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Standards at 2 p.m. Sunday. May B at the Novi Civic Center, .The "May the Music Live On" concert will feature a collection of well-known songs, many of which have been entertaining audiences for generations." Tickets are \$12 each, or \$10 for groups of 10 or more and are available at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultura Services offices, 45175 W. Ten Center, 25075 Meadowhronk Road. Tickets can also be purchased at the door

The Novi Concert Band performance will feature many sonas by Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and George and Ira Gershwin, Julie Landry band as she sings "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and "Stardust". This concert is free and open to the public.

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empties for the annual Spring Can and Bottle Drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday May 14. Novi High School Band and Colorguard students will be going door to door collecting clean, returnable cans and bottles to support the Band Program, Returnables also will be accepted at the Band : Boosters tent behind Busch's Supermarket on 10 Mile Road just west of Meadowbrook if you'd

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'Quite an accomplishment'

Novi reacts to terrorist bin Laden's death The beauty of it is we didn't quit until

STAFF WRITER

That was the first word uttered by both Michigan state Rep. Hugh

Crawford and Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Executive Director Mike Harris when they heard the news that Osama bin Laden, terrorist and leader of al-Qaida and

the Sept. 11, 2011, attacks, had been killed by United States special forces at his hidcout in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad on Sunday.

The 10-plus year hunt for the man deemed to be uncatchable was over and his body was buried at sea within

"Like most Americans I had given up hope so it was quite a shock last night when I saw the news," said

we found what we were after."

Harris, who served in the Marines from 1975-79 and leads the MPVA chapter based in Novi. "The beauty of it is we didn't quit until we found what we were after

I was definitely moved and happy." United States President Barack p.m. Sunday night, and news cameras

showed crowds of people celebrat-ing outside the White House and at ground zero in New York City where al-Qaida hijacked jets destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

He said bin Laden has been plotting attacks on America for "over two decades," and his death "marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's efforts to defeat al-

Crawford, a Novi resident and

Please see BIN LADEN, A2



Novi Youth Assistance chairperson John O'Brien receives a check for \$1,800 from Novi Meadows' student Eric Mazza on April 27 from the school's recent Fun Fest Also present here are, from left: Mallory Marticck, Principal David Ascher, Joey Serra, Zach Piorkowski, Laine Fenchel, Zach Peurach, Lisa Fenchel, Ashley Yarberry, Maria Mazza, Eric Rice, Owen Martlock and Petra Martlock.

Novi Youth Assistance 'floored' about donation

Meadows donates \$1,800 to local nonprofit

STAFF WRITER

John O'Brien, chair of Novi Youth Assistance, could barely let the ink on the donation check dry before brainstorming ideas for how to use the

The nonprofit organization, which has been helping families in Novi for more than 50 years, was the recipient of a \$1,800 donation from Novi Meadows last week. The check was the proceeds from ticket sales at the school's largest fundraiser that took place in March — Fun Fest.

"I was floored." O'Brien said when he got the news that the school was donating money to the organization. "It shows the students are reaching out to help others around them and we want to find a way to bring it right.

Petra Martlock, who chaired the Fun Fest along with Diana Yarberry, said this was the first year they decid

that works in Novi, as in past years money went to Bridgepointe to help schools in Detroit. She said Novi Youth Assistance was

"There is a lot of need within our own community and it's important to give back when you can," she said.

chosen because they "do so much for

Please see DONATION, A2

Four Novi residents express interest in open mayor, city council seats

BY NATHAN MUELLER Staff Writer

As of Tuesday, only four Novi residents have submitted the proper documentation to run for a seat on city council or to serve as the next mayor.

The filing deadline to be on the November ballot is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, and in order to successfully file, residents must submit an affidavit of identity and file a petition with 100 sig-natures or pay a \$100 filing

. There are three city council openings for the scats cur-rently filled by mayor pro-tem Bob Gatt, council member Dave Staudt and appointed council member Wayne Wrobel. Staudt and Wrobel have filed to run for their

seats, while Gatt is the lone

person running for mayor to replace David Landry. Rickie Ibe, a member of the

kickie lbe, a member of the zoning board of appeals, also is running for city council. Council member Justin Fischer has expressed interest in running for mayor, but as of Tuesday afternoon, had not filed, according to city clerk Maryanne Cornelius.

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'More than just a race' BIN LADEN ROLL PAGE AT MORE THAN 1960-64. Marine from 1960-64, said it gives him a sense of pride to know the U.S. was able to kill

Live Like Andi event looks to inspire, help

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oeelacular Hanging Baskets

The annual Live Like Andi Walk and Run has been an O'Connell and his three years ago.

Seeing all the support for his wife Andrea, who died in 2007 after a 21-year fight with a rare cancer called adenoid cystic carcinoma. onjures up many memories,

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but the South Lyon resident is still set on his goal of helping find a cure.
"It reminds me of her spirit

and attitude," he said. "It reminds me of how lucky we were to have her, and the this is far greater than the

The fourth annual event is slated for May 14 at Novi and features a 10-mile run. 10K and 5K runs, a 5K walk

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than just a raće," as over 25 ACC patients and their fami lics from as far as Texas and Washington will sport pow-der blue shirts while running

and walking alongside the Also the family and friends of Jeff Bowman, a South

created three years ago, near-

ly \$300,000 has been raised

for cancer research and

this year.

scholarships. Two \$3,000

scholarships will be given to

students at South Lyon High School and Catholic Central

Our main goal is to pro-

vide hope for those patients fighting this rare cancer," O'Connell said. "And to

inspire people to look at life a little differently."

He calls the event "more

March, will be walking in his honor. The group will be wearing special wristbands and shirts. O'Connell said Bowman

LOCAL NEWS

was a longtime Live Like Andi runner and volunteer who "especially enjoyed running with his girls along side of friends and South Lyon neighbors." The Millennium Middle

School choir, featuring O'Connell's daughter Olivia, will sing the National Anthem. There also will be a wishing well that people are encouraged to bring their oose change for.

People can register online at www.livelikeandi.org or on race day. For more informaion, contact O'Connell at (248) 789-4259.

bin Laden.
"I thought it was quite an accomplishment," he said. "It's something we've been trying to put closure to. And while it ing to the news. mot give closure to the loss of human life, it will put a dent some of the worldwide ter-

rorism because he was someone a lot of people looked up to." Crawford and Harris both agree that bin Laden's death does not mean the end of Osama's supporters?" State Sen. Mike Kowall also terrorism, but it does give a

orale boost to those serving. "It docsn't stop the threat," Harris said. "Unfortunately, it is still out there, and we have to be vigilant because it is something we will have to deal with the rest of our lives." Jim Wilson, a Novi resident and military veteran who

served from 1941-45, said it feels like a relief." "I hope those people learn

The topic also was the talk of Novi High School, said senior

Bauss, who first learned of Bauss, who first learned of bin Laden's death as she was perusing Twitter on Sunday night, said she was "shocked" at first. Bauss was only 7 when the attacks happened on the World Trade Center, but still has yivid memories of that day.

She said part of her was happy he was dead, but sad in many people were react-

"Even though it's great, it just seems wrong we are celebrating death as opposed to the movement toward peace," she said. "By celebrating death so much, doesn't that criminalize us more in the eyes of

weighed in, echoing the president's sentiment by saying, "justice has been done."

"I applaud the men and comen of our military and ntelligence services," Kowall said in a press release. "This is a great victory for the American people. And I pray that it brings some semblance of comfort to the families who lost loved ones on 9/11, as well as those who lost loved ones during the subsequent 10-year

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O'Brien accepted the check last Wednesday and met with a group of students. He said rganization's goal is to uild stronger families, and believes the students. throughout Novi understand

Some of the programs

Assistance are Mentors PLUS, camp, youth recognition, alcoand recreation scholarships and the Jeanne Clarke Tee

O'Brien said they are look ing to use the money donated to support the Success Seekers program, fifth grade camp and other scholarship opportuni-ties at Novi Meadows. "We are very appreciative of their hard work," he said.

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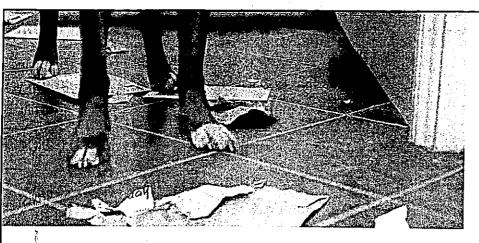
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Novi balances budget without additional cuts

Council decides to defer \$1 million in capital items until January

roughly \$500,000 more in

to insist on personnel cuts."

The Novi Choralaires will be performing its annual Spring Concert on Saturday. May 7 in the Novi Middle

School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Titled May the Music Live On, this year's show will feature a diverse collection of familiar songs that designed to appeal to all ages. Under the direction of Janet Wassilak and accompanied

by Trends Baldridge, the Choralaires are a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding areas.
Tickets (\$12; \$10 for groups of 10 or more) are on sale at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile

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The Novi City Council's plan to look at a list of notential operating cuts to balance the 2011-12 budget without using fund balance never came to

City Manager Clay Pearson provided the members with n updated revenue outlook at their second budget meeting on Wednesday, and the enough for council to decide

The City Council did, how-

Choralaires ready to sing May 7

in capital items until January. The items are still in the budsented calls for using \$3.6 million from the fund balance get but will be addressed in to balance the budget, while January when city officials also keeping the fund balance at the top of the newly established, higher range of believe they know more about the financial situation. 18 to 22 percent. The ending fund balance is estimated at Pearson's revenue undate showed the city would get

constitutional state shared revenue as a result of the council directed the Pearson increase in population. for employees that has been "We were able to come to an agreement," said Novi Mayor in effect since 2009. The onl David Landry. "The increase of way an employee could get a wage increase is through a about a half-million dollars satis fied council and we did not need

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\$6,231,869 or 21.9 percent.

tions and most of our unions

\$5,000 proposal to purchase iPads to replace the laptop computers that are currently

Also getting deferred until

January was the roughly

ber Dave Staudt.

are not in a position to receiv any type of increase this year "It occurs to me our laptops are fine right now," said Mayor Pro tem Bob Gatt. I suggest so it would only be appropriat to pass that along also to diswe defer laptop purchases cretionary and administrative mployees," said council mem until after the first of the

> decide if they want to go for-ward with that." Added to the budget on the suggestion of council member Andrew Mutch was \$33,000

year and the new council can

ways master plan. Landry said following Wednesday's meeting he expects the council to unani usly adopt the budget at its next meeting on May 9. That meeting also is the pub-lic hearing where people can address the council regarding

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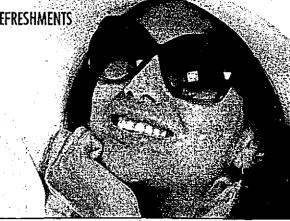
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Struggling Town Center gets boost from Walmart

Clear, general manager, expects property to be '100 percent full' in near future

Walking through portions of the Novi Town Center a year ago was like strolling through a ghost town.

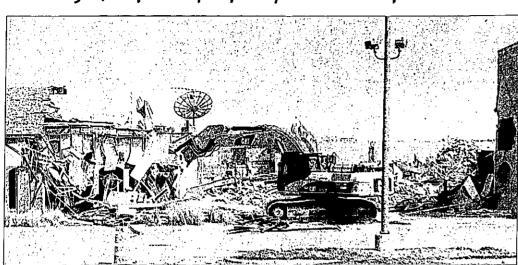
The parking lots were empty Occupancy rates hovered

around 40 percent, and there was little interest from prospective business owners to ocate in the struggling area Over the last year a reju-enation of sorts has taken place. Simon Property Group stepped in to handle the third party leasing, and physical pgrades were made to all the

But the biggest break came in January when Walmart was given approval to construct a 149,854-square-foot, 24-hour

ings to make them more

"It was declining until we vent down the road with Walmart," said Jim Clear eneral manager of the Novi Town Center. "There are a lot of positive feelings in this



A buildozer knocks down parts of the southeastern end of the Novi Town Center on May 2 in preparation for the construction of a Walmart Supercenter that

revitalize the property, you

Clear said the center is currently at 60 percent occupancy and expects that to increase as

Walmart gets closer to opening, which is slated for early

Topouzian said many ancilthe area Walmart will locate lary businesses historically follow Walmart and he expects has begun, a sign that is "visu-

"It's a very successful chain so therefore it draws," he said. pment director for the Clear said if Walmart did ot come to the center, the future outlook was scary. t now, even the mention of

Walmart, is bringing in busi-

clocate in the center. Three other businesses, Performance Bikes, Great Clips and MassageLuXe salon, also have signed leases within the prop Brian O'Hara, owner of

ecently signed a new lease to

Bonefish Grill, said since he onened his restaurant in the changed. He said his side of the center has continued to get stronger, especially with the addition of the "pad sites" near Grand River, but expects Walmart to have an even big-

"Walmart stole the show," he said. "There is so much energy with that, and once they are here the demand for space is going to triple.

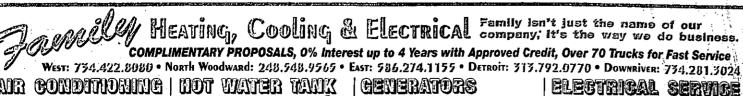
Clear shares that optimism and expects the once quiet center to be bustling with

"We hope to be 100 percent two after Walmart opens." he said. "We are expecting great



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Re'EACH'ing out together to help Detroit

Novi pastor heads up initiative to spread word of Christ through good deeds

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Bob Shirock's message to the congregation at Oak Pointe Church about a year and a half ago was simple — do a good deed for someor and give them the chance to get to know Jesus.

At the time, the senior pastor was just trying inspire Oak Pointe members, but along the way it snowballed into an initiative much larger.

Dubbed E.A.C.H, which

stands for Everyone A Chance to Hear, the program has swelled to a membership of more than 530 churches across southeast Michigan

– and their focus is on help ing the state's biggest city,

"This region has been divid-ed, and I didn't think other pastors would take this on but they have," he said, noting denominational barriers have been broken down through this. "It shows that people have a heart for this area, and they are not just praying but show-ing action."

The biggest event thus far

was on April 16 when support-ers gathered in Detroit near Comerica Park for a Prayer Walk. Shirock said he and other organizers didn't knov if they would get 4,000 people to come on the dreary day, but an estimated 28,000 ended up walking in unison down

Easter Sunday kicked off the 40-day campaign to help people in Detroit and spread the word of Christ, Shirock said people are donating their time and talents to help rebuild homes, feed the homeless, pro-vide medical help and more.

