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SouthUniversity Novi's newest private university, South University, sits on the corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

Dorian Reed had been toy-

ing with the idea of going back to college for several

years but only if she could find a school close to home.

And when the Novi resident

saw a billboard about South

University coming to Novi in October, she jumped at the

opportunity to be able to con-tinue her education and still



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campuses in South Carolina,

Alabama, Virginia, Georgia and Florida. The Novi cam-

pus located at 12 Mile and

Meadowbrook roads is the first in the Midwest.

first class in October, and

criminal justice, health care

management and business

degree programs (psychology,

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features four hachelor's

February storms put strain on Novi DPS

B STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR HUMANITARIAN GROUP

Council says improvements needed before next winter

South University President William Bradford shows off the new private university's computer lab on Feb. 17. The Meadowbrook and 12 Mile Road campus currently offers a variety of degree programs and will be adding more in

New university gives

students local option

Degree programs to expand in near future

"One thing I was really interested in was a school

there on time and get the

close to home so I could get

full benefit of the education.

she said. "I looked at online

schools but I need personal

interaction and be able to, if I

have a question, not feel like

I'm harassing my professor. I definitely have that at South."

South University is a pri-

work full time.

BY HATHAN MUELLER

The giant mounds of snow that sit piled up on the side of the road serve as a constant reminder of how bad the month of February has been in terms of winter weath-

And because of the storms — including three that dropped nearly 20 inches of snow on Novi - the department of public services has had its hands full.

when trucks broke down and fewer

workers were available to help clear the snow in a timely manner. A total of 278 complaints from residents came in during the three major storms — Feb. 1-2, Feb. 5 and Feb. 20-21 — mainly regarding

issues with their subdivision not being plowed.

Rob Hayes, director of public es, he is pleased with his team's

February is on track for being the heaviest accumulations on record -- and that is on top of the very heavy snows we have had all winter," he said. "It has put a lot of strain on us, and in many cases we have met the challenge admirably The most recent snow storm on

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Sometimes it takes a little

And that is exactly what the city of Novi got when officials found out long-awaited repairs to Grand River Avenue were going to happen a year earlier than

expected.
The initial plans called in 2012, but after the city of Rochester and Rochester Hills withdrew their local support for paving Washington Road east of Tienken to Dequindre, it opened the door for Novi's

project to be bumped up. The project received approval from the Federal Highway Aid Committee lass week for \$1.7 million in federal funding, and the expectation is the project will be started and completed this

fall.
"It's huge because it means enhanced public safety a year sooner, better access to businesses a year sooner and ease of travel a year sooner," said Rob Hayes, director of public

services. City officials have long been clamoring for improvements to the road that is ridden with potholes, but since the road is under the jurisdiction city could not do anything about it until funding became available.

Hayes said he expects a

with work beginning in Avenue between Novi and Haggerty roads will undergo extensive rehabilitation and repaving, including improving shoulders, select curb and gutter improvements, construction of right turn lanes and tapes at driveways and intersections and the construction of ADA compliant pedestrian improve-

\$515,000 each to the project The city's portion will come from the municipal street

James Clear, general manager at the Novi Town Center, said it is "good news" the road will finally be

Town Center.

The concern with starting the project this fall is that it will coincide with the Novi Road Link project, which calls for the closure of Novi Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. There also is repaying and widening work cheduled on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile

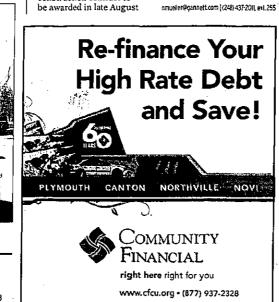
Road and Cherry Hill.

# Grand River projects comes a year earlier BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Road Commission for Oakland County and the city of Novi will both contribute

"It's an arterial road that services our property and we love to see that it is going to be overlayed," he said. "It definitely is going to be an

Hayes said it could cause some "angst" for drivers, but the end result is worth it



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Cooper Standard CEO inspires others with his story

## UNIVERSITY

administration) and two mas ter's degree programs (professional counseling and business

Reed is pursuing her master's in counseling and expects to be finished by late 2012 or early 2013.

She outside of some expected glitches and communication issues that are part of being new, her experience has n good. Especially in the

"The two professors I have are absolutely excellent," she said. "They did a bang-up job selecting those individuals." President William

Bradford said most of the faculty and employees are local because it allows them to better relate to the students. Currently there are 16 faculty members at the university and 86 students.

The school is expected to serve nearly 1,000 at its peak and will be adding additional degree programs in the near future. A physical therapy ant program is coming this full, and other programs that are offered at the other South campuses that could pharmacy, legal and paralegal

Keeping class sizes low also is another important aspect of 'We know the students as

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South University President William

building's "Distance Learning Labs"

hookup to other South University

Bradford shows off one of his

Michele Fuher has assumed the duties of running South University's library which will cater its collections to the information needed for its wide variety degree programs. Fuher was formerly at the Novi Public Library

individuals and it helps us better cater to their needs," he distance learning lab.

The 40,300-square-foot

labs, seven classrooms and a

campus features two computer

The distance learning lab is what Bradford said the university is best known for, and allows students at one campus to interact with a professor and students at another campus via video conference

regular classroom" and allows students in a small class to be part of a bigger class with more interaction.
This is a vital part of what

Bradford said "it's just like a

South does," he said. The current age of students at South is 32 years old, with to get retrained or obtain a higher degree. Bradford said high school

recruitment will not start for another year and a half. For more information about South University, visit www. SouthUniversity.edu.

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## **STORMS**

Feb. 20 dumped nine inches of snow on the city, and Hayes admitted they were not as prepared as normal because forecasters were only calling for three-to-

At one point during the storm, five of the department's 16 trucks broke down, and they did not have enough staff to man all of

The city is using a con-ractor for the first time this season, but that still was not enough to keep up with the fast falling snow. Still, Hayes said they were able to have all roads open to traffic within 30.5 hours f the end of the storm, just 6.5 hours later than the goal for a normal storm.

Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt

said he lives in the southeast part of the city and they were one of the last subdivisions plowed. He said the city needs to look it hiring more contractors and make changes so certain parts of the city don't have to suffer.

"The city has to take precautions so this doesn't happen again," he said. "Our residents expect more and frankly deserve more.

city is down five full-time employees compared to the previous two winters, and they are unable to hire sea sonal, temporary or parttime help because the lan-guage in the union contract says if a department has people on layoff they cannot ase them. One recommendation

made by Hayes was to recruit some union staff hat are not in DPS to drive the pickup trucks with more contracted help. "For a major storm we

would have an approximately 10 people come in," Hayes said. "That resource is invaluable.

Council member Dave Staudt took particular issue

A total of 278 complaints from residents came in during the three major storms - Feb. 1-2, Feb. 5 and Feb. 20-21 - mainly regarding issues with their subdivision not being plowed.

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Behind the suit, smile and

there's a story about Coope

Standard's Jim McElya that

It's a story about overcom-

people are just starting to

ing obstacles, persevering through tough times and

giving back to others. It's McElya's life story, and he is

using it to inspire others to

share theirs with the hope

that it may help someone else. "We all get so focused on our day to day jobs we forget

what is going on in the rest of the world," he said. "The

thing you have to overcome is the mentality that 'I'm just one person and I cannot make

a difference.' Everyone has a

talent and not everyone has

money, so you can use one of your many gifts to help oth-

McElya's gift is his story

plethora of people in his role as the CEO of a leading global

automotive supplier with its North American headquarters

His story started at just six

weeks old when he was left on

the doorstep of the Salvation

Army in West Chester, Pa.,

with no place to call home.

spent time in 11 different

Over the next 18 years he

homes, wondering if each one

might be the last. He got free medical care at clinics and

worked tirelessly to get make

enough money to survive. "I could have used it as an

excuse, or a reason to try and

Fast forward to 2006 and

this is where McElva's story

then he told very few people

pick myself up," he said. He chose the latter.

and his ability to reach a

in Novi.

that dropped 3.2 inches of snow on Novi. The snowfall ~ was not large enough to call all the roads, but he arguedthat his area of town "easily had four inches of snow". and plows should have been

"One of the things we are going to have to look at is if we are going to take some thing that literal - that it's a number as opposed to a decision - then we proba bly are going to have to look at changing that policy to (add) other factors into that decision making process,"

Haves also recommended that the city purchase two additional trucks to replace old. The age of the trucks led to many of the mainte-nance issues that hindered clean-up efforts.

"It sounds to me like we have major issues when we go down in a winter storm, said council member Justin Fischer. "We have trucks 25 years old. And to expect those to last forever or to subsidize that with contract the end all and be all."

these issues in the summer prior to the winter season so similar issues will not occur.
"We never should be in

a position where we don't have an adequate number of drivers for trucks available. For the record, the aver-

inches and currently the area has received 56.1 inches, putting on course to be one of the top 20 snowiest

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Cooper Standard Automotive CEO Jim McElva used his story about being abandoned as a baby to inspire others and help raise money to form the

Albem's charity S.A.Y. passion, but didn't know what

Detroit, which stands for Super All Year, focuses on Then on a flight home from Japan that November, he picked up the airplane magarelping the homeless in Detroit, and the article was zine that is in the back of every seat and read an article raising awareness about the by journalist Mitch Albom.

When he returned to work McElya made a phone call to Albom to learn more. Cooper Standard has a history of donating money to nonprofit organizations, and McElya wanted to find out how he could help.
Little did he know, his story

was exactly what was needed. "At that point I had never shared my story, but then I

went," he said. While getting to know Albom and the organization, McElya heard about the press ing need for a no question: homeless children and their

mothers. It hit close to home "When I was growing up I didn't have anything," he said. But there was a safety net for mc. What I decided I was going to do was give back.
With McElya's help and

the backing of his employ-ees at Cooper Standard and throughout the automotive industry who he said inspire him daily, more than \$600,000 has been raised for the S.A.Y. Detroit Family The clinic, which is open

24 hours a day and 365 days a year, opened in December 2008. Within the first two years, there have been more than 6,000 visits, and the need is growing.

The goal is to get to \$1 million to keep the clinic run-ning, and McElya is confident

that will happen.

This is really in the DNA of Cooper Standard employees," he said. "This isn't a top down initiative, it's bottom up and that is what makes it so great.

That giving attitude also is what keeps him and his employees grounded

You can sit here in the have it tough then you got to the homeless shelters and food kitchens and you realize you don't have it so bad," the Nov resident said.

