the 45-19 victory. The Cougars scored nine of their 19 points in the third quarter and just two in the fourth The Wildcats also kept both turnovers and fouls to nine apiece,

"Definitely the key to such a successful week," Kelp said of that stat Novi outscored East 40-6 in the paint and had 16 offensive boards (27 total) as they took 30 more shots and hit 14 more than the

Cougars.
McMahan led the way with a game-high 12 points and four steals, while Beaton (eight points, six rebounds), Antolec (eight points, three steals, two blocks) and Sinkovich (two points, four rebounds, four assists, two steals) all turned in steady performances as the reserves got more floor time. outscoring East 28-2 off the beach.

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a rare feat

As if a Central Division title wasn't enough, the team had more reason to celebrate Saturday morn ing, as coach Kelp and his wife, Lisa, welcomed a daughter, Annie into the world 2:54 a.m. Saturday We're proud parents of the most beautiful baby," Kelp said. seven pounds, 19 inches.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and





Kerri McMahan turns the corner on a Salem defender

Novi's lady cagers (15-1, 9-1 Central) will attempt to keep their hot streak alive with a run through the KLAA tournament. The Central No. 1-seed Wildcats were scheduled to host South No. 4 Livonia Franklin (8-7, 5-5) Tuesday, with the winner facing either Central No. 3 Northville (9-7, 5-5) or South No. 2 Westland John Glenn (14-2, 8-2) tomorrow at the higher seed's court. The winner plays Tuesday, which could feature Novi hosting South No. 1 Canton (14-2, 10-0), for the Kensington Conference title.

The Kensington champ will host the Lakes Conference champ Thursday, while the runners-up and other tournament qualifiers will face their Lakes Conference counter parts at home Wednesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m.



Madeline Sinkovich gets some low-fives as she introduced before the Novi Wildcats' Feb. 10 game.

WRESTLING

place match, where Compo won a 9-2 decision, although both have the chance to meet again at the regional meet. Sidhu heads to

Regionals with a 21-13 record. Juniors Alejandro Albuerne (125) and Jake Dobras (160) both fell short of their Regional bids, as each lost their consolation semifinal match and finished 2-2 on the day

Seniors Matt Aoun (26-17 at 130), Beau Bielski (19-12 at 140), junior Justin Michaels (9-10 at 215) and sophomore Dan Denova (21-22 at 103) each earned a win to start off the day, but finished with losses in their next two matches to end their seasons.

Sophomores Anthony Levy (4-14 at 112). Ben Landry (15-23 at 152) and Zach Roush (13-16 at 160) each also competed for the Wildcats, but went 0-1 on the day. Senior Derick Becker (140) went 0-2 to

finish his final season at Novi with a 18-14 The Wildcats didn't have anyone competing in the 119-, 171- or 285-pound weight classes.

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



Winning ways continue

The high school volleyball season is over for this school year, but Novi varsity players have carried their strong play into the club season. Legacy Volleyball Club fielded championship teams at Central Zone nvitational Tournaments in Chicago and Indianapolis this past weekend with some familiar names leading the way. Former Wildcat JY coach Sarah Schmitt's 16u team, featuring sophomores Kacey Sheldon and Carrie Subject, responded after losing a pool play match to Prime ime and swept through the gold medal round, finishing with a straight set victory over Circle City (Indianapolis). It was a great beginning to the 2011 club season for Schmitt's team — Kiana Brown and Rachel Livingway (Lake Orion), Alexa Caporuscio (Stoney Creek), Erin Neufeldt (Seaholm), Emily Popp (Clarkston), Sheldon and Subject (Novi), Cassidy thoof (Marian), plus Lynsie Giroux (Hartland) and Leah Refenes (Westland Lutheran). Meanwhile, four of their teammates from Novi ligh School were taking home another championship for coach Ricky Cottrill in Indianapolis, Juniors Lesley Harrington, Molly Marzonie, Victoria Rose, and Aly Ryan cruised to the finals without dropping a set before turning back their Sky High Volleyball (Ulinois) opponents in a thrilling three set match (28-26, 23-25, 16-14). Down 12-8 in the deciding game Legacy called a timeout, and, as coach Cottnil described it, "The girls just answered the call. It was a great weekend against some of the best clubs in the country." He was particularly impressed by how they responded in a "very intense match." His Legacy roster is foaded with KVC players including Brooke Mayrand (WL Northern), Brittany Leonard (Lakeland), Kelly Vellucci (Livonia Stevenson), plus Kristi Aurand (Ladywood), and Halle Thom (Okemos).

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Real estate associations give merger thumbs up

Kathy Coon is excited about the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

"That merger has been voted on and approved," said Coon, who will serve s president of the new association his year. Voting was completed Jan 31 with over 95 percent of WWOCAR members giving the merger the nod and over 92 percent of MCAR mem-

Farmington Hills-based WWOCAR has long served western Wayne and parts of Oakland County, with Troybased MCAR focused on Oakland and Macomb counties. Coon said the formal name of the new association will likely be unveiled in March and is already in place.

She's broker/owner of Real Living Great Lakes Real Estate with offices in Rochester Hills, Clarkston and West Bloomfield. Coon said the MCAR office on Butterfield in Troy will remain open until August 2012.