"It's been joyous and amazing to see the unity among the churches, said Daryl Rice, executive pastor of business and operations at Oak Pointe.

cal and dental care clinic will be setting up shop on June 9-11 at Active Faith Community and Northville, as well as three from South Lyon, are involved in the program. Some of the larger churches par-ticipating include Kensington Services for Oakland Cou and Covenant Community Community Church and

in Troy, and Second Ebenezer we've seen God do with this

ministries at Oak Pointe. Also included with the EACH movement is a website itled 2wordstory.org. The idea look to Detroit and be inspired behind the site is to encour to start their own movements "That would be the greatest honor, if people said, 'We want age people to pick a word and describe how their life has

Shirock said he hopes the

tionship is formed between the city and suburbs. didn't hesitate. In my 35 years of minis-try, this is the best thing ever He also wants other cities to

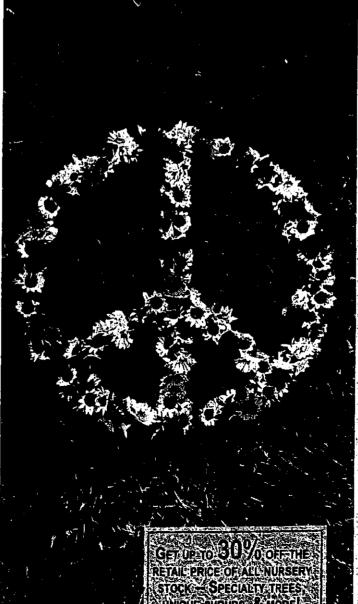
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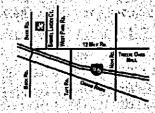
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Novi Road to bear brunt of early construction

Neighborhood road work to get started within a month

It's that time of year again when the orange barrels come out and a driver's patience is put to the test.

In Novi, it's Novi Road from 12 Mile to 10 Mile that is sure to cause its fair share of headaches over the coming months as two separate projects will slow traffic in the area.

The main project, spanning from Grand River Avenue to 10 Mile, is the Novi Road Link Project. The Road Commission for Oakland County will be closing the road on May 7-8 and May 14-15. On weekdays, delays have been the norm.

Rob Hayes, director of public services, said intermittent lane closures will continue as crews work to relocate the

remaining public utilities. Full dosure of the road is expect-

"(Drivers) need to be patient," Haves said. "There will be some ong delays but traffic will at least be getting by. Hayes said the longest he has waited in traffic on that

stretch of Novi Road was Taking place on the other side of Grand River going toward 12 Mile is the Novi Road Signals Project. This is phase two of a project that started last year and includes the replacement of the wire sig

nals with mast arms, updating

the sidewalk ramps and adding ADA compliant crosswalks with push button pedestals and restriping and resigning lanes. Hayes said there are possible single lane closures that could take place but expects traffic

"It all depends on where they are at with the work," he said. That project is expected to

eted in July

The city also will be making improvements to the intersection of South Lake Drive, 13 Mile and Old Novi Road. The project consists of removing the traffic signal, reconfiguring the South Lake Drive approach vehicles and constructing a new sidewalk along the south side of 13 Mile from the intersection to Martin Avenue

Construction started last week and initially there will be no impact on traffic, but as the project progresses there will be lane closures and detours. The work is expected to be completed by late summ

On the residential side of things, the 2011 Neighborhood Road Program is expected to start within the next month. Five roads will be rehabili tated through concrete panel

sealing cracks and joints to

Those five segments of road are on Sutherland from Portsmouth to Amherst, Sheffield from Worchester to Daleview. Glen Haven East from Eight Mile to Broquet, Street north to Center Street south and White Pines from The total amount of road

being rehabilitated is 1.33 miles and construction cost is approximately \$480,000. "Unlike previous years this one is primarily capital preventative maintenance as opposed to reconstructing the tire street," Hayes said. "We reconstruct the worst sections and either patch or use other

treatment methods to preserve

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the life of the pavement For more information about road projects in Novi, visit

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Learning the ropes

Patrician Oliver gets some instruction on a sewing machine from Jessica Johnson during the April 28 International Women's Expo at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase. Johnson was helping

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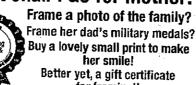
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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Summer Child A.R.E. is now open for all

Summer Child gA.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ges preschool through eighth grade. The profum begins Thursday, June 23 and ends Wedlesday, Aug. 24.

Hours of openation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in the same grade they will attend in the full and will participate in crafts, sports field vips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Parkview Elementary School. Lunch and snack are included (except on field third days.) "Thur Transles" is the them. School, Lunch and snack are included (except on field trip days). Time Traveler" is the theme of this years program, and students can look forward to plenty of fun-filled activities includ-ing water parks, and areade games. See our onsite calendar for field trips and activities.

Registration and weekly session fees are available on the community Education website at www.noviconmunityed.or or call (248) 449-

Novi Destination Imagination

Novi School teams enjoyed success this year at the Destination Imagination Affiliate Finals which were Irld at Holt High School on April 16. Of the sixteams from Novi that competed, two high school teams will be moving on to compete at the Global Finals that are held each year in Knoxville, Tenn. over Memorial Day

weekend.
Team Fex — made up of high school students
Callie Collins, Alice Jiang, Jason Leung, Anna
Moses, Megan Parikh, Varsha Raju and Felix
Zhu — took first place in the Verses Foiled

Zaid — took rinst place in the verses rolled Again structural challenge. The Novi Candoos — made up of high school students Adam Horsburgh, Amy Zhou, Jake Robbins, Kely Norris, Preston Ma-Wong and Suchet Frinivasa - took second place in the same challenge, and won their second Renaissand award of the year for the creativity of their backgrounds and props. The challeng required trams to write and perform an eight minute shit in addition to building a structure made of salsa wood, glue and foil which must bear weight. A portion of the challenge's points were awfreed based on the structure's weight held rato, which is the weight held by the structure in pounds divided by the weight of the stricture in ounces. Team Flex's structure giving them an impressive weight held ratio of 43.50): veighd only 12 grams but held 522 pounds,

A standard of excellence is natural for Team Flex as well as The Novi Candoos, as both teams have carned the right to participated in the Global Finals for the past few years. While both teams have done well in past Global finals - including a second place finish for Team Flex, and a Rennissance Award for Outständing Design, Engineering, Execution and Penformance for the Novi Candoos — neither team has yet to win a first place trophy. However, both teams show great potential this

"All the Novi teams would like to thank all of their sponsors to include Novi Family Dental Center, their financial supporters and team managers who stood by them since they started on their road to global finals this past fall," said Donna Collins, Novi Destination Imagination

year, visit the Novi Destination Imagination website which a link can be found on the Novi Community Schools homepage.

The Novi Candoos: Adam Horsburgh, Preston Ma-Wong, Suchet Srinivasa, Jake Robbins, Kelly Norris and Amy Zhou Artist of Distinction/

Joseph Leppek, a student of vocal music at Novi High School, has been named a Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholar and invited to participate in the 49th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 12-14 in Kalamazoo Leppek was chosen as the Michigan School cal Music Association Outstanding Vocal Soloist and will perform at the MYAF Gala

Concert on Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Nearly 1,000 high school student artists in Michigan have been selected to attend this

Summer Child J.A.R.E. registration open
Registration if Novi Community Education's community. The students, chosen from more based solely on their artistic merit. While some awards programs select students through a nomination process, Festival invitations are nomination process, result invitations are only issued as the result of a rigorous adjudication process adhering to exacting standards. The invited scholars are involved in a wide range of artistic disciplines including creative writing, dance, media arts, instrumental and vocal music, music composition, theatre, and visual arts.

"It's an outstanding group of students with real dedication and a commitment to artistic excellence," said Michigan Youth Arts Executive Director Kim Dabbs. "The Distinguished Scholars embody creativity and innovation, and are ideal ambassadors for the Michigan arts education community."

National Trimathlon Day May 14

Mathnasium will host its first annual National TriMathlon Day on Saturday, May 14 at more than 200 participating centers across the United States (www.mathnasium. com/TriMathlon), including Novi, 47968 Grand River Avenue.

National Pi Day, March 14, was the opening day for free registration for Mathnasium's TriMathlon to all students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades attending public, private, or home school. The event is intended to create excitement about math among area students

Students will first compete locally at Mathnasium of Novi. Along with medals for first, second and third place winners, each par ticipant will receive a certificate of achievement

National Tri Mathlon winners will be selected from the top three scorers in each grade level from all participating Mathnasium locations. The 12 national winners will receive honors and more than \$10,000 in cash prizes.

The TriMathlon consists of three challenges: The Counting Game (tests student's ability to count from any number, to any number, by any number), Magic Squares (students are awarded points for creativity in developing their own math problems), and Mental Math Workout (evaluates student's Number Sense by asking them to solve given problems the 'smart' way without pencil and paper). Questions become progressively more difficult for students in igher grade levels.

Patrick Figurski and Joe DeFlorio, owners, Mathnasium of Novi and Livonian believe Mathnasium's National TriMathlon Day is an ideal opportunity to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of math students in these grade levels. Additionally, each challenge tests a different facet of students' analytical and computational abilities. Their hope is that this event will generate excitement about math education among Detroit Area students and schools. Learn more and register online at www. nathnasium.com/TriMathlon.

Donations needed for Senior Party

Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised envi ronment. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, M1 48375. Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at alewis13@mm.rr.com.

The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee



Red Cross cookies

Pam Outliquit, principal of Novi Woods Elementary, along with Dawn Long's second-grade classroom, holds a \$615 check to be donated to the American Red Cross for the Japanese earthquake survivors. The secondgraders raised the money during their annual Cookie Sale, April 14, where homemade cookies were sold for 25 cents each to the entire school. The sale was a community service project, the culminating activity in the second-grade economic unit in social studies. The second-graders, and a few fourth-grade friends, performed a skit and presented the check to the whole school during our Pride Circle assembly.

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Books blooming

Eleftherie Theodorou, kindergartner, and his mother read to Mrs. Canady's library class for Reading Ambassadors at Deerfield Elementary. At the Family Reading Night at Deerfield, families listened to local author, Deborah Nutile. She wrote the Adventures of 'Sticky White Rice and Sticky Goes Wild.' Her son, Matt Nutile, a former Deerfield student, also published a book, 'The Flight and the Sight.' Deerfield students are reading books and taking accelerated reading tests. So far they have read 1,563 books and 13,989,326 words. Every time a student passes a test they add a flower, worm or bunny with their name to the garden in the

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Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 427-1175

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Church of the Holy Family

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements



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made to MarineParents.com, PO Box 1115, Columbia, MO 65205. Those wishing to pay tribute to Cominic may line the streets of downtown

South Lyon as he is escorted home

on Friday, May 6th, Time is to be

termined. Arrangements entrusted Phillips Funeral Home, South

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DOROTHY EVELYN

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248-684-6645 or visit

daughter of Jake Jones and Betty (Zahn) Jones. As a nurse Penny spent her life caring for people with employers including the Red Cross,

and The Visiting Nurse Association

of the Wabash Valley. A life long lov

of animals caused her to spend the last years of her career pursuing that passion working with Pet Care Animal Hospital in Terre Haute.

Preceded in life by her parents

Penny leaves behind her husband Willam Link; daughter Lorraine Link; two sons Jeremy and Scott Link, two brothers Terry and Edward Jones

and her doo Jane. Bevond life itself

Penny loved her 10 grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at French Funeral Home Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 2:00pm. Preceding the

ervice friends and family are invited

and encouraged to visit at 1:00pm.
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) 424 E. 92nd St. New York,

NY 10128-6804. Please visit www.frenchfuneralhome.com to light

a candle in the memory of Penny.

AMERMAN, ARTHUR E.

Age 87, of South Lyon, for-merly of Ann Arbor, passed away peacefully May 1, 2011. He was born May 6, 1923 to Kenneth and Emma Lou Amerman te received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from University of dichigan, where he was a member of the Glee Club. Mr. Amerman was highly decorated Veteran. He roudly served his country as a First lieutenant during WWII in the Army Nr Corps as a 8-25 Bomber Pilot. te was stationed in India from 1944 ie served in the Air Force Reserve. arthur married Betty Lou Cox on Arthur married Betty Lou Gox on Afghanistan. His close friend Sean, april 2, 1949; and they spent 62 lovaling years together. He worked as an Claramitaro was an antiliank misslanderospace Engineer for Bendix. Mr. Amerman was a member of Shalom-Lutheran Church in Pinckney and the American Legion of South Lyon. How was musically oiffed: he played the Marine Corns in November 2009. Lutheran Church in Princkney and Division, II Marine Expeditionary the American Legion of South Lyon. He was musically gifted; he played the violin and enjoyed singing in the church choir and with the Men's Lyra Chorus in Ann Arbor. He liked brain teasers crossword puzzles. Frendem in December 2019 (1974) The Church Chorus in Ann Arbor. He liked brain teasers crossword puzzles. Frendem in December 2010 (1974) The Church Chorus in Ann Arbor. He liked brain teasers crossword puzzles. Lyra Chorus in Ann Arbor. He liked in support of Operation Eriduring brain teasers, crossword puzzles, and was an avid mystery novel reader. He is survived by his beloved wife Betty Lou Amerman; his children Nancy (Larry) Kidd, Douglas on Terrorism Service Medal, He (Terrie) Amerman, Tom (Diane) Amerman, Katherine (John Vogel) Amerman, Katherine (John Vogel) Control of the Contr wife berty LDU Amerman; his Children Nancy (Larry) Kidd Douglas on Terrorism Service Medal. He (Terrie) Amerman, Tom (Diane) Amerman, And Karien (John Vogel) School in 2009 and worked at the Amerman, and Karen (Tim) Kuhn; this sister Nora Mae (John) Errante; Lake Tavern. Dominic is survived by his parents. Wistlation will be held hold Claramitano; sisters: by his parents. Visitation will be held hold Claramitano; claramitano. children. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Juneral service will be held friday, May 6, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Fugary Hope later and part of the service will be at Casterline Fugary Hope later and part of the service will be read the service will be read to the service oroner Salvatore Ciaramitaro, his at Casterline Funeral Home, inc. Signature of Ciaramitaro and Susan Boston and Mr. Amerman will be laid to rest at Arbor Crest Memorial Park in App Arbor Crest Memorial Park in Ann father Gerry Boston and his sister Arbor. The farmily would appreciate memorial contributions to Shalom service will be held. In lieu of flow-lubbara. Check 1730, East Mag. utheran Church, 1740 East M36, Pinckney, MI 48169.