McElva's story also should change the perception about "hard-hearted" CEO's and hers in the automotive

employees believe we get more out of it than we give," he said. "It shows there are an awful lot of people out there with good hearts."

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how the city of Detroit was

throwing a three-day Super Bowl party for the homeless

to coincide with the actual

game that was taking place

at Ford Field. The party was held because city officials did

not want them on the streets.

but once the game ended that is where they would likely

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#### Chocolate talk

A Valentine's Day Juncheon crowd (above) at the Novi Senior Center listen to Laurel Zoet's presentation (right) on "The Nature of Chocolate." Zoet talked about the sweet-stuff's history, from it's beginning in Mexico to its popular importation to Europe in the 600s. After the lecture, attendees got to sample a variety of chocolates with their new-found understanding of the dessert.

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# Annual Bowl-Amoney for Novi families

Event proceeds benefit Novi

once again next Saturday when the annual Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Novi Youth Assistance

community members will come together for friendly competiand the usual highlights of the event include the match-ups etween the firefighters and

"It truly is a great comommunity spirit," said Johr O'Brien, chairperson of Novi fouth Assistance. "It's a lot of fun, and the main reason to goes right back into the comounity." Novi Youth Assistance is a

on-profit organization tha 50 years helping to preserve families in Novi. O'Brien said their main focus is on prevention and diversion, but the organization also provides sev year to help with any problems.

are Mentors PLUS, camp, youth recognition, alcohol awareness, educational and Jeanne Clarke Teen Center.

The Bowl-A-Thon runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 12 and bowlers can register their team by visiting www.cityofnovi.org or by calling (248) 347-0410.

People who sign up are asked and the goal is to raise \$25,000 tunities also are available for



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# Thon to raise

Youth Assistance

The lanes will be heating up

heads to Novi Bowl. This will mark the 29th time

There also will be plenty of

has been around for more than

Some of the programs orga-nized by Novi Youth Assistance recreation scholarships and the

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# **School board comes to terms** with new superintendent

#### Matthews expected to start new position in mid-May

Dion carns \$196,491

tract is July 1, but it appears

Matthews will start much

sooner. He said Monday he

date in Novi to begin getting acquainted with the staff, stu

he said about starting before

the school year ends. "It gives

me the opportunity to see how the buildings run and get to

know the team before the stu-

dents and facilities.

dents leave."

was targeting a mid-May start

The Novi Board of Education and the district's Matthews took little time ironing out the details of his threeyear contract that starts next school year.
A three-member negotiating

team from the district made up of Bruce Bagdady, Jason Manar and Ann Glubzinski met with Matthews recently to settle on a salary figure and were able to do so with little negotiation.

Bagdady, who serves as president on the board, said the talks were "very brief" and "above board." "The contract is probably the

shortest superintendent con-tract in Oakland County and the simplest," he said. "It is a very straightforward, very fail contract."
Matthews is slated to make

\$185,000 in the first year of his contract, which also

nvolved in the hiring process board cannot reduce his salary of the two assistant superin over the course of the contract. tendents who will be brought in to replace Bob Schram and The salary figure amounts Gail Credit and the new prin

to roughly a \$45,000 raise for Matthews, who was making cipals the district will need \$139,097 as the superinten "It's important for me to dent in Grand Ledge. It is a savings, however, for Novi as current Supt. Peter have a role in picking those people so I will feel comfort

"It's still competitive within start," he said. Bagdady echoed Matthews Oakland County, and if anything it's on the low side," The more he can learn The start date for the con-

about those positions and the selection of those folks the better," he said. Matthews also is tying up

able with the team when they

some loose ends in Grand Ledge, including working on the budget and finishing administrative evaluations. "I'm trying to leave it in good

He also has begun searching for his new Novi home, and expects to be moved in by the

#### **NOVI ON CAMPUS**

#### Spring Arbor University

Novi's Kenya Williams was granted a master's degree in organizational management dur-Emily Kirk, of Novi, a sophomore majoring i art, is on the fall 2010 Academic Honors List, which recognizes full-time students who have received a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester. Part-time students must receive a 3.7 GPA for the semester and carry a

#### Central Michigan University

The following local students were named to the fall 2010 Honors List.

Bartlett; Joseph Richard Betro: Elizabeth Ann Bosco; Jeremy Church; Stephanie Joan Clos; Kelsey Lauren Collins; Jordan Elizabe Crandell: Emily Ann Durnik: Lauren Elizabeth Evasie; Ashley Elizabeth Gazdecki Valerie Susan Gladd: Nicole Marie Grimes: Gabrielle Maric Hamilton; Haleigh Marie Hoffman: Kimberly Sharleen Hornacek; Rebecca Helen Lis; Robert K Low; Consuelo Frances McAboy; Claudia Tamara Miculici; Maryann Y Mugerian: Kelsi E Olkowski: Alexander Joseph Piper; Brent Douglas Rau; Matthew Arnold Schaffer; Alexandra Marie Sisson; Tyler Allen Smith; Kaitlyn

Leigh Stanford; Annette Francesca Sturla Elizabeth Szlaga; Scott A Vandenberg; Kelsey

Walled Lake: Patricia Mary Ball; Anthony seph Booms; Taylor Anne Coe; Angela Michelle Morrill; Scott Ross; and Kelsey

Wixom: Ryan J Anderson: Megan Lynn Blaze; Kelsey K Guiliani; Kimberly A Ivey; Kyle Devin Janke; Jennifer M Lada; Nicole Chantelle Lada; April Kristin Lucas; Shelby: Lynn Malott; Allison A McCabe; Kelley Deniso Schulte; Anthony Michael Spagnuolo; Ryan J Speciman; Marley Taylor Tisdall; Lauren Alys Troxtel; and Rachael G Wessel.

The following local students graduated in December 2010.

Novi: Kristi Anderson, BAA: Shannon Barbour, BSED; Bradley Cullen, BSBA; Rebecca Goodearl, BSED: Kristen Marzonie, BS. Elizabeth Szlaga, BAA; and Jessica Westfall, BS.

WalledLake: Nicole David, BSED: Christina Flosdorf, BSBA; and Mark Fralick BSBA. Wixom: Justin Haas, BSED; and Jacquelin

Virginia Tech

Novi's Derek M. Richard, a sophomore majoring in computer science in the College of Engineering, was named to the Dean's List.

## Novi elementary chess students make the right moves

Orchard Hills Elementary School students completed in a state chess tournament amongst hundreds of kids from many different school districts.

The event was the 2011 Michigan Chess Association Elementary and Primary State took place in East Lansing at the Deerfield sent two teams (four students each) to the to play in five rounds of chess

100 and counting

Noah Budd shows off his garb at Deerfield Elementary, where kindergartners in Cindy Lyon and Heather Stewart's classes celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 17.

starting at 9 a.m. and ending at around 7 p.m. Many of the students are in the chess class through Novi Com Education, taught by Chess Master Alla Tabak.

The K-3 Championshi Team (Justin Liang, first grade; Aiden Song, kinder garten; Anthony Zhong, first; and Ethan Kopel, third) ended up in a tie for 10th place out of 24 teams. They just missed getting a trophy based on the Aiden both won three out of

2.5 and Anthony won 1.5. They were one of the younges teams in this division of the

The K-5 Reserve Team (Arnay Talukder, fourth; Jason Robson, fourth; Ryan Gessler; fourth; and Johnathan Hong, third) also played very well. All four students won their game in both the fourth and fifth with 3.5 wins which earned him a bronze medal at the

#### 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 member to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana io. 22041 Shadybrook Driv Novi, MI 48375. Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@ earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at

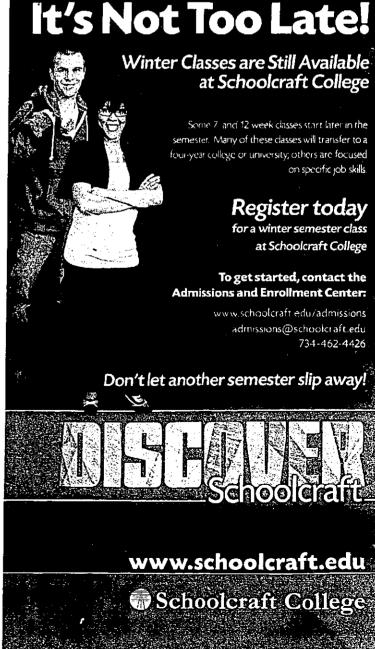
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Say cheese!

Derek McDonald (above), with video camera, visits Novi's Village Oaks Elementary on Feb. 23 with an assembly called "Lights, Camera, Action!" which gave the kids (below) a hands-on lesson on video production. The assembly even allowed the students to participate in lessons on how backgrounds are





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# Adoption program helps save animals' lives

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Adam Zielke and The Family Puppy employee Stephanie Schulz check out a few of the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk's little furry offerings. Family Puppy has an "All American Adoption Program" which allows people to drop off pets they can no longer care for, and they then strive to find those animals new homes.

Novi business has found 10,000 pets new homes since 1999

the fewer kittens shelters will

STAFF WRITER

John Stottele has been adopting kittens and puppies since he started The Family Puppy store in 1999.

American adoption program has helped more than 10,000 pets find new homes and woid the possible fate of being And while the Novi resident

s happy to help, he also asks pet owners — especially cat

public about the idea of leting cats go outside," he said. People think their eat needs to go outside, but they do just fine indoors. That is why we have so many litters of kittens because people let their cats

sure it is healthy.

People who wish to adopt an animal can do so for less than \$200. Included in that cost are two physicals, vaccinations and worming and the spay or

People enjoy bringing their animals to us rather than the shelters," he said. The business also started a

new program last year where for free. Stottele said the vast majority of the animals in the program are kittens. but they do see some pup-People who wish to adopt a

pet can start looking in March and April because cats do not breed in the winter. For more information, or to

find a store, visit www.familyofpets.net.