The site in Farmington Hills, owned WOCAR, is at Drake and Grand River. "That will remain open for now, she said. "We're very excited. We're looking at very positive movement forward. We'll be able to offer then (members) so much more.' The combined association has som

6,000 members, mostly Realtors but also those in affiliate fields like bank ing, inspectors, titles and moving companies. "We reach out to everyone who Asked about staff cuts, she said the

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market has taken its toll on the local industry, with membership down to about half what it was six-eight years

ago.
"Our numbers continue to get smaller," she said. Leaders want to have a greater impact, including at the state

was something that seemed to be the right thing to do.
"I'm very excited. I think that this is wonderful. We've got both associations working hand in hand." The two boards will merge, she said:

exciting time."

Tony Schippa will be president-elect of the new association. He's a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth who will serve as president for one year beginning in January

"I'm excited for it," Schippa said. "I think it's going to bring us more value to our members." The new association will have a bigger voice on state, local and national issues affecting homeowners, he said. Working with charities is another area that will improve.

"I am excited," he said, "We'll have our unique challenges, of course. It's all stuff that's been well thought out. We put the vote to our members and our members voted in favor of."

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president at WWOCAR, will remain in that role for the new association. "This is really exciting stuff," Smith said. "Both of the associations are very, very

more for members and advocacy for homeowners, Smith said, including affordable housing programs. "This is going to give us a boost up on doing that," said Smith, with WWOCAR

"Anytime you get that kind of plurality the members obviously see it as a good thing for them," he added of the

"It should be an exciting time, a very strong." The new group will be able to do

four years. Coon said. The housing

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MAX New Trend, Farmington Hills; and Kathleen Kaltz, RE/ MAX Gallery, Livonia.

Career Seminar

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth, Learn about a free prelicensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com. Informational time

There will be a "HUD, Foreclosures, and Short Sales" informational session 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Bridgepointe Realty, 23290 Farmington Road. Limited required at (248) 345-1268.

Todd Taliaferro, with RE/ MAX Classic, has recently been presented with the RI MAX Hall of Fame Award,

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careers with As a sea-

fessional in the real estate industry, his sales experience spans over 25 years including past positions as a regional vice president for a Fortune 500 company. He special-izes in residential and condoand lakefront and investment properties in Western Wayne, counties. He has also gained accreditation as a Certified Distressed Property Expert

and a Short Sale, Foreclosure and Bank-Owned Property Specialist.
"Taliaferro has been an integral member of our team

and is more than deserving of said Carol Boji, of RE/MAX Classic. "Winning this award i a tremendous accomplishmer Todd continues to raise the ba in real estate, making us and his community proud."

Taliaferro, a Central Michigan University graduate, is a longtime Plymouth resiyouth programs and sports.

Pros on the job Coldwell Banker Weir

Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the grow ing company. They are: Sophie Brun, Hannah Hoppough and

Judy Komer – Birmingham/ Bloomfield; office Chris Campbell - Commerce/West Bloomfield office: Tim office; Wendy Velthoven outh/Canton office; Chris Bohne - Rochester office; Dianne Gouin and Steven "These talented people bring



with them diverse business skills and experience and will make great additions to our company," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are very pleased that they've chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel

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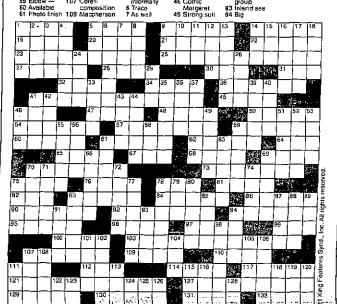
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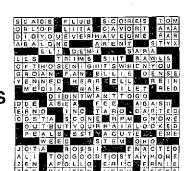
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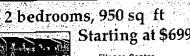


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Let's face it: Staying positive isn't always easy. From job seekers frustrated by rejections to workers dealing with everything from long hours to crabby co-workers, many people are finding it hard to put on

Yet the ability to see the good side of things can be one of your strongest assets, both for your career and for your well-being. Here, experts explain why and offer tips on staying upbeat.

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Poliyanna. "A Who would you rather be around positive attitude is each day: a sullen colleague or one not the same as with a can-do attitude? Positive living and working people radiate an energy that makes in a state of others see them as more competent eunhoria. That's and likable. Studies also show that unrealistic," says optimists tend to be healthier, more Roy Cohen, a creative and better performers. career coach and author of "The "Companies look to hire and Wall Street Professional's

promote employees who can see situations," says Lisa Quast. president of Career Woman Inc. in Seattle, Wash., and author of "Your Carcer, Your Way!" "Managers want employees who bring solutions to problems, not who bring problems and then look to their manager to solve them.'

A positive attitude also can turn out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. "I often have people come to me for advice on how they can get a raise or promotion," Quast notes, "Those who come with a positive attitude

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psychologist and author of "A Happy You: Your Ultimate Prescription for Happiness," suggests: Looking for the good: As a society, we have a tendency to focus on what is wrong, such as what we don't like about our job, what others need to

change, what we dislike about ourselves. Instead, try to look at what is going right and what you do like about others and vourself. Finding a purpose Research shows that when neople have a sense of purpose and meaning in their work, they are more positive towards it.

What are some of the greater-good elements about your Focusing on team-building: Develop bonds with your co-workers. Share a walk around the block during breaks, Have lunch together occasionally. Volunteer as a group to help those who are less fortunate. When we have a sense of belonging to a group,

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One final way of developing positivity: hang around like-minded, glass-half-full people. And when you do encounter the most miserable grouch, strive to remain pleasant. 'Like energy attracts like energy," Nelson notes. "Your co-worker may not understand what's going on when you no longer get frustrated or angry over his comments or hehavior, but after awhile your appreciative attitude will often be reciprocated.

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