CASTIGLIONE, **DELORES JUNE**

of Milford, died Saturday April 23, 2011. She was 78 years old. Service was Tues., April 26th at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford Chaptain Joe Griebe Officiated.

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BABY HARPER GRACE Passed away April 23, 2011. She is survived by her parents Leah Houghtaling and Damon Noffsinger; her siblings Addilyn Noffsinger, Toward Noffsinger, Noffsinger, Trevor and Harmony Notfsinger, he grandparents: Clare Noffsinger, Karla Houghtaling, Gregory Houghtaling, Dale Noffsinger, Dale Nielsen; and was preceded in death by her grand father Gregory Houghtaling, A pr vate family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Online guestbook: Age 19, of South Lyon, Mich., died April 23, 2011, while conducting combat www.ohilliosfuneral.com

PLENNERT, IRENE R.

ROTE, ELEANOR Age 90, passed away April 24, 2011 A private family service was held

www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROYAL, RICHARD C.

April 11, 2011, age 82 in Glen Eilyn April 11, 2011, age 82 in Glen Ellyn, L, formerly of Novi, Michigan. Predeceased by his beloved wife Dreama (née Estep), survived by his loving daughters Martha Cooper (John) of Rochester Hills, MI and Nancy Crouch (David) of Glen Ellyn. Dick will be truly missed by his grandchildren Liam and Kieran Cooper and Alexander Catherine. Age 82 & a long time resident of Milford, April 29, 2011. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011. For further information please phone Cooper, and Alexander, Catherine and Jack Crouch. He graduated with an MFA in Industrial design from Cranbrook Academy of Art and worked for Chevrolet Creative www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FELSTOW, WILBUR "BILL" Age 87, passed away April 27, 2011.
Visitation was held April 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Funeral Mass was conducted April 30th at St. Leeph Catholic Church.

Services for 32 years in the realization of auto show displays nation-wide. Dick often exhibited his paintings. After his retirement, he and his wife were accomplished textile St. Joseph Catholic Church. place 16 May at 10 am at Dick and Dreama's long time church commu-nity, All Saints Episcopal, 171 W. Pike Street, Pontiac, Ml. LINK, PENNY LORRAINE Age 58 of Brazil, IN. passed away April 29, 2011 following a lengthy ill-ness. Penny was born March 12, 1953 in South Lyon, Michigan the Memorials may be made to the

WEISS, CURTIS J. Age 23, passed away April 24, 2011. He was born on June 9, 1987, in Superior Township, son of Jack and Nora Bowers. He is survived by his belayed wife Heather, his son Gabriel, his parents Jack and Nora Bowers, his brother Jason, his sister Amanda, his grandparents Margaret and Dexter Treat and many other family members and loving friends A memorial service was held Sunday, May 1st at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dichazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditiona worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service.

Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group: 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for

children through age 5. Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenler. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchof theholycross.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 Salurday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit (pcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact; (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m., first Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday Location: First Presbylerian 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. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5 Details: Cinco Di Mayo dinner is the theme tonight complete with tacos and virgin margaritas, with games and snacks to follow. Meet and socialize with other singles; \$7 for dinner and \$3 for games and snacks. For dinner reser-

vations call the church office. Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 Details: Single Place Presents Bob Scanlan who will speak on open communication. If you sometimes have difficulty communicating with someone, find out how to deal with the problem. Join other singles for an ice cream social that will follow.

Listening for God Women's Retreat

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m/May 14 Details: There is a 'why' and a how' to listening to God. If we know why to listen, by don't know how, then we won't be able to listen at all. \we know how, but don't know why, then we won't beable to make use of that knowledge. It's best to both Uderstand the process and make use of it. Come join he Women of the First Presbyterian Church and learn what "Listening for God" is all about Registration is \$35.0 per person. Contact:E-mail registration inquiries o www.fpcnorthville.org or call the church office (246)349-0911.

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorth@e.org

Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and IO a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept. day) Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastorand Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day)veekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sunday (Sept.-

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-2th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fimcnorthville. "Answer the Call"

Times/Dates: 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14 (chulch sanctuary); 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15 (ouldoor performance in Northville Town Square); 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sun ay, May 22 (church sanctuary) Details: Through singing, dancing, drama, humor, and spiritual reflection, this musical will explore the concept of being called by God. Come join as youthteach how God has called people in the past and how He may

be calling you today! There is no charge for admission

and no tickets needed. Performances run about one

hour. All are welcome.

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

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study: 10an Lakes Bantist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.n Sunday Worship: il a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eightand Nine Mile roads ..

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

Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilarim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. **Details:** This traditional contemporary service is ted by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth /

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymna 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in vorship center; chil-

dren's super church on the second level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

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Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - conlact (248) 348-9031

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Navi 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 Communion 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. Sunday Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, heating, learning, change from a Christian perspective. Nomen'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 Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Cholr Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thaver, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or plynorthyille.org Saturday Worship Time; 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1208 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplym-

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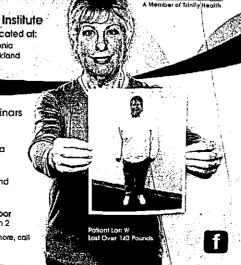
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Contact; (248) 722-4095 Garden Club of Northville-Novi

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W Cady Street, Northville Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, May 9 Details: "Herbs--Medicinal" by Karen Caruso Contact: gardenersnorthville-novi.

Family Support Group Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 10 Location: Providence Hospital Outpatient Center Conference Room B47601, Grand River, Novi Follow the sign to the Heart Institute, park in that lot; enter the southeast entrance near the heart

institute and follow the signs to the support group. Contact: (2480 348-7197 Headaches Lecture Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10

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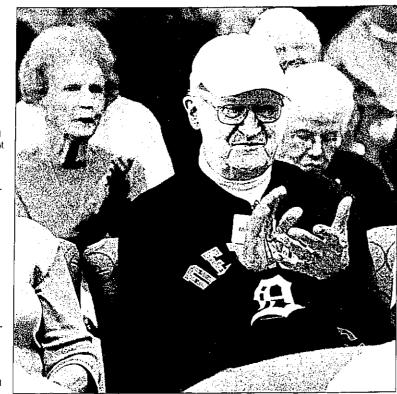
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Location: Novi Doublefree Hotel Details: Seminars are not independent of one another, but rather a three comprehensive program building upon each presentation by Fiscal Associates Inc., David J. Glencer CFP®, and Shannon M Hannon, Space limited to 30 participants, reserve by May 6. Contact: 248-626-8840 or marsha.kelier@lpi.com

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Location: 41671 Ten Nile Road Details: Celebrate luau style: free admission, ice cream sundaes, and entertainment; raffle and auction



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Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail com or (248) 956-0029 Time/Date: 11 a.m.:noon every Wednesday

Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook. Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for more information. American Legion Post 19

Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow vel erans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrik lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

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amongst other fun activilies. Check http://teenposium.org for more details on this unforget table happening, including the required permission slip. (Also check the library's website.)

NOTE: Registration and permission slip for after-hours event are required. For grades 7-12, Kiddie Crafts! Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday. **Details:** Toddlers and preschoolers

CALENDAR

will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper, Registration is required. Cancer Resource Network Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon Mor. fav. May 9

Details: How do you obtain infor nation on cancer using Library esources or other sites? Our local American Cancer Society Community Representative, Nicole Abdilla, will walk you through the cancer website and educate you plus share what the Novi Library has to offer, Registration required Snack Tales 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 K-4, Registration

Tech Time Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m. Monday,

required

Details: One-on-one tutoring with either a Librarian or Computer Tech on a tools of your choice Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped We have the tools to help. Registration required. ESL Book Discussion Group Time/Date: II:30 a.m.-1 p.m. luesday, May 10 and May 17

Details: If English is your second language and you would like to be more proficient in reading and discussing books written in English, hen join our ESL Book Discussion. For advanced-intermediate to advanced English speakers. We will discuss one book during the 6-week session. Title to be announced. required and limited to 15 partici pants.

English Conversation Group Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 and May 17

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

Starlight Story Time and Craft Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday. Details: Just for preschoolers! Your

favorite NPL Youth Librarian will combine stories, music, and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time. This story time will also include an easy craft to take home.

Booked for Lunch Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 11

Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. Annual Friends of the Novi Library Meeting Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11 Details: join the Friends in this business meeting where the budget is approved and the friends' annual scholarship is awarded. Write Your Way to College

Admissions Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday

Details: Come discuss the myths and facts with writing coaches who can help you make the most of your writing opportunities as you prepare for college and beyond. Discuss prompts, voice choosing a topic and how to stand out from the college application crowd. Bring paper and pen. and come prepared to write. For grades 9-12, Registration Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Meeting Thursday, May 12

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m.+4:30 p.m. Details: Hey High Schoolers in grades 9-12, join the TAB and create and plan programs for teens at the library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. Oon't forget to wear your blue TAB shirt.

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

Details: Learn the basics of creating, modifying, and saving a document using Microsoft Word in this hands-on workshop, Participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Registration required.

Decorate Your Own Kite Time/Date: 2:3 p.m. Saturday, May

Details: Prepare for the 3rd annual Kite Festival in Lyon Township at the library. Decorate your own kite to take to the festival. For grades K+. Registration required. Open Office Hours In the Local History Room

Time/Date: 12-2 p.m. Monday, Maÿ

Details: On the first and third Monday of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold office hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources. Lego Club

Time/Date: 6:6:45 p.m. Monday, May 16

Details: Join us once a month for Lego show and tell and building activ ities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For grades K-4

Plan for College Now Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday

Details: Planning for your children's education is very important. What are your options and where do you start? How do you balance your goals with your other financial priorities? Consultants from the HANTZ GROUP will help you with your planning and answer your questions, Registration required. Email Instruction for Seniors Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday. May 17

Details: This session provides per sonal instruction by a Librarian on e-mail basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed. Registration required.

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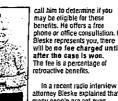
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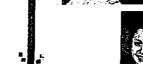


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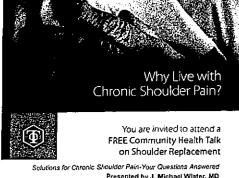
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OUR VIEWS

Tenure reform

Addressing the bad teacher problem

There are more than 400 teachers in the Novi school district, and judging from MEAP scores and gradua-

tion rates, they're some of the best in the state.

But, regardless of what district you attended school, just about everyone can remember a bad teacher. The one who was never prepared, who couldn't control the classroom or who even acted inappropriately with stu-

Many of these teachers, it seemed, somehow remained on the job. Many believe that tenure — a job-protection measure originally intended to ensure

academic freedom for educators — is the culprit.

After years of mostly ineffective and half-hearted complaining, politicians — mostly, but not exclusively Republicans — are now taking action. Across the country, there are movements to reform tenure in public school systems. The energy is so high that even the nation's two largest teachers unions have agreed

that some change is necessary.

In Michigan, state Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Genoa Township, has introduced a bill that would eliminate tenure in Michigan. He argues that teachers are granted tenure too easily. After that, the expense, time and difficulty of tenure procedures discourages districts from weeding out bad teachers.

The results to students, he continues, are signifi-cant. He refers to research from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville that claims students who have just one bad teacher have lower test scores two years ater compared to students with good teachers.

"The rights of our students to learn should always trump a bad teacher's right to a job," Rogers said. Teachers unions have long argued that tenure laws aren't the problem. A bad teacher, they say, can be removed if the district puts the effort into building a

tion. In the past, unions have suggested that tenure is used as a scapegoat for ineffective administration. That position appears to be softening. Nationally, the American Federation of Teachers, one of the two largest teachers unions in the country, has stated it

good case with effective evaluations and documenta-

favors tenure reform.

A representative for the Michigan Education Association also says that reform rather than outright repeal is the better path. The MEA, which represents the majority of Michigan teachers and public school teachers in Oakland County, favors streamlining the

appeals process.

That would be a good step. Some school officials say the tenure process can take up to two years and be quite expensive. After that, they say, they are likely to

lose the case because the process favors the teacher.
While reform is needed, it's important to remember that tenure was created because teachers at one time had little recourse for unfair firings and preferential treatment. Today, with union contracts and modern personnel laws, the likelihood of such abuses is greatly

It shouldn't take two years to deal with a bad teacher. But tossing out tenure is hardly a panacea. The union is right to question the effectiveness of evaluations. Teachers don't receive tenure until after four years on the job. During that time, they are supposed to receive formal evaluations annually. If districts fail to do a good job during that time period, why would anyone expect them to improve the process in later

Further, after a teacher gets tenure, he or she may only be evaluated every three years - if that much.

That hardly seems adequate.

Administrators and lawmakers could make a point for meaningful reform by working with teachers unions. A first step would be for districts to compile a list of those teachers who shouldn't be in the classroom. After all, if the Knoxville study is to be believed, then it suggests that districts already have a

way to identify poor teachers.

If the districts can't produce such a list because of

It would be nice to see the MEA and district administrators work together to find a suitable solution, because having inadequate teachers in the classroom doesn't help anyone — it makes the teachers union look bad, it hurts individual schools (and districts), and is frankly an insult to the students and thei

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

Pamelama gave me an education on the word 'tough'

Cal, your article on Pam is a wonderful tribute to a fine woman who is not only strong but houghtful and caring. I was fortunate to be interviewed by Pam on many occasions and proud to call her my friend. Thank you for sharing with us - her story is inspiring this Easter.

COMMUNITY VOICE

The Novi News asks Orchard Hills students involved in the consumer electronics recycling effort "Do you recycle and if so, why?"



"I recycle cans and bottles. I do this so they don't have to mine more metals from the earth and they can just pollute too much." reuse it again."

> Noah Woods Orchard Hills third grade



"I recycle paper, bottles and paper because I want to so we can use stuff help the earth and not Deepika Baskar

again and again." Orchard Hills third grade

'I recycle paper.

bottles and bottle caps

for the school. I do this



"i"ve been recycling for four years, and l do it so that the earth doesn't have to be all polluted and so we? don't use up the land."