#### VINCENT F. BUTTIGIEG

Feb.19, 2011, 85 years old. He was a

#### ANNA R. CHOPP

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Born in Plymouth, Michigan on July
School of Nursing in Detroit, and
Scho Masonic Pathways Nursing Center, years old, Survived by her loving Born in Plymouth, Michigan on July husband, Charles; daughter, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com rank N Gready and her parents Paul Lee and Bina Eckles, her sisters Thelma Jameison, and Alice Aurther, sister in laws Lois Burger, Nora Zentner, Brother in laws Bill Zentner, and Kenneth Burger. She is survived by her sons Frank Gready(Sue) of Lake Suzy Florida. and Paul Gready (Anne) and grand-son Tom Gready all Irom Tucson. Arizona and Sister in law Patricia Schlitters from Whitmore Lake. Grand children include Suzannhah Bartos and David Milam, Nieces and Nephews include Michel Schlitters (Sandy), Nephew Bill Zentner and Great Nephew Erick Zentner and Great Niece Katy Hamlin and Great-Great nephew Austin, Niece Calhy (Zentner) Hahn, and Elizabeth Zentner, Mrs. Gready is also survived by many great-great nieces and nephews, Internment will take place in the South Lyon lake place in the Soun Lyon Cemetery next to her beloved hus-band of \$1 years Frank N Gready. Donations may be made to the Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, Michigan 48801. A memorial and committal services are planned for the near future.

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Age 79, Feb. 20, 2011. Lover of household projects, golf, deer huntloyal tamily man & WWII Army
Veleran, Service was at St. Sabina
Church. Memorials: Parkinson's
Foundation or Seasons Hospice.
Online condolences;
www.obriensullivanluneralhome.com

ANITA M. HALLAM

Age 87, a longtime resident

(Ed) Carter, Adored grandmother of

five, dearest great grandmother of three and super fan of one Pudd

DOLORES KIMBLE



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#### **GORDÓN NESLER**

Age 79, passed away January 13, 2011. He was a teacher at Walled Lake Western, retiring in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Greg (Marna) Nesler; sisters, Evelyn Nesler & Dorothy (Mac) MacDonald; granddaughters Katelyn Nesier and Alyssa MacDonald. He was preceded in death by two sons. Memorial service will be held on March 5, 1: Northville, passed away peacefully February 21, 2011. Beloved wife of Bob. Cherished mother of Robert Thomas (Linda) Hallam and Judi begins at 10am until start of service A memory of Gordon, •

or condolences may be shared at:

MARJORIE M. PORTER shared with her family and friends, she dances with her Savior in a Age 83, died Feb. 27, 2011, ... dress more exquisite than she could at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South ever imagine. You are the love of my life, Anila. God bless you. Memorial contributions would be appreciated Lyan. to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr. Southfield, www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### PATRICIA ANN SAGE

Age 81, February 22, 2011. Funeral Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsle

#### DONALD M.

"BUMPA" YOUNG of Milford and (ormerly of Redford Township, died Tuesday, February 22, 2011. He was 84 years old. He was

Christopher (Jeff), also preceded in death by his sons, the late Patrick A long time resident of the Millord area, died on February 28, 2011, at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, daughters, Julia, Melissa, Elizabeth, and Serah wonderful friends in the hood. Mr. Gardner, sons, Jarnes, Marcus, and Michael, grandchildren, Tyler, Payton and Logan. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dave Mende, Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberto, Marineral Home, 405 E. Services will be held at tynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, With burial and Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cernetery, Holly. made to service, memorials may to made to the Humane Society of Community Sharing appreciated. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors Milford at: 248-684-6645

#### ETHEL PELCHAT

ZACHARIAS Age 96, of Mooresville, NC, previously of Novi, passed away Feb. 23, 2011. A funeral service was held 3/1/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home inc. of Northville. She was laid to

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, approximately five to seven million ani-

"We haven't done a good enough job educating the

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mals enter animal shelters between three and four million are cuthanized.
It's a statistic Stottele calls

behind his program. The All-American program has a strict no kill policy, and when an animal is brought to the store it undergoes an

"sad," and also the reason

extensive examination to make nmueller@gannett.com ((248) 437-2011, ext. 255



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Family Puppy's Stephanie Schulz says hello to one of her favorite breeds at their Fountain Walk shop.

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 14, 15, and 16, 2011. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 2011. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 15, 2011. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

#### BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 14, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

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South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be

in Thursday's newspaper. 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 pancake supper. All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Choir. Take-out orders will be available. Cost is \$6

per person: \$20 for a family of four. Church of the Koly Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfami-

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 o.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. www.DW3C.org. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m., Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Eight Mile Road Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact; (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes; 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children pro-

grams available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit

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

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dichaza rene.org

School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional worship service. Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service. Children's program, Youth Worship Service

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. Ouitting Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose

Prayer Group: 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible

Study welcomes you to their study of the Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship ser-Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee vice with Praise Band, children's Sunday which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhops

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with child-Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross care available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthehotycross.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 Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcom Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Sunday Worship; 10:45 a.m. and 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 The RoyalHeirs Gospel Singers Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday,

March 5 First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W II Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstpaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresoville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m Single Place Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every

Thursday Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Single Place

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or go to www.singleplace.org. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thurs, Mar. 3 Details: Single Place presents Ms. Stacy Rafalko from Organize to Optimize. She will be able to answer all your questions on everything

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from how to get organized and con- First United Methodist solidate your "stuff" and how long you should keep it, Ice Cream Socia will follow. \$5 donation. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thurs. March

Details: Single Place Once again is pleased to have as our featured speaker, Ms. Sadie Bolos, Sadie is a popular speaker at many corporate world functions and is interesting and fun to listen to. Ice Cream Social will follow. \$5 donation. Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 17 Details: Single Place presents our St. Patrick's Day traditional dinner of corned beel and cabbage This will be followed by games and a video of the Irish Dancers,

Riverdance, Cost of dinner only is \$7; for games only, \$3; or a total of \$10 for the entire evening. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 24 Details: Place presents our own "car guy", Mr. Matt Lee who will lead a very informative discussion on "Everything you always wanted to know about your car but were afraid to ask". Come learn what you should do to keep your car operating at it's best.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 31 Details: Single Place Cards & Games Night. This is our popular monthly informal social evening of games. conversation, snacks, flavored teas or coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream with various toppings. Now that the weather has hopefully gotten better, get out and join the world again in a safe and friendly environment.

Questions are welcome, \$5 dona-

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 7 Details: Single Place presents Ms. Jennifer Vogel, who is a certified personal trainer at Fitness 19 in Livonia. She will be speaking on Finding What Works. exercise and nutrition planning. for each individual person. (One plan does not fit all.) Bring your questions, she has the answers Ice Cream Social will follow, \$5 donation.

Contact: Rev Arthur P Ritter Senior Minister (248) 348-7757. visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ nbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Better Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mite Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 pr www fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

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Contact: (248) 349-0565

Bible Study, 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Livonia Church of Christ

www.livoniachurch.net

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Vespers Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. weekend): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept. Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Ritter with musical accompaniment senior pastor and Rev. Jeff of guitar and plano. Sturgeon, associate pastor Northville Christian Assembly Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Location: 41355 Six Mile Road ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Fellowship Hour; 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

Thursday of each month

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult educa-

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School Sundays (Sept.-May) for Adults / Youth / Children Healing Service: 4 p.m. first 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in Monday of every month multi-purpose gymnasium Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders in worship center; children's (Sept-April) super church on the second level Men's Club: 8 a.m. second (208/210) Saturdays Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Contact: Heather J. Wallas, com-

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munications director, (248) 349-8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) 1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@ Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes: ir. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and sr. high student ministries: Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corchildren's programs (M-Pact Girls ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031 Novi - Northville Center for

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with Location: 15431 Merriman Road, events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - chil-Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit dren's programs. Sunday school. adult Jewish classes, youth clubs. holiday services and programs, Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; community social events. Contact: Rabbi Ayrobbom & Leah

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook novijewishcenter.com Road, between Eight and Nine Mile Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy

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Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the church

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

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunda: Nak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road.

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Re New Life Group Ministries fime/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every

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

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-Preschool/Klds Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register;

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

all are welcome. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or Our Lady of Victory rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www. Catholic Church Location: 770 Thaver, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shephero

> Pivmouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stiohnsplymouth.ora 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, 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 Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Haistead Road Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

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Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road,

local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.home 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. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

More: For a complete listing of

online at hometownlife com

LOCAL EVENTS Kumon Math and Reading Center

of Novi Central

Open house Time/Date: 10 a.m.:12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5 Location: 25345 Taft Road Novi Details: for parents and children from pre-school to high school to learn about Kumon's enrichment

Contact: 1-877-586-6673. Lecture - Cataracts, Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m Tuesday, March 8 Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi, Conference Rooms A and B Details: If you are over the age of 60, you probably have one of

these vision problems. What are the symptoms of each and how are they treated? Learn more about what you can do to improve you sight. Presented by Dr. Tobias George, ophthalmologist, on staff at Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital. There will be free blood pressure screening at this lecture.

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Contact: To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact St. John Senior Link at 888: 751-5465

Northville & Novi Garden Club Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, March

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cadv Street Details: "Cuttings" by Judy Cornellier from Telly's Greenhouse; 6:30 social hour. Contact: www.gardenersnorthvillenovi.org or Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457

Borders Books Location: Novi Town Center Contact: (248) 347 078Q... Children's Storytime Time: 2 p.m Saturdays Details: Gather round for a fun story suitable for children of 6 years old and under. Read Across America Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 5 Details: For kids ages 6-10; a special event to celebrate reading and

the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Diary of a Wimpy Kid Event Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 19 Details: For kids ages 8-12; celebrate the release of the new movie "Rodrick Rules", in theaters March 25. Enjoy a trivia contest, games, Wimpy activities, and more at this special event.

Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays Kristi Yamaguchi "Dream Big, Location: Rock Financial Little Pig" reading and signing Shownlace, Grand River Avenue Time/Date: 5 p.m. March 30 between Taft and Beck roads Details: Kristi Yamaguchi is an ice Details: Comrades and fellow vet skating Olympic gold medalist and erans, please join these monthly world champion who knows about meetings; attendance is needed to dreaming big. The motto, Always maintain and grow the Post. Dream, serves as Kristi's personal Contact: Commander Dennis

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

reception will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The institute is located at 1120 E. Kearsiey Street, Flint.

Suburban Collections Showplace

Sun. Water & Seeds 4-H Club BUSINESS Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education American Business Women's Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Association - Novi Oaks Charter

Details: A 4-H youth garden and Chapter farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for each month

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) Guests are welcome! Contact: For more information or Time/Date: II a.m.-noon every to RSVP for dinner, please contact Location: The group has moved president@abwa-novi.org. from the Senior Center to the Novi Chamber of Commerce Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and

> lvement with local charities Location: 41875 | Mile Road, #201.

ber.com Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday,

Location: Caribou Coffee, 47490 Grand River, Novi Details: Networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door;

ore-register. Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every

Novi artist Barbara Eko Murphy won her first Best of Show, from the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors and will be included in a show at the Flint Institute of Arts March 3-April 28. A

(north of Eight Mile), Novi

sionals. The Metro Novi BNI team

ing bona fide referrals to each

develop a broad network of other

business professionals in the com-

munity and receive training/educa-

Guests are invited to attend free

of charge, Continental breakfast

Contact: For more information,

www.metranovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club

Location: Novi Civic Center.

Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a

community-based club which is

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mutually supportive atmosphere

their public speaking and leader-

fun while building confidence in

day-to-day communications and

personal excellence. Guests are

welcome - and bring a friend. Visit

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.

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mentoring toward professional and

in which all can develop and refine

ship skills. Our members also have

and third Tuesday

contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-

1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com

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

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile

provided.

tion on networking more efficiently.

members are committed to provid-

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 or www. suburbancollectionshowplace.com

and refine an 'elevator speech.'

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking) 6:45 (dinner); second Wednesday of

Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Nov Details: ABWA is an active business aroup offering networking, professional development and leadership opportunities. Cost is \$16 which includes dinner and presentation

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offerprograms, an enhanced Web site, and

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

non-members \$10 at door. Please

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Location: On the Border Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting

Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road Visitors welcome, Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary, Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for profes

**NIGHTLIFE** Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater other. Members Jearn how to create Location: 42705 Grand River

Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approximately 200 guests per show March 2-20: "The Godfadda

March 23-April 10: "I Love You, April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?" April 29-May 1: "Celebrity Autobiography May 4-22: "Bad Dates" May 25-June indefinitely: "The Last five Years"

Contact; www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 348-4448

LIBRARY LINES Novi Public Library

Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday Thursday: 10-5 Friday-Saturday: 1-5 Sunday Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Register for programs at the Library or on the Library website. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the

Library website or story time brochure for details. Monday Evening Book Discussion me/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, March

Details: Join your neighbors for a lively discussion of The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion. English Conversation Group Time/Date: I-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 and 15

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

Friends Monthly Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 9

Details: Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Library. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to

Story Time with Your Local Authors! Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday. March 10

Details: Celebrate "March is Reading Month" by listening to some local authors read their stories; s sponsored in part by Community Financial, All ages

AARP Tax Day Fime/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14 Details: Registration is required prior to receiving assistance. Please register by calling or stop by the first floor Information Desk at the Library, AARP volunteers will be available to assist with the preparation of taxes for those with middle and low incomes, with

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# Set some clarity

## Legislature must address medical marijuana law

It is time for the state Legislature to produce a medical marijuana law. No more excuses, please. The chaos created by the Legislature's inaction is unac-

centable, wasteful and unfair. Courts, prosecutors, police, local government and, yes, users find themselves scrambling to accommodate the 2008 voter initiative that unequivocally authorized the

use of marijuana to treat medical conditions.

Growing facilities or dispensaries are unlisted uses in the city of Novi's ordinances, according to Barb McBeth, deputy community development director. The city does have an ordinance provision whereby a person can ask the planning department where such a facility could be located, but then the request would have to be reviewed.

In Northville Township, no requests have been brought before the township board, according to Manager Chip Snyder. He said Jennifer Frey, director of community development, is monitoring the situation and stands ready to advise the board on the best course of action.

And both Milford and Highland officials have placed a moratorium on related issues, waiting for attorneys and state legislators to weigh in on the issue.

In short, everybody is holding their breath and hoping they don't have to deal with it.

The medical marijuana language voters approved inten tionally was vague and ambiguous. The law was largely written by the Marijuana Policy Project, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that wants to reduce or eliminate penalties for marijuana use.

This was no surprise, and considering the actions of voters in other states, neither was approval of the measure in Michigan. Calls to the Legislature to pass a medical marijuana law ahead of the sloppy initiative were ignored. No longer is this acceptable.

The Legislature serves to enact laws. When the people of Michigan approved the use of medical marijuana, they expected the Legislature to help sort through the confusion rather than enable it. Instead, lawmakers, in another example of term-limit-induced dysfunction, ignored the

Because medical marijuana was approved by a voter initiative, a comprehensive law will require a three-fourths vote of approval from the Michigan House and Senate. It can be done, but it will take political courage by some lawmakers who disapprove of any marijuana use.

One option for Michigan is to adapt or adopt medical marijuana legislation passed in other states. Colorado passed a constitutional amendment in 2000 allowing patients with medical issues to treat their conditions with marijuana; two comprehensive laws were passed and signed in 2010.

In the broadest sense, they regulate the marijuana business and doctors who recommend the drug to patients. The laws impose meaningful limits on dispensaries: Local governments can ban them, they can't be within 1,000 feet of a school or church, and owners must be Colorado résidents.

Physicians prescribing marijuana must be treating patients, have done a physical exam and be available for follow-up care. Diseases qualifying for medical marijuana include cancer, HIV/AIDS and glaucoma. There are limits on possession, rules for issuing identification cards and fees for licenses. The law even requires payment of sales

Some may not like the law and what it allows. But certainly, they can understand it. This is what the people of Michigan want and need from their legislators.

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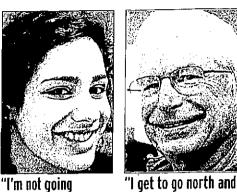
Do you have vacation plans this winter?



"Not me. I wish Work's too busy right now, but that's a good



'I don't have anv vacation plans. The snow's been so bad recently I don't think it's safe to travel." Neelima Goval



anywhere this winter." Kimia Shaidi

I'll go south, too. I'm going to Fort Myers this winter because you can't play golf in

Michigan in winter."

#### **LETTERS**

#### Satisfied?

While the lethargic Democrats stayed home, the Republicans blindly voted for Snyder and company, I hope everyone's pleased with the We need an informed electorate that votes!

Wake up, America!! Commerce Township

### State pension plan

If we do not take care of the infrastruclure of our state, no one will want to locate here. Certainly businesses are altracted to a lower tax rate; however, I believe quality of ife issues are just as important. Good roads (ours are a mess) enhance a community's attractiveness. Also, things like safe communi ties, good schools, recreational opportunities are other considerations. One of our biggest assets, fresh water, needs to be protected.

If local communities are continually forced to cut services, cut road improvements, cut school programs, close parks, close libraries, etc. we will not be as attractive to new business as state's able to maintain these services, It is a balancing act.

As the recipient of a state pension, I am willing to assume some responsibility for get ting us out of the mess we are in. However, many state employees do not have large pensions. If you were a school secretary, an instructional assistant, or a paraprofessional your pension may well be under \$15,000. Not a rich man's pension. Therefore, I am suggesting we either go to a graduated state income tax or we exempt people with low-paying pen-

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Clear the snow!

## The cities of Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills and Livonia should be ashamed of them-

selves for permitting the deplorable treatment of county roads in our communities. Each time we have had a major snowsform this winter, Eight Mile and Haggerty remained almost completely impassable even days after the snow. The cities plead that these are county roads, and seem to throw up their hands in utter helplessness. The cities must demand that Oakland and Wayne counties take care of the roads that fall under their jurisdiction withholding tax revenue from the counties it that's what it takes to get attention. If they

## can't do that, perhaps we need officeholders

Scott D. Horsburgh

#### Those who have should give тоге

Gov. Snyder is showing that he is a real Republican in his budget proposal by taxing pensions and cutting school funding; he seeks to divide us and turn us on one another.

Yes, seniors are a strong voting group but not all receive pensions. And after the envy of those who don't or won't be getting a pension kicks in, it leaves a smaller group. There are those who think they don't deserve it or didn't earn it anyway.

By cutting school funding you will have those who have already put their kids through Karen B. Zyczynski school or don't have kids saying, "That's OK, it's not my problem," or "It won't hurt me, go ahead." This is similar to what former Gov. Engler did in taxing unemployment payments. After all, most unemployed people choose not to work anyway, right?.

How about having all those who do have a job pay a little more until things get better? That would be shared sacrifice, It's been done before and it worked. Oh, wait, that was done by Democrats. The Republican way is to divide and conquer. So let's go ahead and take from retirees, kids and those without a job. Look to the least among us and take from them so that WE may have more

**CALENDAR** 

aged 60 and older, Appointments usually last for about one hour. Assistance is limited to simple tax returns only; more complex returns will be referred to a professional tax preparer. This is a free service sponsored by AARP and the Novi Public Library Snack Tales

online at hometownlife.com

Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday. Details: Each time we meet you will get a chance to listen to some

great stories and cook up a tasty snack; for grades X-4, Registration Healthy Eating Cooking Night Time/Oate: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday.

March 15 Details: Focus your mind on staying healthy. We will talk about the American Cancer Society's guide lines for fruits and vegetables. physical activity, and provide regipes that taste great. Community quest speakers and a fitness expert will be available to answer questions. This program will provide sound ideas and make it easy for all of us to sustain a healthy life style. Registration required. Booked for Lunch

Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday March 16

Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Space Between Us by Thrity N. Umrigar Library Board Meeting fime/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday March 16

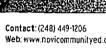
Details: The duties of the Library Board include planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget, and broad operational oversight. The public is always welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

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seling with HUD-certified counsel ors at the Walled Lake City Library. Please RSVP if you wish to attend. E-book semina Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 16; 7 p.m. March 17; and 2 p.m. April 2 Details: A free demonstration of how to access and download e-books from home using your library card. Bestselling titles can be downloaded on to your e-reader and checked out for 14 or 21 days,

**EDUCATION** Novi Community Education



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

## SENIORS

LOCAL NEWS

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered.

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<u>Alata pepelban eta:</u>

Time/Date: 8:15-9 a.m., Tuesdays

versation. No charge.

Iron Chef

Fridays Details: Try your luck and get

## Price: \$.50 per card at the door.

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



Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, March 3, 2011

Monica Mistak (left), 18, prepares to judge some of the interesting dishes prepared by teams of teen cooks during the Novi Library's "Iron Chef" competition on Feb. 18. Teens were given access to similar ingredients and then given a half an hour to create different entrees and desserts. Eric Kwor (above), 15, adds a dash of candy crystals to a ornately constructed dessert

## Panera Bread

Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day, Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and con-

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and those cards filled up. A great way to socialize and meet new people

## REGIONAL

third Tuesdays Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road, Northville Details: The SNG builds relationships through warm introductions and encourages its members to attend twice monthly breakfasts along with evening social events The more familiar the members become with each other, the more the referrals naturally present themselves. The SNG uses their Website to tie all of the members

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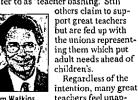
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# Great teachers do so much — They Help Us Paint Rainbows!