Brendan Downs

LETTERS

A thought for NOMI

I applaud the Northville City Council's objection to renew the liquor license for Bambar L.L.C. While promising to pay the \$15,000 in delinquent personal property taxes they may also consider paying the many employees that were left out to dry when they closed. My daughter for one is still owed \$384 for her work there and she is but one of many. Maybe Rachael Stern should also consider her former employees at the same time Robert Van Hamm

Prejudice and IQ are related

Wallace and Lester Maddox, the battle for civil rights for all Americans had become open warfare. Racial hatred bared its sharpened teeth - Birmingham '63, Selma '65, Watts '65, Detroit '67. It was a horribly fascinating time. What short memories we Americans have.

At the time, I had an opportunity to participate in a somewhat unique type of social survey. The subjects, a group of young adults who remained anonymous, were given a number of questions whose answers, theoretically, indicated degrees of racial prejudice or lack of it. Subjective? Yes, but indicative. Upon completion of that section, they proceeded to

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10 a.m. Monday to be published in the

Blog: You may also let your opinions

The results were tabulated and arranged

between the IO scores and the answers reveal

ing prejudice or the absence of it. With a few

exceptions, the resultant graph was explicit:

Racial prejudice is inversely proportionate to

intelligence. In other words, the more intelli-

gent or more knowledgeable a person the less

in a way that would indicate any correlation

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take an intelligence test.

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During the '60s, the era of JFK, MLK, George

likely he/she is negatively prejudiced when race or ethnicity is involved.

The overall message was amplified. If you are a racist or bigot and not too bright, it is, perhaps, better to keep quiet than open your mouth and remove all doubt. Almost 50 years later, it would be interest-

ing to test and reveal the intelligence or;lack of intelligence of anti-Muslim bigots, the supporters of Rev. Terry Jones, the mindless racists who consider all immigrants "illegal, and, especially, the racist "birthers" whom no amount of proof is sufficient to change their prejudiced, empty minds, Patrick Downey

They don't bug her

Regarding box elder bugs: Go online to find organic methods of eradication when they are swarming outside. When they are inside, I just pick them up with my fingers and give them a squeeze; dead bug. You can have fun ridding your house of these nonharmful but pesky bugs. When my grandchildren come over (ages 2 and 3), they catch them and put them in the toilet. When there are 10, they give it a flush! Margaret Schmidt (the semi-retired

Farm Lady)

Don't shorten foreclosure time frame

GUEST COLUMNIST

irst, the worst recession since the Great Depression brought Michigan homeowners to their knees. Then, federal foreclosure preunderperformed together while a horde of foreclosure

kicked them while they

vere down. Now, just as

the economy is improv-ing and they're getting

ck on their feet, the

Michigan State House

Banking & Financial



Neeta Delaney

introduced pending legislation, that if passed. will knock the legs out from under Michigan homeowners once again. House Bill 4542-4544 will extend Michigan's 90-day pre-foreclosure negotiation law but disproportionately and permanently shorten Michigan's post-foreclosure redemption period from six to three months — cutting in half the time Michigan homeowners

A recent survey of Michigan's HUD and MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselors and legal service attoreys found that the primary reason Michigan's at-risk homeowners are denied permanent loan modifications With early signs that unemployment

have to redeem, sell or move from their

we should be helping homeowners veather the storm, instead of making During this Great Recession.

the redemption period has allowed homeowners to sell their homes or transition to other housing. As the economy continues to recover, more homeowners will once again use this time to successfully redeem their

Meanwhile, Michigan's current six-month redemption period helps maintain the home's value, prevents stripping and other vandalism, and minimizes the economic damage to the surrounding properties by keeping the homeowner in the home.

Backers of the bills argue it's fair to reduce the postforeclosure redemption period by 90 days since the proposed temporary extension of 90-day pre-foreclosure law gives them 90 days on the front end. However, under the proposed law, the shortened redemption period doesn't sunset with the extension of the 90-day pre-foreclosure law. It's a permanent reduction. After next year, homenwners will not have the benefit of either the 90-day pre-foreclosure law or a six-month post-foreclosure redemption period. Additionally, during the one-year extension of the 90-day law, the reduced redemption period will apply to all homeowners.

not just those who opt into the 90day pre-foreclosure process.

Lenders who back the bill claim

their homes sooner so they can put the homes back on the market more

The same survey cited above found that most lenders wait several months after a default before sending 90-day pre-foreclosure notice To shorten the time homeowners remain in a home after a default, they should instead reach out to borrowers by sending these notices earlier. Early outreach to borrowers will improve the chances that borrowers can tackle their default arrearages.

While several local Michigan community banks and credit unions have done an exemplary job of this, their loans represent only a fraction of Michigan's home mortgages. The vast majority is owned and/or serviced by national banks whose track record in maintaining properties and getting them back on the market is far worse than that of defaulting homeowners.

Since the inception of the foreclosure crisis, no state has even considered shortening its foreclosure time frame. This is the wrong response at the wrong time and it will hart Michigan. Contact your state legislators and speak out against House Bill

Neeta Delaney is co-director of The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force. The task force is supported by the Michigan State Housing Kresge Foundation, CEDAM and others, For more information, go to www.cedam.info/foreclosure.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Williams earns Spirit of Philanthropy Award

The honorce list at the annual IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Awards Celebration includes an alumnus and ngtime donor to the Kelley School of Business Indianapolis.

Novi's Michael Williams (BS 1995) maintains a strong connection to the Kelley Indianapolis finance and account-ing programs. Since graduation, Williams has continued to contribute to scholarship funds, and an endowed scholarship for undergraduate students was created in his name in 2009.
"I'm humbled to be giving back to the

university that offers so much to its stu-dents, and I'm grateful for the opportu-nity to do so," Williams said of being this vear's Kelley recipient. Each year since 1989, the IUPUI campus has come together for the Spirit of Philanthropy Awards. The April 26 event

nonored the individuals, corporations

and foundations that have contributed to programs through gifts and voluntee: Williams said he views his role as a donor and scholarship supporter as part of the trade-off for receiving a igh-caliber business degree. He was in his 30s and working at a lumber varo when he began taking courses at Kelley Indianapolis. Today, he is a partner in the

and Young.
"I wouldn't have had a career without having what Kelley gave me. It changed my life," Williams said, adding he hopes r non-traditional students can benefit

Detroit office of accounting firm Ernst

from his generosity.
"Mike Williams typifies students who have graduated from the Kelley School Indianapolis," said Philip Cochran, associate dean of Indianapolis operations, "After a successful career locally Mike chose to pursue a degree at Kelley that opened opportunities that spanned the globe. Despite his success and work abroad, he continues to support Kelley

James R. Pitcher

Army Cadet James R. Pitcher

is a member of one of only eight teams throughout the U.S.

Army Cadet Command to com

pete in this year's Sandhurst

at the U.S. Military Academy,

Military Skills Competition

The military skills com-

West Point, N.Y.



Indianapolis students who dream of big-

ger things." The philanthropy awards have been given to more than 600 individuals and organizations connected to all the IUPUI academic units. The awards celebration is sponsored collaboratively by HIPHI the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and the Indiana University

Jasti Joins Bank of Ann Arbor team

Bank of Ann Arbor announced that Satish B. Jasti has joined its team as vice president and senior loan officer for the Plymouth office.

Jasti brings 28 years of experience in business lending, credit analysis and management to his role at Bank of Ann Arbor. He began his career in banking as a financial analyst with the Detroit office of the Federal Reserve. He subsequently moved to NBD where he worked in various positions of increasing respon over a fourteen year period in its Detroit and Ann Arbor offices including time as a middle market lender and a division manager for one of NBD's successor banks, Bank One, with responsibility for the Ann Arbor and Toledo markets, Most recently, Jasti was the founder and CEO of Lotus Bank in Novi. He holds an MBA from University of Chicago and a BS from Wayne State University.

"A key to helping businesses in the greater Plymouth area grow is filling our team with experienced business bankers, said Timothy Marshall, president and CEO. "Satish brings a very strong skill set and a long track record of sales success. His experience in meeting the lending

IN THE SERVICE

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rom selected ROTC detach

ments as well as cadets from

West Point, the U.S. Naval

Academy, the U.S. Air Force

Academy, the U.S. Military

Academy Preparatory School

and international teams from

the Royal Military Academy

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Sandhurst in Britain, the

Canada, the National Military

Academy from Afglianistan.

the Royal Military College

from Australia, the Militar

Academy of Taiwan and the

Each team consists of a

complete a series of military

-member squad, each with

Chilean Military School.

needs of middle market businesses will clp more businesses have access to the capital they need to grow.

Bernstein, Luoma join medical staff at Botsford Hospital

Sheila R. Bernstein, MMS, PA-C, and joined the medical staff at Botsford

Bernstein, a certified and licensed physician assistant, is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Now practicing at Betsford Hospital's Midwest Urgent Care in Redford, Bernstein treats patients on an unsched-uled, walk-in basis for a variety of injuries and illnesses that require immediate care. The office phone number is (313) 592-

Bernstein holds several degrees and certificates, including a master in medi-cal science from Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia; a physician assistant certificate from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; a bachelor of arts in biology from University of Minnesota in Minneapolis an associate in nursing from Minneapolis Community College in Minnesota; and a surgical technologist certificate from Anoka Vocational-Technical Institute i Minnesota.

Luoma, a board-certified family nurse practitioner, sees patients at the South Redford School Based Health Center located at the John D. Pierce Middle School, in Redford Township, The office number is (313) 242-0570. The health center exists through a partnership between Botsford Hospital and the South Redford School District and serves the primary health care needs of those aged 10 through 21 in the school district.

Luoma received her master of science from University of Rochester in New York and bachelor of science in Nursing from Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

tical move along a prescribed seven-mile course. The cadets are tested on first aid, travers-

ng a rope bridge, marksman

ship, navigation and fitness.

Pitcher is a student at

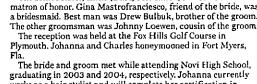
Michigan State University,

East Lansing. He is the son of

Maria Pitcher of Challenging

Trail, South Lyon and a 2010

graduate of Novi High School



Johanna Rae Dase and Charles Douglas Bulbuk were married Saturday, April 2, 2011, by Reverend Randy Duncan of Living

Word Church in Plymouth. Parents of the bride are Brad and Pam Dase of Plymouth, formerly of Novi. The groom's parents

The bride's sister, Katie (Dase) McMillion, served as the

are Mike and Karen Bulbuk, of Novi.

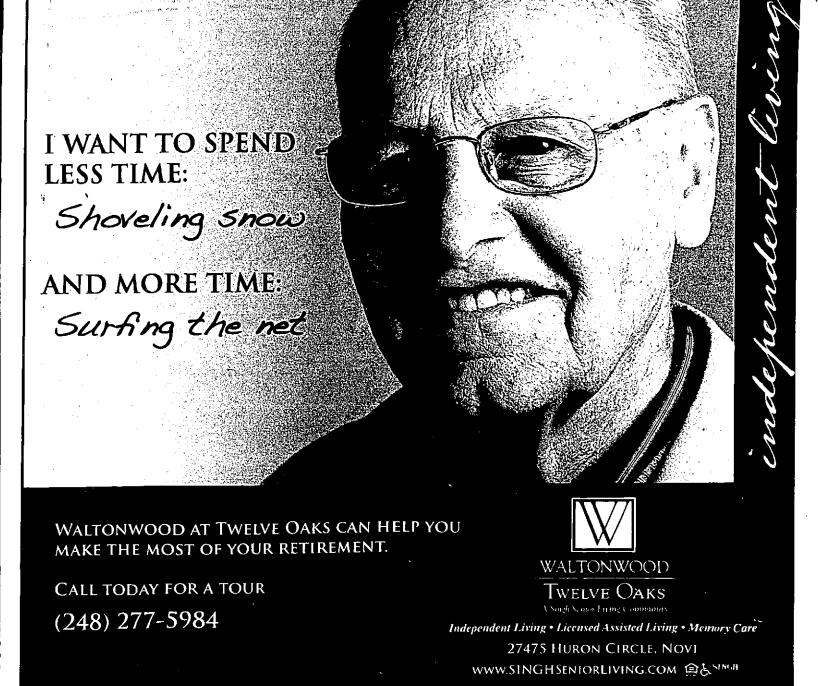
Dase & Bulbuk

RADEMARK

graduating in 2003 and 2004, respectively. Johanna currently works as a hair stylist and will complete her certification in phlebotomy from Schoolcraft College this spring. Charles is an employee of Tim's Tree Service in Farmington Hills. The couple resides in Plymouth.

Ryan Lily Marsoupian Dana and Matthey Marsoupian, of Novi, announce the birth of the daughter, Ryan Lily Marsoupian, on April 19, 2011, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. Grandparents are David

and Dawn Marsoupian, of Novi, and Michael and Donna Moore, of South Lyon. Great-grandparents are Sandra Kinsella, of Chesterfield Township, and Donald and Patricia Moore, of



Suspect steals shoes from car

gA woman had her 2004 Chevrolet Malibu bro-

ken into around 5:40 a.m. on April 26 while it

was parked in a parking lot on Warley Court. According to the police report, officers were

wehicle door handles, but when they arrived the suspect had already fled the scene.

enter the Malibu and yelled at him prior to call-

dispatched to the area for a suspect checking

The witness in the area said she saw him

ing police. The owner of the car said taken from her

trunk of the car and the case has been for-

while it was parked in the parking lot behind Rent-A-Center on Beck Road between 3:45

The owner of the gun said he was leaving work when he noticed the driver's side door handle and

lock were not working properly. He then looked in the glove box and his pistol was missing.

He told police the pistol was loaded and the sus-pect did not take anything else from the vehicle.

Police have no suspects at this time.

An unknown woman filled up with \$75 worth of gasoline from the Speedway gas

Pistol taken from glove box

p.m. and 6:50 p.m. on April 28.

Gas and go

trunk were two pairs of shoes valued at \$400.

Run, it's an Emergency!

Second annual 5K run and t-mile walk to benefit commu rity health and safety The City of Novi and the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partner ship with Providence Park

Hospital, Sam's Club and Running Fit will host the secand annual Emergency Run on Saturday, May 7. The 5k run and one-mile stroke walk will be held on the Providence Park Hospital Campus (Grand River Avenue

and Beck Road) in Novi. Last participants from 6 to 68 year's old. This year's event will include a HealthFest open to all community member offering informational booths and displays, a Kid's Korner, and refreshments.