Freat teachers matter.

There has been quite a bit in the news lately about what some refer to as "teacher bashing." Still others claim to sup-



difficult times. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker made his desires clear that he plans to take on the teacher unions and has enlisted a Republican-controlled Legislature in an effort to roll back the bargaining rights of Wisconsin's

across the nation as states struggle to balance budgets while enhancing

But at the end of the day, when all the political rhetoric from the left and right fades, it is quality teachers, those who know their subject matter and have a passion for teaching and learning, who make a difference in our children's and our collective

Political rhetoric from the state or nation's capitol has never educated a single child.

Perhaps the most effective reform strategy today is investing in quality teachers. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has come to this conclu-

sion and invested significant resources to strengthen teacher quality. As Michigan's state superin-endent of schools (2001-05), I

wrote a book, They Help Us Paint

Rainbows, generously underwritte by a Michigan company, Strategic

Staffing Solutions, and distributed it free to tens of thousands of Michigan

No, it was not the raise the great teachers deserved, but a token of made in the lives of our kids. The book is a collection of quotes from Michigan's school children, answering the question: "What makes your teacher great?"

I traveled the state visiting classrooms and always asked: "Do you have great teachers? What makes them great?" Sometimes, predictably enough, the students' initial responses were flip and funny. But after some reflection they would become

serious, thoughtful, even profound. The title of the book comes from a kindergarten girl who blurted out, in an excited tone, "They help us paint

philosophical. Then my eyes followed the child's pointing finger, and when I turned, saw 25 hand-drawn rainbows proudly displayed on the wall. So concrete, so literal. She was telling the truth that only cynical adults

I learned much during my tenure leading Michigan's public education system serving nearly two million support personnel, principals, and tainly the kids.

lenges facing our county, state and schools. Tough budget choices need to be made. But we can never lose sight of the value of great teachers Everything we do in our schools

should measure up to the question: "How does this action help our teach ers teach and children learn? true Statute of Liberty for our great country: schools take our tired, hundisabilities, and give them hope and rtunity. Great teachers hold the torch lighting the way for us all.

futures is sitting in our classrooms today. The quality of our lives, the our classroom teachers.

resources in a way that allows us to both do good — efficiently, effectively and well.

-- "They help us paint rainbows!"

Tom Watkins is a writer and international education business consultant. He was Michigan's superintendent of schools, 2001cil of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001

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Remember, great teachers matter

#### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

#### Woman steals gas from Mobil

A woman in her mid-20s got away around 7:45 p.m. on Feb. 25 after pumping \$40.01 worth of gasoline into her car at the Mobil Police had no evidence to progas station on Grand River Avenue.

According to the report, the woman entered the store to get pre-approved to pump gas and when she was done got into her car and drove away. The woman pro-ceeded south on Novi Road, how-ever dispatch advised the vehicle

The employee at the time said he was unable to get a license plate number because a truck was blocking his view. He was able to get a still photo of the suspect inside the store, and noted the woman was

driving a light blue Mercury Milan.
Officers checked the area for the chicle but were unable to locate it.

## Drunk with high BAC stopped

2A 24-year-old man was stopped at 1:39 a.m. on Feb. 27 for drunk driving after a Novi police officer observed the vehicle swerving in its lane while traveling cast on Grand River Avenue near Meadowbrook

According to the report, the car crossed the center line and for line several times before the officer initiated a traffic stop.

When the officer approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the man handed him his credit card instead of his license twice before finally getting

nim the license.

The driver failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .26 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is :08

He was transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober and after posting bond.

Escalade found on blocks 3A 2008 Cadillac Escalade had all four rims and tires stolen off it while it was parked overnight on Feb. 28 in the driveway of a home

The owner said he was up until

3 a.m. and did not hear or see anything suspicious. When he went out to his vehicle in the morning it was

Radio system stolen from

4 A Novi man had his vehicle broken into overnight and his radio system was stolen while it was parked in the parking lot on Portside Drive.

The victim said he noticed the

damage when he returned to the car in the morning and saw the driver's side window was broken. The Pioneer radio was ripped out of the dashboard and the ampli-

fier and subwoofer also had been Police took a screwdriver that was moved within the car and the

plastic faceplates for the radios as evidence, but have no suspects. Drunk gets car stuck in snow

5A 23-year-old woman was arrested for drunk driving after she drove her vehicle off the road and got it stuck in the snow around 12:38 a.m. on Feb. 28 on Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook

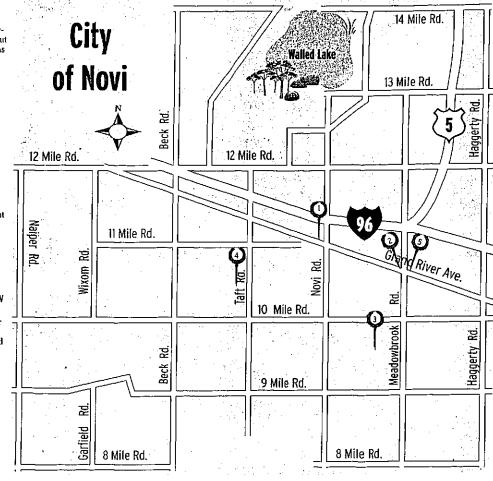
According to the report, police were dispatched to the area for a road runoff, and when the arrived the woman was sitting in the driver's seat and the car was buried in

The woman said she attempted to turn onto Meadowbrook but turned too quick and lost control During the interview process, the officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the woman. She admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety

tered a blood alcohol content of .18 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent

The woman was transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for released when sober.

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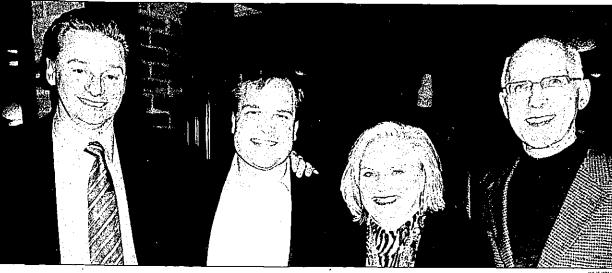
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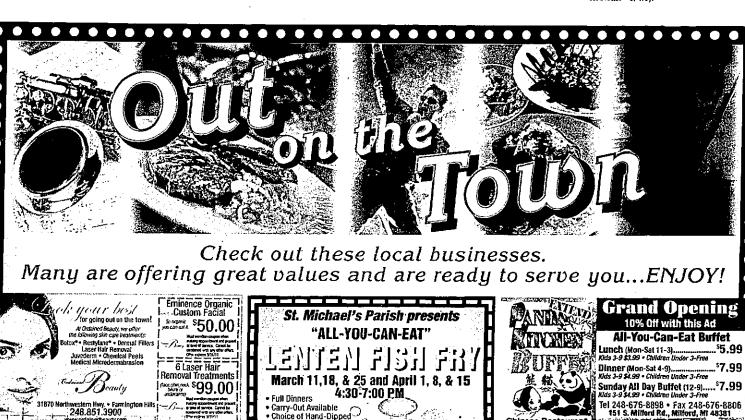
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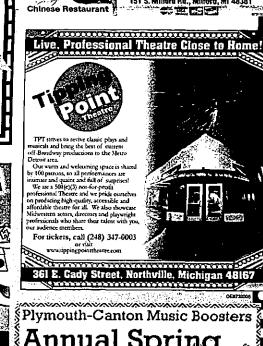


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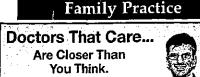
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A Novi High IB student displays a Chinese Yo-Yo act at the fundraiser.

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#### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### RTOC information meeting

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Proceeds from the event will support a new Women's Health Initiative, a coordinated, creative strategy to better meet the health needs of women throughout St. John Providence Health System's West Region. The area to be served includes the surrounding communities of Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

The evening will feature an art gallery, a chance to have photos taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of The Paul Keller Orchestra. Tickets are \$250 per person; tables of 10 are available for \$2,000.

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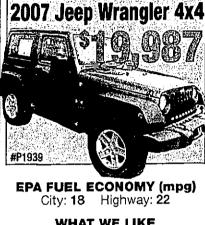
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# Novi spoils Stevenson's conference title quest

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rob Laney's return to the Novi boys basketball lineup definitely adds another dimension.

And it was no more evident than in Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference title game, as the 6foot-5 senior led the way with 15 points as Novi upended host Livonia Stevenson, 55-51

Stevenson, which had won its first two meetings against the Wildeats, had its 14-game winning streak

Novi, surviving a late Stevenson scare after building a 53-44 lead with 4:10 remaining, improved to 16-3

"It's nice, we haven't gotten one yet," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said of the conference title. "This is our second league title in four years. It's little extra sweet because we've been 8-2 in the division and second place every year since this (KLAA) league

"As I told the kids, it's nice to beat really good teams. At least compete against them and see where you're at. Hopefully we have a little confidence heading into districts, which isn't going to be easy with Catholic Central, Plymouth, Canton, Salem and South Lyon and Northville." Stevenson's 6-foot-9 senior cente

Jalen Reynolds accumulated two early fouls and was forced to the bench for a stretch. Meanwhile, Laney was carving up the Spartans' defense with 13 firsthalf points. It was only his second game back after a nine-game absence because of a torn thumb ligament. "This is the first time Laney pl against us and he had a heck of a game," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "It shows he's been working hard over the last month. Even though he was injured, he stayed in shape. He definitely was the determining factor in tonight's game.
"With Jalen picking up two silly

fouls early, that really put us back. It made it tough for him to stay focused for 32 minutes and it made it tough for our team to stay focused."

Please see NOVI. B2

## Wildcats ice South Lyon's season

It wasn't the ending coaching Bill McCreary was hoping for but all good things come to an

The South Lyon hockey sea-son ended Monday in the preegional opener against Novi "It's not the way we drew it

up," said McCreary. "You hate for the seniors to leave on that note. Novi is a really good team, and they're going to have a nice run here.

Novi's Taylor Howell did most of the damage with four oals, two coming on the powe It ivas a great time," said

Howell. "This is a great start. The teams were battling back and forth throughout th opening session until South lyon was called for a penalty with 7:03 remaining in the

It took Howell 21 seconds to cash in what turned out to be the game-winner on the pow play. Joey Ferriss and Nolan

Novi wasted little time in changing the score when Michael Kruse deflected in a shot on the doorstep of South Lyon goaltender Louis Carnevale with 5:25 remaining in the first for a 2-0 lead. Assists went to Ferriss and Kent Burnett, South Lyon came out pressuring the Nov end to start the second period but Novi keeper Michael Pesendorfer kept the net clear

stopping all 11 shots faced.

Jacob Telep had what appeared to be an open net on a rebound off the boards, but Pesendorfer kicked a leg out to

Novi took a 3-0 lead when Ferriss knocked in a feed from point-blank range with assists to Brock Krygier and Ryan Cordes with 7:51 remaining in

The game was broke wide open with three goals in the

Please see HOCKEY, B2



# Chung sets KLAA record as Novi finishes second in conference

Six Wildcats make state meet cut

CORRESPONDENT

Novi senior Joon Chung broke the KLAA record in the 200-yard indiridual medley as he led the Wildcats to a runner-up finish at last Saturday' Kensington Conference meet. Held in Novi's pool, the Wildcats exercised the advantage to the fullest,

racking up 658.5 points to finish secon of 11 teams, behind Northville's 925 points. The Central Division was well represented at the meet, as Plymouth Salem (652) and South Lyon United (599.5) finished third and fourth.

in the 200 IM was a time of one minute and 55.94 seconds. Also earning points in the event were freshman Tanner Vincent (cighth in 2:06.53), junior Jongmin Kim (10th in 2:04.18), senior Vivek Iyer (12th in 2:07.42) and sophomore Dennis Kim (17th in 2:09.14). The only other event a Wildcat won was also by Chung, who took the con-

ference 100 breaststroke title in 59.12 seconds. Jongmin Kim finished third in 1:02.80 and junior Austin Reed was 11th in 1:06.02.

A huge part of Novi's relay success, Chung teamed with Jongmin Kim, senior Tiger Bourque and junior Eugene Song to finish second in the 200 me relay in a school-record time of 1:41.06 He also anchored the 400 free relay team that finished third in 3:17.32, just behind Canton's time of 3:17.25. His teammates for that event were seniors Travis Vincent, Matt Wright and sopho

The Wildcats' second-place finish at espectively. the meet was no one man show, how-Chung's record-breaking performance ever. Travis Vincent, Song, Wright and Ao teamed to finish second in the 200 free relay in 1:30.62 to cap a strong relay performance for Novi Travis Vincent also finished third in

the 500 freestyle in 4:53.28 and fourth n the 200 freestyle in 1:48.23. His 200 free relay teammate, Ao, finished third as an individual in the 200 freestyle in 1:46.88 and tied for fourth

ON TAP After turning a third-place division finish

into a second-place conference finish, meet March 11 and 12 at Oakland University Although the divers will have to qualify at a Tuesday regional first, several swimmers have already made the state cut. Wildcats headed to the state meet as indi viduals include Andrew Ao, Joon Chung, Jongmin Kim, Eugene Song and Travis Vincent, All three relay teams have also qualified, which consist of various combi nations of the five qualifying individuals olus Matt Wright

in the 100 free in 49.31 seconds the 50 free in 22.78 seconds and 14th in was 12th in the 100 free in 51.16 and 19th in the 50 free in 23.35 seconds The freestyle events were strengths

Please see SWIM, B2

BY CHRIS JACKET

#### Hockey

Ranked No. 2 in Division J (No. 4 overall), Novi's icers (19-5-1) won a decisive 9-2 contest Feb. 23 (9-12-3, No. 31 overall) on Senio Senior Joey Ferriss led the Wildcats with three goals, while senior Michael Pes

the win in goal. "We played an overall good hockey game," Novi coach Todo has a good team, but I think they had a bit of an off night and we played pretty well and capitalized

Novi defeated No. 15 South Lyon (12-12-1, No. 42 overall) 6-0 in a regional quarterfinal last Monday, lining up a match with either No. I Detroit Catholic Central (15-8-1, No. 2 overall) or No. 8 Brighton (12-9-3, No. 20 overall) fast night at Compuware

If the Wildcats win out they would face Howell, Haslett, Jackson or Mason for a regional title Saturday in hopes of earning quarterfinal, March 13 semifinal and March 12 state final.

"We will need to tighten up Krypier said last weekend. byiously, our team will need to take our game to another level beginning Monday and continuing game by game through March 12 in order to win a state champi

In the first trio by a Novi skie Feight finishes 47th in the giant time of t02.17. His first run was flight, so his 47th overall finish was a testament to his consis tency. Detroit Catholic Central's Damon Rottermond won the event in 55.20 seconds, with run of 27.05 and 28.15 seconds last For full results, visit www.

Novi Middle School's wrestling team placed 11 of 17 grapplers in the top two within their Tournament last Saturday. Tony Gregg, Easton Tally and

Josh Pelliggin earned gold medal

for Novi, while Jake Vidra, Nick

Chavez, Griffin Sparling, Griffin

Burr, Evan Davis, Glen Malear,

vicCusker earned silver medals "We are happy and excited for the middle schoolers." Novi High varsity coach Dan Jilg said. "Placing 11 of 17 weetlers is an outstanding accomplishment, We are looking forward to working with this group of middle school-

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

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Reynolds finished with 15 ints, 11 rebounds and six blocks, while senior point guard C.J. Mwila added 1-

Stevenson junior guard Jonathan Campbell, who torched Novi for 25 points in the previous meeting, was limited to 10.

"Brian Bush, Scott Kempa and Brady Sheldon all did an unbelievable job on him (Campbell)," Heitsch said. "And Zac Dotinga gave us some big-time minutes pecause we were able to play tries to be that. him on C.J. (Mwila), which I he did a heck of a job.

made 7-of-13 shots from the "Crodit Novi " Allia said floor to take a 47-41 advan-

lage. The Wildcats then went up by nine, 53-44, on a pair of free throws by 6-8 senior But Stevenson refused to fold and Novi made just two free throws during the final four minutes as the Spartans pulled to within whole way."

ket by Reynolds, a triple by Campbell and a basket by Charlie Swingle (with 1:16 emaining). Brian Bush (nine points) split a pair of free throws with 49.66 seconds left to put

the Wildcats up by three chances at the end as Novi committed a turnover and missed a pair of foul shots. but failed to convert on two straight offensive trips during the final 14.37 seconds That's not our style.

Heitsch said of the late For Stevenson, it's on to the KLAA consolation game We haven't handled end-Thursday at Brighton. We think any open shot is a great shot regardless of time e tried to control that a little more. It may have burt

because we were doing some

thing we weren't comfortable

'He makes everybody bet-

Laney's free throw with

ended the suspense

ter." said Heitsch, whose

back stronger than ever. This is good for us. It will humble us for the state tournament. I think it will get our kids refo exactly one second remaining cused before the state tournament, which matters most.'

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Pinckney for the overall KLAA Association crown. "And that's not saying we're a very good team without him

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- because I think we are But when he's out there you can slot people out to their most successful places. And majority of the time we'll be

"He's tough as nails. He knows how to walk the fine line and not go over the edge with his emotions. He kept his composure, which kept other kids in line. As wired or as tensed up as he is, he's calm out there. That's Ryan that's his role and nobody else

Stevenson shot 20-of-52 from the floor (38.4 percent). while Novi hit 19-of-47 (40.4 percent). Each team had

They played an excellent game. Generally in a game like this we're going to have to score in the 60s. We knew we'd hold them into the 50s somewhat. We just knew we'd have to come out and play better on the offensive end, and I don't think we executed very well. We were frantic the

Reynolds, the Xavier University signee, was 7-of-12 from the floor, but did not have a dunk after throwing down seven in Wednesday's conference semifinal win

"I loved how Samer was aggressive against him," Heitsch said. "Sometimes a blocked shot is OK. And he got into his chest a couple times and won against him. and Jalen won a couple That's what you expect from a couple of D-1 All-State kids going after each other."

"We didn't get Jalen touch-es in the paint," Allie said. "When he did get touches in the paint, he didn't do a good

"So we're going to bounce

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# Wildcats bowl past OAA champ North Farmington

## Gillespie, Cullen fall shy of state meet cut

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Novi's bowlers spent a lot of time at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington last week. The Wildcats competed

with the first trip there for a Feb. 22 dual meet against OAA boys champion North Novi's boys (6-10-2) defeated the OAA's best 17-13. The

Cats took a 6-4 baker games lead, winning 192-126 and losing 195-174, but fell behind 11-8 after losing the first game 879-845. The guys came back to win the second game

878-810. Senior Steve Cullen (188, 198) scored one point and junior Andrew Thorwall (187, 183) scored two.

The girls (3-15-0) lost a close match 15.5-14.5. Nov won all 10 baker points with 100, but lost the games 682-681 and 735-719. Juniors Bridgett Porras (149), Shelby Limpert (150), Callie Wright (188) and freshman Sara Schulz (193) each scored one

Two pins, a tie single point ference." Novi coach John

Lanes last Friday for Team Regionals. The boys finished ninth of 14 teams with 3,529 pins, about 300 out of third spot. Cullen had a high game

The girls landed in 13th with 2,890 pins, about 400 back from the final spot. Senior Tina Johnson had a high game of 168 got Novi

luck out, the bowlers would return the next day to attemp Regionals. With 83 boys and

Although the teams didn't

state meet. Senior Brandon Gillespie and Cullen were ninth and 10th after four games, but "Both had a great chance to

make the field for next week going into the sixth and final game, but high games by play-ers behind them beat them out," Oshorne said. Gillespie finished 24 pins

shy of the final qualifying spot with a total of 1.126. The girls struggled from the start and never really lended Freshman Sara

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

#### **NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### Novi pair in field hockey showcase

Lauren Pollard and Natalie Paul, junior from Novi High School, participated in a United States Field Hockey Showcase event Feb. 9-13 in Orlando, Fla., as mem bers of the Pinnacle Field Hockey Club Both are co-captains on their school's field

Pinnacle is a field hockey club formed by previous Pioneer and Michigan Head Field Hockey Coach Nancy Cox, to provide both regional and national competition opportunities for field hockey athletes in Michigan and northwestern Ohio. The Disney competition is a recruiting show-case event hosted by U.S. Field Hockey on

an annual basis in Orlando The Pinnacle team practiced eight times prior to the Disney competition and beat club teams, from the cast coast, most notably Lanco out of Lancaster, Penn., who have competed together for years. Only one third of the starting field earns titors slot on the last day of com netition and Pinnacle was there compet

for the Wildcats. In addition to

the individual performances

from the relay team members.

conference competitors.