Registration and the Health Pest begin at 8 am with the run/walk beginning at 9 am. The preregistration fee is \$28 for the run and \$12 for the walk. Registration at the

and \$15 for the walk. Children 8 and under are free, All prepaid registrants will receive a dry-fit T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three finisher. in each race category with all participating children receiv-

On-line registration and mail in registration forms are available at cityofnovi.org. Registration forms are also available at the Novi Police Department, Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit-

Proceeds from the event will benefit health and safety initiatives for the Novi com-

For more information regarding the Emergency Run, contact Robin Working at (248) 347-0416 or visit cityof-

Memorial Day parade plans Ten Mile Road will be full

of festivity beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30 for the annual Memorial Day parade The parade, which travels west

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Civic Center, will showcase romanunity spirit and pride in our veterans and active military personnel. Local bus nesses and civic organizations are encouraged to participate by marching, displaying a specialty vehicle, or building a float. Veterans will have a des ignated float in which they are

invited to ride upon.
Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will be Novi Civic Center. The cercmony honors the sacrifice and service to our country given by our veterans. Additionally American Legion - Post 19 wil host a luncheon for veterans and their families.

For more information or to receive a parade entry form, visit cityofnovi org or contact, Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services Manager at (248)

D.R.E.A.M. concert

Diabetes Research & Education Advocates of Michigan (D.R.E.A.M.) will



Bearing the cross

Eric Brott, left, and the Rev. Art Ritter of the Meadowbrook Congregational Church team up to bear the cross on Good Friday. A group of parishioners traveled with the cross from Novi's First United Methodist Church to the

should submit work - three

examples minimum - by May

18. For an application, e-mail

First Name: Title: Media:

Size; and Sale Price. Artists

asked for available dates; the

Artistis are asked to com-

Thursdays from June through August, There will be a \$50

deposit. However, when artists

ArtsNovi will no charge artists

ArtsNovi is also seeking art

ists for the Novi Civic Center

Gallery show Aug. 5- Sept.

18. For an application, e-mai

Tuesday, May 10 =

Saturday, June 18, 2011

5 Weeks, No classes the week 5/30/11

Register for classes online, over the phone or in person

complete all their five dates,

each will be refunded \$40.

any fee on what they sell

mit to a minimum of five

Cure from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at Edgewood Country Club (8399 Commerce Road Commerce to raise funds for the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital for Type 1 diabetes research

The event will be hosted by and Miss Teen Michigan at www.dreamforacure.com

Artists needed ArtsNovi is looking for artists for the Summer Sidewalk

AGESHAW

Applications must be live music and an art fair every Thursday all summer. The mall's new manage ment company has changed this event from Saturday to Thursday evenings from 5-8 p.m. Artists and art crafters

Anyone interested in dising ArtsNovi's upcoming events, supporting bringing more art, dance, theater and urtsnovi@yahoo.com. Label images as: Last Name, about art in general can join will be notified on May 20 and on the fourth Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. at Bonefish Grill first date of art fair is June 2).

E-mail artsnovi@yahoo com if you plan on attending to establish a count, but show up anytime for these informal

The following blood drives will take place in the Novi/ Friday, May 6; Walsh



host its annual Concert for the D.R.E.A.M.'s partnership with

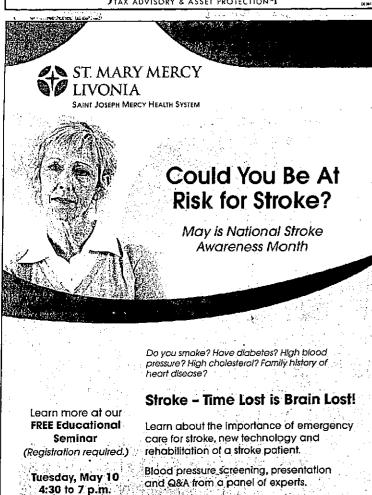
TV personality Lila Lazarus with celebrity guests including former Detroit Lion and West Bloomfield High varsity Football Coach Ron Bellam Taylor Sherman, Pre-event registration is available online for \$25 per person. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$30 per person. Dinner will be included from local area restaurants and an exciting silent auction.

Series at Twelve Mile Crossing

received by June 30, and artists will be notified by July 15. Artists that are involved in these events will be considered for the ArtsNovi space at The Great Lakes Artfair in the fall.

music to Novi, or just chatting

College, Novi; 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m.



and Q&A from a panel of experts.

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station on Novi Road around 7:24 p.m. on April

29 and left without paying.

According to police, the clerk said she accidently authorized a cash purchase on the sus-peet's pump and told the woman to come inside when she was finished to pay for the gas. The woman filled her vehicle with gas and left with-

out attempting to pay.

The clerk was able to get the license plate number and also said there was video surveillance of the incident

The case has been forwarded to the detec-tive's bureau for further review.

Woman arrested for drunk driving Police were able to lift some prints from the

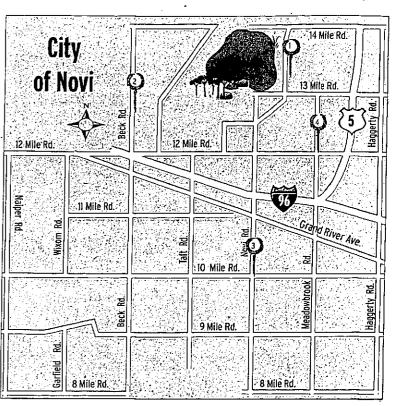
4A 21-year-old woman was arrested for drunk driving at 2:02 a.m. on April 29 at Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads after an officer observed her car weaving in its lane and cutting off a truck. 2A .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol was taken from the glove box of a Ford Explore The officer stopped the car and when

he approached, smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside. The woman denied drinking several times before finally admitting she had a drink at a Novi restau

The woman failed field sobriety tests and a liminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

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

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

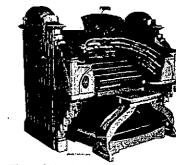






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Green Street Fair

Recycle, build a 'canjo,' and take in free music

Singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox, the runner-up last May during the ninth season of American Idol, will be the headline performer at downtown Plymouth's 2011 Green Friday and runs through

Bowersox, who plays in a variety of styles, including rock, folk and gospel, released her debut album. Farmer's Daughter, in Decem Her free concert will be

at the Eco-Beats Stage, at Union and Penniman. Th free fair, in its fourth year, brings together a variety of organizations that promote and practices and healthy

We're very excited to have somebody of her caliber join us," said Raychel Rork, the Green Street Fair organizer said of Bowersox's appearance. "It's going to be a great lineup, really, all three days." This year's fair, the fourth,

begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said Rork.

"We're really proud of how far it's grown in only four years," she said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of weekend. "It's going to be

The lineup will include as well as some new ones, and ome exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork

"This is becoming a very enticing event for them," she said. "It's free to the public It's direct to the consumers. Crafters who use repur-posed raw materials will be on hand with, for example jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton cleth-

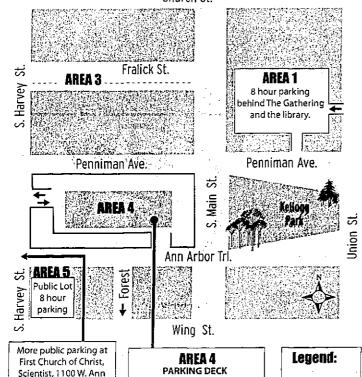
ansportation, and de strations of organic cooking. The food offerings will include organic chocolate truffles, organic vegan cup

ing, easy-on-the-energy

Public parking for 2011 Green Street Fair

On street parking is limited to 2 hours in most places.

Church St.



bicycle or a \$500 IKEA gift card, at The Gathering or Other entertainment dur-

 Abigail Stauffer, an Ann Arbor singer-songwriter, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Friday.

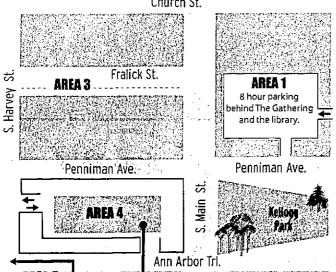
band, 4:45-6:30 p.m. Friday.
• The Mister Laurence

plays bluegrass, metal and honky-tonk, noon-1 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-1:30 p.m.

p.m. Saturday. · Sista Otis, rock and gospel, 3-4:15 p.m. Saturday. • Gemini, a duo playing dren and families, 2-3 p.m

• Tracy Kash Thomas, a jazz performer, 3:15-4:15 p.m. All concerts will take place

at the Eco-Beats Stage at Union and Pennima The Deep Fried Pickle



Arbor Trail, one block west of Harvey.

to taste like cardboard," Rork

Other highlights of the Green Street Fair will include

a Mother's Day parade at

noon on May 8, a Mother's

Day craft activity for kids.

organic cooking demonstra

tions, sponsored by Meijer

Michigan, and the opportuni-

to car batteries and vacuum

cleaners - on Saturday and

Proceeds from the resale

efit the scholarship fund for

Sunday at Penniman and

Harvey.

everything from computers

and the Art Institute of

Lower level 3 hour parking. Upper level 8 hour parking

pediatric speech and lan-

The popular Fort Box,

in which children decorate

guage disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

repurposed corrugated boxes

to build a kid-sized cityscape

Park. This year's Fort Box will

include replicas of some of the world's landmark bridges,

built with recycled materials by students at New Morning

School, Other Fort Box spon

sors are The Observer ਈ

Eccentric Newspapers and

IKEA will also host an

ing home displays and the

exhibit. Green Living, featur

will also return to Kellogg

Closed to vehicle traffic. Source: City of Plymouth

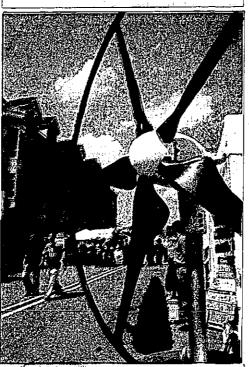
ing the Green Street Fair will

• The Sugar People, rock, pop and soul, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Friday. • In Custody, a rock cover

Experience, fun rock for kids, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday. • The Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that

WHY A FAIR?

Green Street Fair, Inc. was founded to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and ecofriendly products and services. To promote global interest and personal well-being, the Green Street Fair blends companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment. Consumers who attend the Green Street Fair will be encouraged to learn the advantages of taking strides, large or small, towards living a healthier and



Bob Mayes and Oak Electric offered wind power, solar panel, and backup generator systems at Plymouth's Green Street Fair last year.

> Project will also host an instrument-making workshop - visitors can build a canjo," a kazoo or maracas

. Timothy Monger State from 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday in Park, folk rock, 1:30-2:30 Kellogg Park. The workshop is just ahead of the Mother's Day parade, and participants will be encouraged to join the parade with their new home-

The Green Street Fair hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit the fair's website, www.green-

GREEN STREET FAIR HIGH GHIGHTS

Eco-Beats stage line-up

Featuring American Idol's Crystal Bowersox and top notch entertainment from around Michigan, the weekend will be filled with a broad range of eco-beats.

FRIDAY, MAY 6 Abigail Stauffer 1:15-2:30 p.m. The Sugar People 3:15-4:15 p.m. In Custody 4:45-6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Mister Laurence Experience 10:30-II:15 Deep Fried Pickle Project noon to 1 p.m Timothy Monger State Park 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sista Otis 3-4:15 p.m.

Crystal Bowersox 5-6:15 p.m. SUNDAY, MAY 8

Deep Fried Pickle Project 12:30-1:30 p.m. Tracy Kash Thomas 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Other Highlights

• IKEA EXHIBIT Visit the IKEA Canton exhibit in The Gathering, located off of Penniman between Main Street and Union to sec an interactive sustainable home display and enter to win a \$500 IKEA Gift Card to help you live a sustainable life at home or a new mountain bike to help

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• THE PICKLED PINK MOTHER'S DAY PARADE AND INSTRUMENT BUILDING PLAYSHOP

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MOTHERS DAY CRAFT STATION Yelp will have a kid's craft table where the little ones can make mom an earth friendly surprise for Mother's Day.

 THE YELLOW JUG FOR OLD DRUGS In lieu of flushing drugs down the toilet or throwing them into the garbage which can contaminate water supplies, event attendees can bring their medications to the Green Street Fair

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pot or tray covered with moist dirt and mulch, a bucket of water, or wrap the roots with layers of wet paper towels inside of a tightly wrapped plastic bag The Fall Perennial Exchange will take place

Tuesday, May 10; Novi Woods Elementary, ovi; 3:30-9:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 10; WaltonWoods, Novi; 1-4:45

online at hometownlife.com

Wednesday, May 11; Ridgewood Elementary, Northville; 2:30-8:15 p.m. Sunday, May 15; First United Methodist

Church, Northville; 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Sunday, May 15; St. James Church, Novi; 8

BRIEFS

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Novi High students to exhibit art

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tion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 with an award ceremony taking place at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and all are wel-

The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information including weekend availability, please contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-

Get your garden blooming with plants from the Spring Perennial Exchange

The City of Novi Beautification Commission will host annual event on Saturday, May 14 Each year the City of Novi Beautification Commission hosts two perennial exchanges and the spring exchange will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m.-noon at Fuerst Park (located at Ten Mile and Taft roads, adjacent to the City of Novi Public Library,). The exchange is a way for community members to diversify their gardens and enhance landscaping free of charge. Participants are asked to bring perennial plants that they no longer want or have

Typical plants included in the exchange are hostas and lilies of all varieties, grasses, small shrubs, and groundcover. When dividing perennials, it's important to keep the roots moist and out of direct sunlight. Temporarily put them in

on Saturday, September 24.
For more information regarding the Spring Perennial Exchange, please contact David Beschke, landscape architect at (248) 735-5621. Swing into summer sports with new leagues offered by the City of Novi

Senior Center The City of Novi Senior Center invites adults 55 years and older to recapture the "dog days of summer" feeling by taking part in the simple summer classics -- softball and bocce ball. A "competitive streak" is not necessary; the leagues will be designed based on feedback from those who attend informational meetings on Thursday, May 19 at Novi Senior Center Community Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road (between Ten Mile Road and Grand River

 Softball Meeting, 10 a.m.
 Bocce Ball Meeting, I p.m.
 Softball will be played on the Power Park fields (behind the Novi Civic Center) on Tuesdays in June and July at 10 a.m. The season will be scheduled according to the interest of the par-ticipants. Bocce ball will be played at outside the Senior Center/Meadowbrook Commons or Thursdays in June and July at 1 p.m. All skill levels are welcome for both leagues Seize the opportunity to get outdoors during

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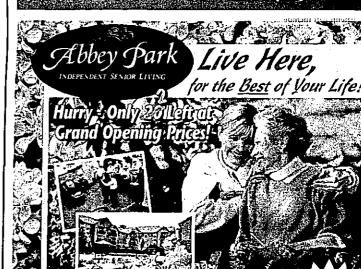
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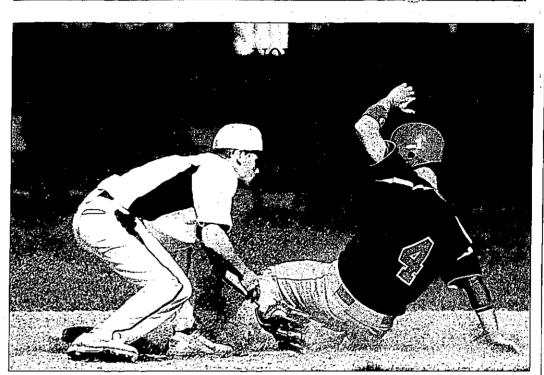
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NETWORKING BEST WAY TO BUILD, B5





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A Novi Wildcat shortstop is a little late with the tag in this play against Canton on April 29.