and 15th in the 200 free in

Dennis Kim added a 16th-

place finish in the 200 free (1:55.35), while Reed was 16th

Bourque was 23rd in the 50 free

Bourque and Dennis Kim were

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in the 500 free (5:15.76) and

several others placed well among

Senior Glenn Gabe finished

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ing against the eventual Gold Medalist. ashington Wolves on Sunday morning sing that contest 1-2. The 3-2-2 Pinnacle finish came in the Under 19 grouping with one-third of the Pinnacle team under 16

Register now for spring hockey at the Novi Ice Arena

Do your kids have dreams of being a professional hockey player? All great players start somewhere and in Novi it is at the Novi Ice Arena! Registration for the 2011 Novi Showdown Spring House League is going on now for Mite, Squirt, Pee wee, or tam players. Games begin the week of

The league includes an 11-game guarantee, consistent schedule, discounted practice rates, awards, and hockey school

Team registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. A non-refundable \$300 deposit is due with

the registration form. Balance is due on Monday, March 28. Registration forms are

Mite. Squirt & Pee Wee Divisions: 11ninute periods/50-minute games; \$1,600. Bantam Division: 17-minute periods/80-Looking for a faster game? 3 on 3

leagues are also forming now for Mite, Squirt, Pee wee, or Bantam players. Games begin the week of April 11. The league includes a 14-game guarantee. Games are 20 minutes, two 10-minute running time periods, and each team plays two games back-to-back for seven weeks. Team registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. A non-

refundable \$100 deposit is due with the registration form. Balance of \$550 is due on Monday. March 28. Registration forms are available at poviicearena com

For more information about the hockey leagues, open skate, and birthday parties

100 butterfly, Tanner Vincent led the way in sixth (55.90), followed by Bourgue (12th in 58.26), Dennis Kim (13th in 58.62). final two minutes of the second

also among six Wildcats to finish

1:01.21), freshman Kyle Kilpon

Wrapping up the point production for the Wildcats were the

(22nd in 1:02.84) and junior

Alex Racon (23rd in 1:03.68)

100 backstroke performances

from Iyer (ninth in 58.84) and

in 1:01.84), as well as the div

(sixth with 341,95 points).

ing efforts of junior Derek Kim

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sophomore Kenta Onimura (18th

rence's top 23 in the

Howell scored on the power play with 1:58 on the clock, again with 51.4 remaining and once more on a breakaway in the final seconds for a 6-0 commanding grip on the game. "We played well, worked hard to do what we needed to

do to get to Wednesday," said Novi coach Todd Krygier. "I thought Pez made a couple of real nice saves to maintain the shutout. We figured out a way to win and played well in The third period got chippy with the loosided score, but

the goaltenders kept the score the same as Novi advances to the pre-regional finals against CC. The game was played esterday with the winner advancing to the regional final Friday at Compuware Arena.

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# Boosters celebrate \$1 million milestone

club has a million reasons to celebrate and is inviting the community to cheer along as it of Novi students through its "\$1 Million and Counting" cam-

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ogn. "\$1 Million and Counting" recognizes that the Boosters club has surpassed the \$1 million fund-raising goal and has returned those funds in gifts to benefit Novi's athletic teams. More significantly, the Boosters reached that benchmark in just over 10 years, with club officials calculating only gifts returned the Novi Athletic Department since the 2000-01 school year.

The Boosters club is pla a "\$1 Million and Counting" celebration at 7 p.m. on March 7 as Novi High School hosts Game 1 of the MHSAA Boys District "We want to call folks' atten-

tion to the significant impact that the Novi Athletic Boosters club's efforts have had on the students and student athletes of stands and partial sponsorship the city of Novi," said Jay Dooley, Novi Athletic Boosters presi-According to Novi Athletic

Director Curt Ellis, few public school boosters' organizations surpass the \$1 million fund-raisng goal, and that the Novi group did it in such a short amount of time makes the accomplishment even rarer. The milestone also shows that the club has been

New helmets protect the heads of Novi lacrosse players as they challenge competitors on the field. Girls on the sideline cheer team are properly outfit-

ted for their chilly fall season with new uniforms.

Members of both the boys and girls track teams

requests that the Novi Athletic Boosters club has funded in the past year. Since its creation in the

early 1970s, the organization has raised funds to

support all Novi athletic programs. But as recent state funding cuts and resulting district cuts have

affected all school programs, including athletics, the Boosters club has taken on a larger role in fund

ing athletic team needs that could not be included

in the regular budget.
"It's a sign of the times and a sign of the commi

ment from the Boosters that the club continues to

provide our athletes with the things they need to be successful," said Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis.

"We would not be able to provide the opportunities we do for our students without our Boosters club."

amount from the General Fund Budget directed to

the Athletic Department, is less than half of what it was when he first came to Novi. The \$506,150 fig-

ure for the 2010-11 school year is only 64 percent of

Pay-to-participate fees from the 950 high school

ents and the 550 middle school students

have been required to offset the budget shortfall.

As school budgets have been facing cuts, Booster

embers have stepped up their fund-raising efforts

involved in student athletics, plus gate revenues

to be able to provide for more requests from the athletic teams. From the year 2000 to 2011, the

average amount the club has been able to return

from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

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each year to student athletic programs has grown

he is grateful to corporate and local business spo

sors and private donors who have supported the

Boosters through the years. Their help ensures that teams have the equipment they need to compete

"They contribute because Novi Nation is what it

is," Dooley said, noting that Novi is the type of com-munity where individuals and business are enthu-

siastic in supporting youth programs. "People give

Novi Athletic Boosters President Jay Dooley said

the Athletic Department's total budget of \$794,650.

Ellis, who has worked in the Novi district 10

years, said the General Fund transfer, or the

These are just a few examples of the tea

share the benefit of the new Lynx Timing System.

a broader vision than relying on traditional fund-raising projects

"It's a very unusual accomplishment, and it's really a testament to the people who have been involved in the orga long time that Novi is a special community, and this is a good example of why that is." The Novi Athletic Boosters,

non-profit organization original y organized in the early 1970s, has traditionally provided funds for the purchase of such items a uniforms and equipment for all Novi athletic teams In recent years, though, the organization's scope has expanded to include helping to fund capital projects and investing in train programs and scholarships fo teams and individual athletes. More recent accomplishment range from the purchase of restaurant-grade equipment for the district's concession

of the video display board in th Novi Wildeats Stadium to full funding for the Strength and

Conditioning Program, which provides professional training ervices to all student athletes The "\$1 Million and Counting ent is intended to recognize all of the club's accomplishments, big and small, and the Boosters

Fundraising meets changing needs

join in on the celebration.
"It's really been a collective

include a "National Anthem" and a competitive game of bas-ketball as the Wildcats take on Plymouth High School, Then ing an extended halftime, Dooley and the other member the current Boosters board will join with past Boosters ents to offer a collective nk you to Boosters volunteer and sponsors and to present Ellis with a comr

celebrating successes to date, Boosters board members stress that they want to build on that more significant accomplish ents on behalf of Novi's student athletes and the Novi community in the future.

mark as a significant milestone. ee and Fund-raising Committee chair. The challenge of reaching the next million-dollar mark is going to be even more exciting for our students and our athletic board has invited past and present Boosters volunteers, spon-sors, Novi fans and community programs." Submitted by Dana Corbit Nussio

effort throughout the years to be where we are right now,"

Dooley said. "The Novi Athletic Boosters club has always draw goal is to continue that legacy.

The evening's festivities will

enthusiastic volunteers, and our performance by the Novi Singer

million check. Although the "\$1 Million and Counting" event is about

We view this million-dollar

RECENT GIFTS FROM NOVI ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Partial sponsorship of video display board at

Boys swim and dive team warm-ups

Strength and Conditioning Program

Sideline cheer uniforms

Meadows Stadium scoreboard - soccer

· Elevated bleachers in baseball stadium

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The corporate sponsorship program, allowing signage at the school's sports facilities and on the video display board at Wildeats Stadium, is just one of the initiatives that has increased the Booster

club's fund-raising revenues. Jack Kilger, Boosters

trustee and Fund-raising Committee chair, said

that "thinking outside the box" when approaching

offered examples of projects the club has undertak-en in the past few years: Wildcat Tastetfest, silent auctions, Millionaire's Parties and raffles.

Ellis said one project that had been particularly

Program, one of Kilger's special projects. That book alone now raises \$50,000 annually.

Although the Boosters have many fund-raising

successes to date, Kilger points to more challenges

"Our fund-raising efforts are even more critical

nues in order to fully fund the athletic depart-

going forward as we continue to look for additional

Ellis agrees that those efforts will be critical in

"Anything we can do to become self-funded is

of athletic opportunities that our students athletes

to our benefit and to the benefit of our student

athletes," Ellis said. "This will help ensure that

students in the future have the same wide rang

ment," Kilger said.

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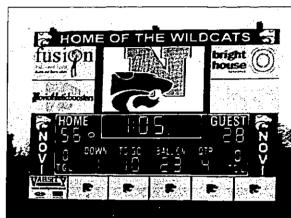
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Location: Novi High

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Baseball (ans will have a better seat this spring season on the new elevated bleachers ourchased this fall by the



Novi fans have the opportunity to enjoy live-action replays and extensive graphics

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# Lakeland puts Lock on Novi's offense

Lady cagers drop three heading into state tournament

After winning 16 of their first 17 games, Novi's girls bas-ketball squad finds themselves losing streak. With Districts beginning this week, one more loss would end their

With a pair of losses to the KLAA North Division's top two teams - White Lake Lakeland (16-4, 8-2 North) and Waterford Kettering (19-1, 10-0 North) - last week, the Wildcats (16-4 9-1 Central) head into the state playoffs on anything but the right note.

"If you would have offered me 16 wins before the sea-son, after graduating four" starters, I probably would appointing to lose the last three, but hopefully it will help us next week," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "I hope this last week doesn't diminish what this group has accomplished because I think they have achieved more than anyone thought

The Wildcats look to get back on track with their winning ways this week, but last week's past two contests indicated a slump, which Kelp contributed to stronger competition.

they could."

It wasn't until the fourth quarter when their Feb. 22 game at Lakeland was set for a loss. The Wildcats were down 11-10 after the game 16-16 by half. The third-quarter run, but Nov battled back with a 13-8 fourth-quarter run of their own. It wasn't enough, how ever, as Lakeland held on for the 39-34 victory.
"It's a game of runs and

they made one," Kelp said, "I like that we responded one of our own. We played hard, but Lakeland was more efficient."