Wild pitches cost Novi sluggers

Problems on mound amount to two more losses

Despite having 11 potential itchers listed on their roster it is errors on the mound tha cost the Wildcats two losses against teams from Plymo Canton Educational Park, With weather postponing an April 27 doubleheader against

South Lyon East, Novi's base-ball team hosted Canton last Friday and Plymouth last

The 'Cats (2-5, 2-2 KLAA

Kensington) dug themselves a deep hole against the Chiefs (9-2, 4-1 Kensington), falling behind 12-0 after two innings

"I took a lot of the starting players out and all 18 kids played in the game," Nov coach Rick Green said. "I'm happy with how the bench responded."

Seniors Tyler Root, Andrew Valade, sophomores Matt Forche, Ryan Caputo and junior Logan Regnier all got a chance to pitch as Novi strug-

The Wildcats (2-5, 2-2 KLAA Kensington) have a tough week ahead of them. Novi was scheduled to visit Northville (5-5, 2-3 Kensington) for a doubleheader last night before hosting Livonia Franklin (9-4, 2-3 Kensington) 4 p.m. tomorrow and playing two round-robin games Saturday at Birmingham Groves. The 'Cals then visit Livonia Churchill (8-3, 4-2 Kensington) 4 p.m. Monday and No. 10 Livonia Stevenson (12-4, 7-0 Kensington) (o

Late rallies decide softball contests

Wildcats drop two in close battles

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Finishing. It's a point of emphasis many coaches drive into their players' heads. For Novi's softball team, it was on display Monday night.

The Wildcats (1-4, 1-2 KLAA Kensington) had bases

loaded in three separate innings and couldn't score. They had runners on second and third in two innings and

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the game, but gave up one hit, two walks and hit two batters en route to allowing five runs without recording a single out before he was pulled. Valade came in for one inning of action, allowing three hits, two walks and hitting one batter in

Novi's acc. Root, started

The 'Cats found themselves down 5-0 after the first, 12-0 after the second and 13-0 after

Please see BASEBALL, B4

couldn't bring a run in. And, in the end, they let a tied game slip away during an 8-7 loss to Plymouth (8-2, 5-0 Kensington). "We left the bases loaded three

The Wildcals (1-4. 1-2 KLAA Kensington was scheduled to 1-1 Kensington) for a doubleheader last or defensively and, this time, it was night before hosting Livonia Franklin (5·4, batters got on base in the top of the first inning, the fifth batter hit into 0-2 Kensington) 4 p.m. tomorrow and .competing at the Fred Pieper Tournament in

and Sunday. The 'Cats

then visit Livonia

Churchill (3-3, 2-2

Kensington) 4 p.m. Monday and Livonia

Stevenson (6-4, 1-1

Kensington) for a 4

p.m. doubleheader

Plymouth came back and scored frame off five hits and one error allowed by Novi senior pitcher Rebecca Richter. The 'Cats tried to even the score in the second inning, loading the

times and didn't score a run." Nov. coach Bob Lulek said. "It was just

one of the strangest games I've ever coached. We had our chance

to just really bury these guys, and

they're a good team, but we didn't. We either beat ourselves offensively

After three of Novi's first four

a double play to end the scoring

chance for the Wildcats.

bases with just one out. But a pop out and then a rare strikeout by senior power hitter Colleen Kolis ended the threat.

Novi got two runs off a single from senior Kimberly Powers in the third to cut the deficit to 3-2, but

Plymouth got a few more of their own. After getting a fourth run off Richter, junior Taylor Scott took over pitching duties for Novi and allowed three more

"I put Scott in and it didn't work out. She got hammered. Lulek said.

Novi's offense battled back in the fourth inning with five runs to tie the game 7-7. With runners on second and third, the 'Cats grounded out to end the inning before they could take the lead.

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Netters no match for two top-five teams

Northville defeats Novi 7-2 for division title

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Facing two of the top teams in Division I just two days apart, Novi's tennis team had their work cut out for them last week. The No. 2 Clarkston squad

cruised to a 7-1 victory April 4. 4-1 KLAA Central) lone flight victory coming at four doubles from senior Meng Meng Jie and freshman Amy Zhou, who battled to a close 6-4, 7-6(5) decision Clarkston's the best team

Please see TENNIS, B4

we've seen by far, top to

ON TAP

The Wildcats' (4-4, 4-1 KLAA Central) tennis team has a daunting schedule ahead of them. The team was scheduled to play West Bloomfield last Monday, North vision runners-up Lakeland (4-1, 4-1 North) last Tuesday, West Division runners up Brighton (7-2, 4-1 West) today and then compete in Saturday's Romeo Invitational before hosting Troy Monday, South Division renners-up Livonia Churchill (5-2 4-1 South) Tuesday and then visiting No. Troy and West Bloomfield are unranked, but, like Novi, were strong forces in Division I fast season. All dual meets begin at 4 p.m., with the Romeo Invitational starting at 8:30 a.m.

Novi kickers cruise through ranked teams

Wildcats outscore three opponents with combined 13-0 effort

With three shutout victories in five days Novi's girls soccer team further cemented

The Wildcats improved to 5-0-1 (3-0-1 KLAA Central) with road victories over No. 14 Livonia Stevenson, South Lyon and Detroit Country Day, who was ranked No. Detroit Country Day, who was ranked No.
5 in Division III and actually improved one
spot this week despite the loss. Novi senior
netminder Gabby Gauruder earned the
shutout wins in all three contests.

The busy week of soccer began with a 4-0 victory over Stevenson (3-2-1, 1-2-1 Central)

scored two goals in each half. The wind was so strong that going with the wind was sometimes a detriment because the ball would carry out of bounds or to their

BY CHRIS JACKETT

their grasp on the No. I ranking in Division

"It was a very windy night with the wind blowing at one of the goals," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Oddly enough, we

Junior Kelli Timar played a ball to senior

Ranked No. 1 in Division I. Novi's girls soccer team (5-0-1, 3-0-1 KLAA Central) has a busy week ahead of themselves. The girls were scheduled to host South Lyon East (5-3-0, 0-3-0 Central) two nights ago and visit No. 3 Northville (7-0-2, 3-0-1 Central)

begins with Saline (4-4-0) I p.m. Saturday, Plymouth Salem (3-3-2, 1-1-1 Central) 7 p.m. Tuesday and No. 15 Livonia Stevenson (3-2-1, 1-2-1 Central) 7 p.m. next Thursday.

tonight before a six-game home stand

Nikki Greenhalgh inside the Spartan goal box and Greenhalgh dribbled around the zoalkeeper to shoot into an empty just The early 1-0 Novi lead would last just ir minutes before it was increased to 2-0 when senior Nicki Caruso one-timed a Greenhalgh cross past the diving Stevenson

"We put lots of pressure on Stevenson fo

the rest of the half but they held strong to Keep the score 2-0, O'Ceary said,
A corner kick by junior Katie Rudzinski
found sophomore Natalie Krygier for a goal
17 minutes into the second half and, three minutes later, Caruso scored on a cross

from junior Jessica Jarvis.
"In the second half, with us going against the wind, we did a real nice job of keeping the ball on the ground and combining passes to keep possession," O'Leary said. asses to keep possession," O'Leary said. A young South Lyon squad (2-6-1, 1-3-0 Central) couldn't keep up with the Wildcats last Thursday, as Novi cruised to a 7-0 vic-

Greenhalgh began the scoring eight minutes into the contest when she received a split pass from Krygier and ripped a shot inside of the far post.

Nine minutes later, a Wildcat corner kick led to five passed around the goal box before Caruso found Jarvis for a goal. It only took two more minutes before Caruso notched another assist with a cross to Greenhalgh, setting the score at 3-0

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Champs in the House

State Rep. Hugh Crawford (far left) recognized the Novi Wildcat Varsity Hockey team in a special ceremony on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives. The Wildcats recently took the title of 2010-2011 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I Champions in a shutout victory over Orchard Lake. "This team has tremendous talent," said Crawford (R-Novi). "They fought through a lot of tough competitors to rise to the top and become Division 1 State Champions. We are so proud of their accomplishments and have enjoyed the excitement they have brought to the City of Novi." Also honored by Crawford was MHSAA Hockey Coach of the Year, Todd Krygier. Krygier (far right), a Novi native, is a retired professional hockey player with nine seasons of NHL hockey and experience on three USA national teams. He has coached youth hockey in Novi the past five years. Crawford presented Coach Krygier with a tribute announcing the accomplishments he has attained while working with the high school studen athletes. "We are fortunale to have a fine and talented coach," Crawford said. "Todd Krygier was voted by his peers as Coach of the Year, that speaks for itself for what a truly fine coach he is,

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer drive

There will be a soccer equipment drive from 7 a.m.-3 p.m on both Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8 during the 2011 Jaguar Invitational at ITC Community Sports Park (Eight Mile and Napier roads)

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contact Jack Flaharty at (248) 360-0346 or jflaharty@com-Salem, as Novi took the 800 Maple and Walnut Lake roads. (51.6 seconds), while Salem Visit www.detroitarchers.com 3,200 relay.

Wildcat girls take the

Teamwide success leads

BY CHRIS JACKETT

After a battle between the last two undefeated teams in the KLAA Central Division, Novi's girls track and field team is atop the division with a 3-0 record.

The Wildcats defeated Plymouth Salem (3-2, 2-1 26 by an 83-54 margin.

Sweeping four events proved to be the difference naker, as it accounted for 36 points. The girls got the best of the Rocks in the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 3,200 run and high jump. Junior Kelly McCloskey led the way in both hurdle events, winning the 100 in 15.9 seconds and the 300 in 46.3 seconds. Sophomore Lina Davis followed by tak-(92-feet-1) and shot put (31ing second in the 300 in 51.2 seconds and third in the 100 in 17.4 seconds.

Freshman Abby Downs took second in the 100 in 16.5 seconds, while senior Melody Nicklaus was third in the 300 in 53.5 seconds. Downs also earned the Wildcats big points in the high jump (4-feet-6) by fin-

ishing second in both events The Wildcats got a variety of points from different student-athletes across the board. The relay teams split with

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won the 1,600 relay and

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Novi's girls track and field team (3-0 KLAA Central) were scheduled to host South Lyon (D-2 Central) last Tuesday and look to wrap up the division title with a 3:45 p.m. trip to Livonia

Stevenson (2-1 Central) on

Tuesday.

Novi also got first-place finishes from junior D'Mya Davis in the 100 dash (12.9 seconds), junior Jasmine Ward in the 400 dash (59.1 seconds), sophomore Jackie Mullins in the 3,200 run (11:56.3), freshman Kerri McMahan in the high jump (4-feet-8) and senior Rachel

Also contributing to the Novi sweeps in the two-mile run and high jump were senior Kelsey Hodge, junior Zoe Jenkins and Arrvah Hodge (12:35.4) and Jenkins (13:05.4) followed Mullins across the finish line in the 3,200 run, while Arrvah 4-fect-6) combined with McMahan and Downs in the igh jump.

videspread that they earned at least one point in every individual event, as the two relays they lost were the only two overall events they didn't earn any points.

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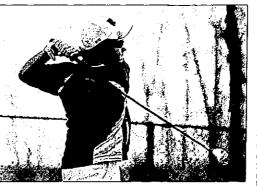


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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Novi Wildcat golfer Mike Wenzel tees off at South Lyon's Walnut Creek on April 27.



Garrett Buckley tees off at Walnut Creek

incoming football signees visited Adrian College to watch a summer practice and small-sided scrimmage.

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The Wildcat golfers split

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of Novi and the top four

scorers all hit under 40 for

Kozinski led the way with a

34 score, followed by fresh

man Garret Buckley (36),

junior Johany Walker (37)

ind senior Sam Palmer (38)

The junior varsity team

went 2-0 against the two

division rivals, defeating South Lyon 178-192 and ther South Lyon East 184-204.

Chris Park led the way

against the Lions with a 43,

followed by Mike Tomkinson

(45), Brandon Halmaghi (45) and Mike Dickmann (45).

the way with a 44, followed

by Tomkinson (45) Chris

Park (47) and Matt Kulie

Against East, Dan Park led

The varsity and junior var-

sity squads are scheduled to continue division play last

night at Plymouth Salem,

Monday against Livonia Stevenson and Wednesday

with the two home meets

next week taking place at

Novi's Division I state

champion ice hockey team

made a trip to Lansing last

Thursday and was honored by the Michigan House

of Representatives at the state capitol and even had a

Novi senior Brian Bush took a trip to his future col-

the floor of the House.

in South Lyon.