The Eagles shot 50 perfield, while Novi was held to 34.4 percent shooting (11-

Fifteen of Lakeland's 28 shots came from Stephanie Lock, who made eight baskets while leading all players with 26 points and 12 rebounds. The Wildcats had 13 rebound as a team. although no other Eagle had more than four points or

"We didn't communicate as well as we could have defensive struggled." Kelt said. "Poor job of not help ing on Stephanie Lock."

Freshman Kerri McMahan led the Wildcats in points (13), rebounds (five) and steals (four) while making zero turnovers at the point guard position.



Meaghan Robinson gets some defensive pressure during Novi's home game

Novi's girls basketball team (16-4, 9-1 Central) tooks to snap a threegame losing streak with a trip to Northville for Districts. The Wildcats played either Plymouth Salem (9-11, 5-5 Central) or Plymouth (6-12, 5-5 South) last night and a win would out them in tomorrow's 7 p.m. district final. If the Wildcats win the district title, they could advance to a 7:30 p.m. regional semifinal Tuesday and a regional final 7 p.m. Thursday,

"There is a reason why she bined for five points. is an All-Conference player," Kelp said.

In addition to McMahan. seniors Alyssa Armiak and Joanna Beaton also carned All-Conference honors for Novi while sonh Antolec got honorable men-

Against Lakeland, Armiak dropped in eight points to go with two steals, while Beaton chipped in with five points and Antolec had four rebounds. Junior Ally D'Annibale also added five points as the Wildcats kept their turnovers down in

The same wouldn't be said last Thursday when Novi hosted Kettering. The Wildcats committed 20 turnovers and fell behind 31-14 heading into the fourth quarter before losing 44-26. Kettering outscored

Novi 26-8 in the paint.
"We struggled offensively against their defensive pressure," Kelp said. "We didn't

Novi's forwards were held at bay most of the night, as writer and former Novi News Antolec and Beaton com-

McMahan led the team with eight points and five rebound despite a 0:5 assist/turnover ratio. Armiak added five points.

four points off the bench "They went in with about five minutes to go and played hard," Kelp said of happy for senior Megan set play for her and she hit a three. She doesn't get to play a lot, but she makes a huge commitment to her

Kettering's Tina high 14 points on 5-for-7 shooting. The Captains shot 45.5 percent (15-for-33) on the night while limiting the Wildcats to an 8-for-31 (25.8 percent) performance.

ger with the ball and offensively play more together,"

writer and former Novi News staff



Wildcat guard Kerri McMahan is nearly driven out of bounds by her Kettering defender on Feb. 24.



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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Most Michigan retailers

expect 2011 sales growth More than three of every four Michigan retailers (76 percent) expect their 2011 sales to grow, with the largest group projecting gains of less than 5 percent, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Forty percent of respondents said they expect their sales to rise less than 5 percent, while 31 percent peg their gains at 5 to 10 percent and 5 percent expect double-digit growth. Fourteen percent predict flat sales and 10 percent believe their sales will decline.

The forecasts follow a fanuary with positive sales. but at a lower level from a made up the best holiday shop-

"Retailers continue to see Michigan's economy improv-ing, but their forecasts emain tempered by such factors as high unemploying market," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer, "At this point, they believe 2011 will be a good year, not necessarily a great year." The Michigan Retail Index

for January found that 39 per ent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 38 percent recorded declines and 23 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 53.3, down from 61.9 in December. It was the best January since 2006. A year ago January, the sales

Index values above 50 gen erally indicate an increase in overall retail activity Looking forward, 55 percent of retailers expect sales during February - April to increase over the same period last

year, while 15 percent project

a decrease and 30 percent no change.
That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 72.3. lown from 77.2 in December. It was the best January figure since 2004. A year ago January, the sales outlook index stood at 61.8.

#### ITC supports 'Go Green Youth Challenge'

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

The "Go Green Youth Challenge" will engage Michigan youth in environmental stewardship, community development and in Michigan. Children, pre-K through 12th grade, are chailenged to collect coins, as an individual, classroom or club, through April 1. The coins collected will directly fund community tree plantings.

The team that raises the Challenge," will be awarded a tree planting in their community and an invitation to the State Arbor Day Celebration on April 29 at Potter Park Zoc

to sign up for the "Go Green Michigan Arbor Day Alliance

## Are non-compete agreements enforceable in Michigan?

enforceable as long as they are found to be reasonable. These agreements are increasingly being utilized by employers to protect their businesses The use of these agreements, and litigation involving them, is prevalent in both a "down" economy and a thriving one. For businesses in a down economy, they are often looking to either maintain current revenue streams or protect against further losses. During od times, they want to increase revenue and expand valuable market share. For employees, these agreements can be a significant hindrance when looking for a job or a bet ter opportunity.

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The prevalence of these agreements is evident by the fact that at least ten significant court decisions have con down from the Michigan last two years. This is an and employees would be well

served to be very familiar with.
Historically, for most or line of business involved, the geographic scope of the of the twentieth century Michigan law prohibited the use of non-competition agreecircumstances, as "against ublic policy, illegal and void." Effective as of March 29, 1985, Michigan's Anti-Trust Reform Act ("MARA") repealed the earlier law prohibiting hese agreements. The state Legislature then passed a law agreements, which provides as

(1) An employer may obtain from an employee an agree-ment or covenant which protects an employer's reasonable competitive business interests and expressly prohibits an

business after

Jim Lane, right, helps Caroline and George Giese file their 2010 federal taxes on Feb. 24 at the Novi Senior Center. AARP is providing assistance at

courts are always try-

ing to balance protecting an employer's reasonable competitive business inter-

ests from unfair competi-

tion, while not unreasonably

restricting an employee's abil ity to work. The relief being

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sought in these cases most an injunction in addition to type of employ ment or line of bus money damages. Airinjunction is a Court order that can the extent any such agreemen or covenant is found to be out the former employee out f work for a specific period o time. A request for damages usually involves the former a court may limit the agreement to render it reasonable i light of the circumstances in employer's claims for lost which it was made and specifirevenue and profits due to the employee's breach of the cally enforce the agreement as limited.

Litigation in this area usually focuses on the reasonable contentious because they involve very human (and ver Courts have ruled that what is American) instincts of surviva and fairness. For employers, if it is done right, a reasonable easonable depends upon the case which often includes a sary tool to protect a lifetime of work and investment. For employees, these can be tricky the employee's duties and situations that need to be responsibilities for the former handled carefully, particularly nployer. For example, courts when protecting not only ones have held that agreements restricting an employee's paycheck, but also protecting against a former employer

are reasonable given the fact

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# Going green good for business, environment

tive impact on how your customers rceive your products and services. If you're looking to get a reputational boost from your dedication to the environment, the Better Business Bureau recommends sticking to the truth and not exaggerating your com pany's impact.
There are many different shades and

hues when it comes to being a green company. Some businesses strive to manufacture products that are better or the environment, while others take steps to be greener in daily operations through measures such as recycling, using carbon offsets and taking steps

"Going green can save your company money, especially if you take steps to conserve energy, said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Unper company money as consumers are increasingly looking for products and services that won't be as harmful to

BBB offers the following advice on promoting your business' greener

•Tell the truth. Few things destroy a company's credibility with consumers faster than false advertising; regardless, some advertisers sometime stretch the truth when it comes to talking up the eco-friendly qualities of products. When bragging about the shade of your green, as with any advertising or marketing claims, always tell the truth.

•Make concrete claims. An honest advertiser will not make vague statements such as "environmentally friendly" or "sustainable" without



qualification and solid examples to back up the claim. If your packaging is made from recycled paper, then energy costs, brag about it! Making fuzzy claims, however, can get you

into trouble. Provide evidence, Consider creative ways of quantifying your company's impact such as: How many hours have your employees volunteered? Who has benefited and how have they benefited from your firm's efforts. How are your products better for the environment?

•Get a stamp of approval. While there is no universal "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" for third-party organizations that will certify your environmentally-friendly statements. Research any third-party carefully before seeking certification through their program. Avoid making claims about certification or seals that overly-broad. •Get expert help. As a result of the

green-frenzy that has taken over the

help can be expensive. However, the rewards could be substantial in terms of revenue, reputation and goodwill. For more reliable advice on best

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# of limits on social, rec areas

Q: What is your view or, for that matter, the law's view on common recreational and socia assessments in a condominium

A: It all depends on your condominium documents, but even if your documents give you broad authority, you should be cautious. Withdrawal of privileges to use common recreational



used as fines or penalties. particularl

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Robert Meisner appropriate

of rules governing the use of the common facilities. It has the advantage of not increasing the financial burden of the property owner, who may also e struggling to retain the home. However, withdrawal of privileges to use common areas and facilities is ordinarily limited to facilities that provide amenities rather be unreasonable to facilities that provide ingress or egress, even perhaps utilities or other necessary services to the individual owned property

~unless the documents so provide. Generally there is a provision that provide that utilities can be denied to a co-owner if he does not pay. However, this is something that you should pass through your attorney for specific advice. Q: Does the State of

Michigan allow anyone who receives an HOA violation to request the name of the person who recorded it?

A: Not to my knowledge, although, if it is a condominium, and a fine is being imposed, the person against whom the violation is being asserted may well have a right to know and crossexamine the person who has made the complaint and, is afforded other due process under the

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#### Overview

information technicians first complete. Then, they assign a procedure, using software to related groups." These groups



compile and analyze data, helping to improve patient care and control costs

#### Training and Education

Most employers require medical records and health information technicians to have an associate's degree. Most employers also prefer to hire Registered Health Information Technicians, who have passed a written examination. To qualify to take the examination, technicians must graduate from an accredited two-yea associate's degree program.

were in physicians' offices. nursing care facilities. outpatient care centers and home healthcare services.

Medical records and health information technicians' duties vary with the size of the facility. In large or medium-sized facilities, technicians may specialize in one aspect of health information. In small facilities, technicians perform more generalized duties.

#### Pros and Cons

Forty-hour workweeks are

standard for medical records and health information technicians. They usually work in pleasant, comfortable offices and have little or no contact with patients. There are plenty of opportunities for

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may choose to specialize or

become managers.

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According to the BLS, median annual earnings of medical records and health information technicians were \$23,890 in 2002.

#### Job Outlook

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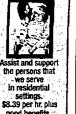
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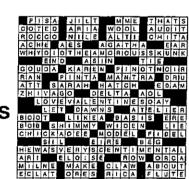
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