ICE HOCKEY

FOOTBALL

Walnut Creek Country Club

against South Lyon East. All three meets are at 3 p.m.,

chance to pose for a photo on The No. 9-ranked Novi lacrosse team (8-1, 4-0 KLAA Kensington) defeated all three opponents of the past week by nine or more goals per game. The 'Cats hosted No. 81 lege April 23. Bush and other Walled Lake Western (2-8,

0-3 Kensington) April 27, No. 55 North Farmington/ Harrison (4-5) last Friday and No. 67 Plymouth (3-6, 0-3 Kensington) last Monday in a successful home stand. Novi walloped the Warriors 19-1 before dismantling Harrison 15-4

and Plymouth 14-5. However, the final four Wildcat opponents heading into the playoffs are all winning teams. On deck within the week are No

25 Utica Eisenhower (6-North (7-3), No. 39 Canton (4-3, 2-1 Kensington) and No. 4 Northville (6-1, 3-0

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS The Novi Athletic

Boosters are accepting nominations for all seven board positions (president vice president, secretary, treasurer and three trustees) to serve during the 2011-12 school year. The nonprofit organization benefits the high school and middle school athletic programs. The election will take place during the regu-Boosters meeting 6 p.m Wednesday in Room 160 at Novi High School. There are also several volunteer sitions available. Contact Jomination Committee Chair Andy Littleton at alitleton@FGS.com for more

Join Novi girls basketball coach Bill Kelp for a girls basketball camp June 20-24 The camp will run from 8:30 a.m.-noon all five days at the

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

high school performance gyn and fieldhouse. Student-athletes grades 2-9 are invited to attend and the camp will be broken into two age groups (2-5 and 6-9), with 8-foot baskets for the younger group and usual 10-foot baskets for

the older group. Emphasis will be placed on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats' offensive and defen-

sive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are equired. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competition All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basket ball. Cost to attend is \$120. All registration is online at

http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics through the Total Gate Solutions link on the right side of the page. E-mail Kelp at bkelp@novi

k12.mi.us for more informa-

ATHLETIC CAMPS

In addition to the girls basketball camp, visit http:// www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics for a list of other sports camps being run by Novi High School coaches and student-athletes. All the camps take place at the high school middle school or Novi Woods Other camps include

boys basketball June 20cheerleading July 11-14 lacrosse July 11-14, footbal both July 11-14 and July 18 and Aug. 16-19, and pom por

SOCCER

heading into the halftime break. The Caruso-Greenhalgh combo nnected again five minutes into the second half when Caruse played a cross out of reach for the Lions' goalkeeper and Greenhalg for a hat trick

Greenhalgh found Caruso five minutes later with a cross for a one-timer goal of her own, notch

Caruso got another goal after taking a split pass from Timar, beating a defender and finishing with a shot that landed inside the

The youngsters got involved late in the game, as freshman Kendall Kramer played a split pass through the South Lyon bor that found junior Casey Sutton, who slid the ball under the diving Lions netminder with 10 minute

The Wildcats outshot their division foes 31-7, with a 20-2 advantage for those landing on net as Gauruder got the victory in goa Not having much time off after the victory, the girls battled a solid Country Day team Saturday morn

"From the beginning it was obvious that Country Day was going with a very defensive game plan, getting many players behind the ball and limiting their attack to quick counter attacks, *O'Leary said. "It would make it very dif ficult to score goals, but we had the majority of possession for th

Caruso eventually got Novi on the board 24 minutes into the game when she beat a defender and then won a race to the end line. In an effort to keep a low hard cross in front of the net that bounced off a defender and into the goal.

The Vellowingkets defense would hold strong until there was less than two minutes left in the

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VanderMey is named head swim coach for girls program

The Novi girls swim and dive team has a new head coach leading the way, but she

After hove swim and dive coach Eric Lynn coached the eirls team on an interim basis last fall following the sudden pre-season departure of Scott Teeters, the Wildonts announced last week that Annette VanderMey will take over the position for the foresecable future.

VanderMey, 43, coached various high school athletes in clubs throughout the Lansing, netro Detroit, Toledo and East Grand Rapids areas from 1986 to 2007 before taking some time off from coaching moved to Novi in 2008. From 2000-07, she and her husband, Mark, worked together to build up a St. Clair Shores club program.

We took a team that was basically nonexistent and built them into a strong-running team," VanderMey said. "Me and my husband met on the pool deck in Indianapolis. We took a few different coaching jobs trying to move up the coaching ladder."

Having swam as a student at East Detroit High School, VanderMey began coaching during her first year of college "I went to Michigan State

and got my degree in physical education and educational scititle as a freshman ence." VanderMey said. "I got a job coaching my fresl year of college and I fell in love with it and was passionate Since moving to Novi,

VanderMey has worked parttime in a small office while her usband coaches a club team South Lyon. When the Novi it immediately sparked her

up and my daughter swims there and I'm involved there, VanderMey said, "After I've



In-coming Novi High girls' swim team coach Annette VanderMey at the school's pool.

cess, it made me realize how much I've missed coaching VanderMey's daughter, Andrea, will be a junior in backstroke Division I state

"It's going to be exciting. She was a lot younger and wasn't mature with success in her swimming career vet when I VanderMey said, "She's excited nd the two of us will work During her time away from

coaching, she watched Andrea and the Novi team swim unde Teeters and Lynn, but couldn't shake watching the meets

"I look at swimming like a football player or a baseball

player," VanderMey said. "I'm not doing this for Andrea, I'm doing this for me and my interest in coaching and influ encing the girls for the next 20

Planning to be a part of the Novi program for a long time. VanderMey already has some ideas about next season. After finishing 11th in Division I last year, eight seniors will graduate next month, but nine six freshmen are expected to return a core of experience in

"We lose a lot of points in our seniors, but there's a good amount of girls who will step to be fine. We've still got our said. "We will be right there with the thick of things: Nov

Kolis, Sinkovich and junior

junior Emily Bielski each had

Abby Robinson had two

Robinson, Scott, Powers.

ple I didn't expect, but two

of my big hitters did nothing

As a team, Novi had 14 hits

and 20 runners, but left 13 on

base, nine of which came in

"As far as hitting, I was

pleased. With that many hits

and runners on base, you

should be pounding some

body," Lulek said. "My big

came just a few days after Friday's 5-1 loss to Canton

Meaghan Robinson led Nov.

with three hits, followed by

two singles from Oakley, one

Richter was steady early on

the mound, recording three

hits, six strikeouts and one

run through five innings.

With the score tied 1-1.

inning and allowed a run.

Richter took back over

in the seventh, but allowed

three runs on three hits to

(9-0, 2-0 Kensington).

The tough loss to Plymouth

hitters just didn't produce

senior Katie Marra and

a single.

to be OK. We'll have our work cut out for us. I'm not worried.'
The new coach was scheduled to host a team meeting for parents, students and potential team members last

right at the high school. She said, although 30-40 swimming and others compete in different sports during the offseason, that she encourages her Wildcats to continue train ing and working out throughout the offseason and summer until the team can hit the poo together in August.

"I'm very excited and I've already started," VanderMey said. "They're going to see the changes in the program imme-diately. They won't have to

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to win the state title. They're

online at hometownlife.com

Senior Ashley Aljadah lost 6-0, 6-0 at two singles against both the Wolves and Mustangs.

"She's giving it her all each "Han be a single and "Han be a single

match," Hanson said, "Her

We've just got to keep bat-

Rebecca Chen dropped a 6-i, 6-0 decision to Clarkston and

Freshman Asawari Kanitka put up a fight against

lost 6-1, 6-3 to Northville.

Northville freshman Alex

Jeannotte at four singles, but

lost 6-4, 7-5 after losing a 6-0

6-1 contest against Clarkston

matches of the year," Hanson

The two doubles tandem of

"Good matches against the

state and you can't be ashamed

High school tennis boils down

o the team that makes the

The Wildcats' junior varsity squad also upended South

Lvon's varsity team 7-0 in a

rescheduled from a rainy April

Thursday, which had been

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fewest mistakes will win.

"Rebecca and Asawari both stuck their nose in there and battled and played their best

scores aren't indicative of how she's doing. She's getting each team's second best player.

very strong team."
The victory kept Jie and Zhou perfect on the season ıt 5-0, but that streak would end Friday when Novi travled to Northville for a Centra 7-2 to the No. 5 Mustangs. Jie

"Northville's got a good team," Hanson said. "We finally got a good day where the sun was shining and the wind wasn't blowing too hard. It was a good match. In the end us. We stuck our nose in there

Although the four doubles jrs. Emily Kwederis and Ori andem was the only flight to Nagasaka fell to 3-3 on the season after losing 6-0, 6-3 to Clarkston and 6-3, 6-3 to parts, two flights pulled off vicries against rival Northville Northville. Junior Abby Wang took a -6. 6-2. 6-1 decision over and junior Emily Sheeran also Northville's Joanne Weber at

me singles following a 6-2, 6-0 a 6-4, 6-0 loss to Clarkston and 6-1, 6-2 loss to Northville In the league dual meet against Northville, junior "Abby had to work hard," Hanson said, "Joanne Weber Natalie Doherty and senio Nikhita Surapaneni debuted with a 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-1 loss.

played a nice first set, but Abby didn't get down and continued vorking there." Two days after suffering just their second loss of the season Meggie Riegel and Jenna nyder fought to a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

victory over Northville in ones

"Overall, we got a slow start in a couple of the flights. When we fall down as a team is the start of the matches." Hanson said. "(The Wolves) are really good and I think Meggie and nna did a real nice jo

Things didn't work out for



Novi's Logan Regnier beats a throw to second base during the Wildcat's April

SOFTBALL

The same thing ended the fifth inning for Novi, as nei-ther team could score in the fifth or sixth innings

After a single, a Plymouth error, a bunt to move the runners and a walk, senior Madd Sinkovich took the plate with one out and bases loaded. One of Novi's more powerful baters. Sinkovich couldn't put the Cats ahead, hitting a lin drive back to the pitcher for a double play. With Richter back in the

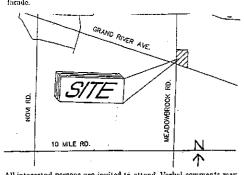
game to close out the seventh nning. Plymouth got two hits, with the second com ing on a catch by Kolis that wasn't followed with a throw

"We made the play, we just didn't make the throw," Lulek

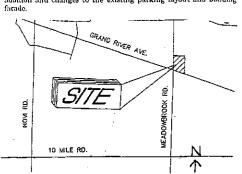
With runners on first and second, Plymouth got their 14th hit of the day to drive in the winning run for an 8-7

"We didn't play great defense, but neither did they. If we played the defense I , know we're capable of playing, we would've pulled it out," Lulek said. "We did a lot of good things, we had a suimy order got on, but my top ouldn't.'

Batting wasn't an issue for Novi, as nine different players got at least one hit. Freshman Laura Oakley led



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place than where I want her.

Lulek said. "Defensively second basemen Kimberley ing game and so did catcher tie Marra. Defensively we played very well and only had

"As far as the kids, they didn't give up," Lulek said. "I had some big hits from peo-Lulek also praised Marra's defense against Plymouth as she has been one of the most consistent players on the Wildcats' roster when it comes to defensive effort.

"Every game that we've lost, it's been last inning. Lulek said. "I can't say the kids aren't trying or we aren't competitive. I want the kids to play to their ability. We're 1-4 right now, but I don't feel

With Richter and Scott struggling on the mound, and a strong defense falling apart late in games. Lulek ranging a few defensive pos tions. He also said he would look at bringing up 6-feet-1 freshman Natalie Tarrant from the junior varsity team. Tarrant will get tested at

Tournament in Royal Oak. "They're nice pitchers, bu they're not going to take us to the level I'm looking at," Lulek said. "If we just had one killer pitcher, boy we'd be tough. I'm really looking at a JV pitcher. She brings the ball in harder than my varsity pitchers, but her ball is more all over the

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BASEBALL

the third inning. As a team, Novi gave away 17 free bases between walks, hit batters and one error.

Caputo was most effective pitcher, allowing just two hits, two walks, one run and mak-ing two strikeouts in three

innings of action. "We were down 13-0 in that game and made it 13-10. but we made a baserunning mis-take in the sixth inning and it could've been 13-11 or 13-12," Green said. "I was happy with the way we fought back, but told the kids we had to start challenging these hitters with

Each team had nine hits last Friday, indicating troubles on the mound, as 24 combine runs stemmed from just 18

Junior Mike Zugaro led the 'Cats at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Regnier added two RBIs on 2-for-3 hitting, while junior Jim Eloff went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Seniors Nick Bageris, Jeff Weber and junior Alex Davis each added a hit, as well Things improved a bit earlier this week against Plymouth (10-3, 5-1 Kensington) as Novi allowed just six walks, but the final result wasn't much different, as Novi committed

strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings of

We had a 4-2 lead most of the game and they kept com-ing back. I was happier with today," Green said. "Mike

Offensive highlights include Regnier's first home run of the season, a two-run shot. including a double and RBI. Marshall Howard each had Ivler Schwanz and Bageris added singles. Zugaro als

Despite the offensive effort the South Division Wildcats.

duties from Root and allowed striking out one batter in the seventh inning. With two outs batter. Regnier threw a wild ning run to cross the plate for

"I have a good feeling we'll turn things around soon,

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Just imagina

STRICTLY BUSINESS

Chamber members: Networking the best way to build business

Diane Dunn, who plays the harp for special events, always had work, but her Novi-based business doubled after she foine

Dennis Haggerty of Livonia just started a new business called Ed Tech, so he joined the chamber last week "It's all about meeting people

and building relationships," said Gerald Bricker, a business coach and consultant from Northville All three were at the Neighboring Networking event April 28 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. It was a combined event involving the Livonia,

Novi and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce Networking is so important to building a business, the Novi chamber holds four to six networking events per month, Executive Director Linda Daly said. And, their members really like combined networking event. because it gives them a chance to

meet even more people. planner for Merrill Lynch in Farmington Hills, was happy with the turnout April 28, saying it was one of the bestattended events he had been to this year. "It's an opportunity for me to meet a lot of differen professionals," he said. He had been to breakfast

mixers that drew about 20-25

people.

Julie Schultz of Sunset RV Storage Service in Livonia wanted to let people know they have room for hundreds of she and her husband opened on Stark Road. "We're trying to get



Jack Jackson, a business service representative for Michigan Works, was at the mixer to mee potential employers for the job seekers he represents. He said no matter how glitzy a resume are sent out, there is no substitute for having a personal contact inside a company.

"Any contact you make with a human being is so much more effective than sending

The Novi chamber will hold



Oakland economy is in early stages of sustained recovery After posting modest job losses last calendar back to normal. For many year following an abysmal 2009, the Oakland County conomy should add nearl three years — the best years since 2000, say University of Michigan economists. In their annual forecast of the Oakland County economy, George Fulton and Don Grimes of the U-M Institute for Research or

Economy say that Oakland will add nearly 11,000 jobs this year, another 8,000 next year and more than 9,700 in 2013. Last calendar year,

Oakland County lost less than 1,200 jobs after losing nearly 60,000 jobs in 2009, and is currently adding jobs — the majority in sectors most tied to the New Economy "The resurgence in the Oakland County econo

appears to be no fluke, not related to any unusual by improvements in the U.S. economy, a reborn auto industry and the county's still-strong economic fun looking policy initiatives," Fulton said. "Although the recovery is slower than what we've seen in the mos recent expansions - a trend we also anticipate for the nation as a whole - we do see the county economy a being on an upward and sustained growth trajectory

The net gain in jobs forecast over the next three years (including 2011), how ever, indicates only that the broad decline in employ-ment has ended. It does not mean that the economy i

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residents, the economic struggles will continue. According to the forecast. the private service-providing sector will add more than 25,000 jobs through 2013. More than half of these job gains (14,000) will be in professional and business services, with another 3,900 new jobs in health services and 3,100 in gains in the service-providover the three years: 8,900 this year, 7,300 next year

and 9,000 in 2013. In the goods-producing sector, which includes man ufacturing, construction and Fulton and Grimes predict obs gains of 5.400 over the next three years, with motor vehicle manufacturing accounting for about half. Nearly two-thirds of the overall job gains in the goods sector through 2013 will occur this year

"The major contributing factor to the job gains in manufacturing is the resurgence of the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, where employment is forecast to increase 20 percent over the next three years," Fulton said.

M forecast of Oakland County's economy was sponsored by 12 regional orgawas hosted by the county's Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs, Chase and Oakland

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Gas prices, weather hit retail sales

Michigan retailers are worried about rising gasoline prices. Sharply higher pump prices, together with cool weather and a late Easter, drove down March sales and future sales projections, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers ciation (MRA) and the Federal Reserve

The retail industry's March sales performance dipped to its lowest level since last July and its optimism slipped to the lowest since last

With gasoline prices more than \$1 per gallon higher than last year, it should come as no sur-prise that retailers are concerned," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "In fact, rising prices at the pump did ent into March sales."

included: "Gasoline prices are hitting that uncomfortable mark [again]," and, "The high price of gas and diesel is putting brakes on this

recovery."

Other comments ranged from, "The weather so far has not been too cooperative," to Weather really hurt, and late Easter also hurt March sales. The Michigan Retail Index for March found

that 32 percent of retailers increased sales

over the same month last year, while 39 per-

ent recorded declines and 29 percent saw no The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 42.9, down from 55.2 in February and 53.3 in January.

decrease in overall retail activity. Looking forward, 54 percent of retailers expect sales during the 2nd Quarter to increase over the same period last year, while 14 percent roject a decrease and 32 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 63.8, down from 72.3 in both February

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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Walkable communities and downtowns are home selling pluses

It turns out many of us would rather work closer to home, given the choice. We like walkable communities where we can get to shops restaurants and other amenities ithout driving — at least not too

Americans favor walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, with 56 percent of respondents preferring smart growth neighborhoods over neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation. That's according to a recent study, the Community Preference Survey, by the National Association of Realtors.

Walkable communities are defined as those where shops, restaurants, and local ousinesses are within walking distance from homes. According to the survey, when considering a home pur-chase, 77 percent of respondents said they would look for neighborhoods with abundant sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly features. and 50 percent would like to see improvements to existing public transportation rather than initiatives to build new roads and devel-

lony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said, "I think communities with downtowns are finding a bit of a resur-gence. People like that walkability.

Bruscato finds Plymouth residents and visitors enjoy the downtown restaurants and shopping. In the case of Plymouth we h Kellogg Park which is certainly the center for a number of activities;"

Other nearby communities have had a number of homes in foreclosure. "Plymouth wasn't sheltered from that, but I don't think we had as many." More people remained employed, Bruscato said, and the appeal of a walkable downtown helped to boost home sales.

Bruscato lives in Canton, but often visits downtown Plymouth T've hung out for a dozen years or more. You get to know the people, you get to know the fun spots," he said. Such communities are more

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"They don't have to go very far to enjoy family activities." The DDA and Plymouth community in general have a lot of family-friendly acts, like Art in the Park, various concerts in Kellogg Park and the

Plymouth Fall Festival. The fact that you don't have to go far to get to them to enjoy them ith your family and friends is a plus," Bruscato said.

"My commute's 10 feet into my basement so it's pretty close," said Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who lives about two blocks from downtown Plymouth and owns the Westwing Communications public relations firm. His family had owned the for mer Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth.

"Where I am is not really impor-tant, it's what I do," said Lorenz, who finds he's more productive by not commuting. "You cannot beat being able to work for yourself in your own home office

He likes to go to the Plymouth mers market. "We have a dozen restaurants we can go to in downtown Plymouth from our house. We're very happy that we live so close to the community, to the downtown, but it's not by acciden

When the couple's kids were younger, they'd ride bicycles into town for ice cream. "And now of course I pedal my bike downtown to Panera Bread every morning and have coffee," Lorenz said. He hears people talking about commutes to v and Southfield in snow:

"It's hard to be productive when vou're sitting in a car." Lorenz said. He likes working in his home and having an attractive downtown:

"No question it's a nice-lifestyle. We like it very much." (1) 2757 Downtowns like Northville and Farmington are also walkable, a selling point for potential buyers. Farmington Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Annette Knowles said. We do hear quite frequently why many people choose to live close to a downtown is so they will ha wntown is so they will have walkable access.

"There are a lot of neighborhoods that surround our downtown," she said. "Our downtown really starts as a neighborhood gathering place.

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People like to meet their friends downtown for a cup of coffee." A lot make a decision to support downtown merchants, she said, and can walk or ride a bike to and through

She lives in Farmington, and can ride her bike in the summer. "In the winter, it's just a little too far to go" without a car, she said with a

"I really think there is a new way of thinking among people to come back to support their local com-munity. What better way to do that than to support your local businesses downtown?" Knowles said. "There is really just a way of thinking that 'We want to support the merchants that are here." The Sundquist Pavilion in

Farmington's Riley Park hosts concerts, the farmers market, and a number of other events. "The intent is to showcase the downtown as a regional destination." she said 'Hopefully they make the decision at some point later to come back." The number of events appeal to people as does variety, the Rhythmz concert series, Art on the Grand, Founders Festival, Harvest Moon and Holly Days.
"The calendar of events is very,

very active," she said. Uniqueness and charm of the downtown becomes an asset "where they do have walkable streets." Knowles said outdoor seating and window shopping add appeal.
"There is a segment of the population that I think does look for that,"

she said of the "hometown" feel. Two years ago, Farmington began a new streetscape with brick paver sidewalks and plantings. "We are as a community continually taking steps to improve the walkability

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in our downtown," said Knowles (Plymouth is also working on public downtown improvements.)

The NAR survey also revealed that while space is important to omebuyers, many are willing to sacrifice square footage for less driving. Eighty percent of those surveyed would prefer to live in a single-family, detached home as long as it didn't require a longer commute, but nearly three out of five of those surveyed — 59 percent — would choose a smaller home if it utes or less.

NAR leaders added the survey showed people nationwide share that desire for a walkable comm nity. "Realtors care about improving communities through smart growth initiatives," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick R.I. "Our members don't just sell homes, they sell neighborhoods. Realtors understand that differ ent homebuyers are looking for all kinds of neighborhood settings and that many home buvers want walkable, transit-accessible communi

The survey also found that community characteristics are very important to most people. When considering a home purchase, 88 percent of respondents placed more alue on the quality of the neighborhood than the size of the home, and 77 percent of those surveyed want communities with high-quality schools.

The survey of 2,071 adult Americans was conducted by Belden, Russonello and Stewart from Feb. 15-24, 2011.

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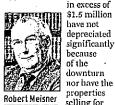
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Naples has seen declines in value

Q: Do you have any informatio high end side of single family wondering if this is the time to

A: In speaking with a number of real estate agents in February 2011, it appears that the properties



downturn nor have the properties selling for

\$300,000 Rather, it is properties in the range of \$300,000 to \$1.5 mil that have suffered 20 to 40 percent declines but that in all price ranges, the market is beginning to rebound. Of course, location is always a key factor in determining price valuations and waterfront

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Q: What is your attitude towards the

development of a mixed use project?

A: The ideas and reality

of mixed use as a preferred

urban forum are still in thei

relative infancy. The driving forces behind the attraction to the mixed use model include

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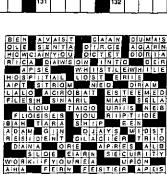
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Hiring managers weigh in

Facing the most difficult job market in decades, job seekers are often advised to stand out among the competition by tactics to grab an employer's attention While that advice is sound and good, it raises the question of whether or not these avant-garde approaches actually Well -- it depends

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"I personally like those candidates that think outside of the box. As an HR professional, nothing makes me happie than knowing a candidate for a marketing position has, for example, created a brochure that is actually his or her résumé," says Vani Colombo, HR director for VIP desk, a customer and concierge service. "I'm always amazed when candidates break the rules with class to stand out. It shows they are resourceful and willing to go the extra

Tactics that worked Vinh Nguyen, 30, is a great example, of someone who didn't want to fall prey to the same fate as other unsuccessfu applicants -- but who stood out in a good way. Career Tiger, a service that helps people find a job through unique and

unconventional methods, helped Nguyen When asked a question during an interview with a health-care IT ompany, he surprised his interviewers hy pulling out a whiteboard, writing lown his thought process and taking control of the interview.

"Differentiating yourself from your ctition makes sense. The idea is to show that you are a thought leader in your area and that your knowledge is valuable," Nguyen says. "It was awkward at first, but breaking away

the company as a project manager. TTG Consultants, a consulting firm, recalls a client who was a designer and really wanted to make an impression in an upcoming interview.

in a model of a previous thems-park exhibit ne'd designed. He'd bring in with him three clowns who would be playing musical instruments. They would walk around the room for a minute or so, playing a song, and then exit, leaving the model for the interviewer to view in more detail," Bowman says. "The idea worked. His out-of-the-WILL WORK FOR box tactics got him the job

than he'd expected." While both of these unconventional methods worked in these instances, many hiring managers say that alternative tactics often walk a fine line between admirable and creative and

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just plain inappropriate.
"I would consider a candidate who used a tactic if it was ethical and demonstrated a behavior that would be relevant to the job they were interested in." says Kim Lockhart, regional vice president fo Spherion Corp., a recruiting and staffing provider. "For example, if someone was trying to get their name in consideration for a sales position and was using techniques to obtain an interview similar to the way they would approach securing a sale, I would consider it." Tactics that didn't

Though many job seekers have successfully used creative job-search tactics, there seem to be an equal number of unsuccessful applicants, according to some hiring managers.

A few months ago, Carolyn Turner, a business coach in Portland, Ore., was helping a client hire an office manager "We had one applicant arrive unannounced at the office with a cherry pie

she had baked that morning. She explained that she wanted to stand out from all the other applicants -- which she did, but just in a scary, stalkerish kind of way," Turner says. "I got a call from the business owner that day wondering what to do; no one wanted to eat the pie, but she lest it in her own pic plate, which meant

was all just very awkward." Turner says that having gone through hundreds of résumés for that position, it became clear that good candidates stand out just by how they present themselves in their cover letters and résumés. "There's really no need to go over the

they had to get it back to her somehow. It

says. "For the majority of businesses and positions, a really well-written cover etter is more than enough You'd be surprised at how many badly written cover letters and résumés there Don't try this at home

top to get noticed," she

Christine Bolzan, CEO of Graduate Career Coaching, agrees with Turner and strongly advises against extreme tactics in the inh search. She save

many applicants who use these methods end up with a permanent "Do Not Hire" label in their company file. Bolzan recalls two examples of what not to try in your job-search efforts, one of which includes gift giving.

"I've received flowers, wine, perfume and the most memorable of all -- a pair of Ferragamo shoes, which was a generous attempt at a ping following our brief conversation of great things to buy at Heathrow Duty Free," Bolzan says. "This

companies have a policy against accepting

gifts of any sort." Another job search no-no? Stalking the interviewer, which Bolzan says she's encountered on several different levels. including people who have waited in career fair parking lots and others who've waited outside the office building.

is never appropriate. In fact, many

encountered followed me into the pool at my hotel at 10 p.m. when I was trying to get a break from a long day at a large-scale recruiting event," Bolzan says. "The same event where I found over 100 on my rental car windshield, and woke in the morning to even more résumés slipped under my hotel room door.

Barring stalker behavior and lavish gifts, out-of-the-box tactics can work if you play your cards right. Greg Masiewich, manager of marketing and online communications for IQ Partners Inc., offers these tips:

1. Make it relevant "Whatever tactic you choose to use. make sure it's relevant to the position you're applying for." Masiewich says. "If you choose a tactic that you think will grab a hiring manager's attention but what you're about, then it can come off as just seeming strange and weird instead of creative and clever.

2. Don't go too far "It's important to walk that fine line between different, yet not going too far with trying to stand out. If you do something that's too overly crazy, you can come off seeming a little creepy and weird instead of like a star applicant with a sense of determination," Masiewich says. Remember, you want to grab their

"Remember that no matter the tactic you use to try and gain the attention of a hiring manager, at the end of the day they're still going to hire the person who they feel can do the job best." Masiewich says. "An out-of-the-box tactic might get you an interview, but it's still up to you to show you're not only determined, but also

the best person for the job."
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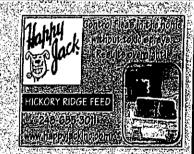




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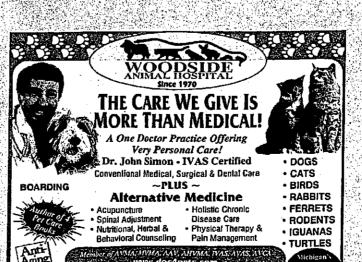




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