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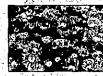


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Election to feature battles for council, mayor

Fischer, Gatt look to replace Landry officer for 27 years. Making up the council candidates are a pair of familiar faces in current

BY NATHAN MUELLER

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Novi residents will have a choice at the polls this November as seven people have put their name in the mix to run for city council and two will duel for the chance to be mayor.

The council candidates will be vying for one of three open seats on council while the mayoral candidates seek to replace current mayor David Landry,

who after three two-year terms decid-

council members Dave Staudt and Wayne Wrobel. Staudt is seeking reed to not run again.

Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt and council election to a second four-year term member Justin Fischer will battle for mayor for the first time. Fischer was just while Wrobel, who was appointe to his seat last year when Kathy elected to his first term on city council in 2009, while Gatt's second term on council is slated to end in November. The two also have city experience

Oakland County commissioner, looks to get elected for the first time. prior to joining council as Fischer served on the zoning board of appeals for five years and Gatt was a police

Casey, Rickie Ibe, Ed Kramer, Donna Casey, who is in her second term as

and Kramer, who served one term on city council from 1997-2001, both made bids last year to be appointed to the seat currently held by Wrobel.

Ibe, who has been on the zoning board of appeals for the last three years, Skelcy, who also is on the ZBA, and Verma, who is on the library board, are all seeking office for the first time. The filing deadline to run for office Crawford stepped down to serve as an

in Novi was at 4 p.m. on Tuesday. The general election is Nov. 8.

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Twice as nice: Novi's two robotics teams do well at worlds

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER Competing at the FIRST Championship was an experience many students on Novi's two robotics teams said they

would never forget. of the four-day event in St. And judging by their suc-cess over the years, they won't have to wait long to go back. This was the 10th time in 11 Louis, Mo. that started on April 27 that included nearly 600 teams from 29 different countries, competing in various events dealing with years that Novi High School's FIRST Robotics team, Frog

"It was definitely a cool championships. And, the for the first time in six years, they experience and it seemed like the city adjusted just for this event, said high school senior were joined by the middle school's FIRST Lego League team, the Techno Tadpoles. event, said nigh school senior and Frog Force team presi-dent Sandeep Palepu. We are completely satisfied with how we finished and consider it

an honor to be one of the few teams to go back to worlds every year."
The only time Frog Force missed out on competing at the championships was 2004,

2005 by winning the competi-This year's team finished

in the middle of the pack and was nominated for the chair-Tom Pawlicki, a high school

senior and project manager for Frog Force, said his seven years of being involved with FIRST has been a great experience and better prepared him for his future.

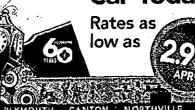
He plans on attending Kettering University and studying mechanical engi-

neering. "(Being in FIRST) taught me so many different skills that you don't learn in a class room," he said. The idea behind FIRST is

to get kids involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities,

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and current and former members of Frog Force are doing

Palepu plans on studying biomedical engineering at Columbia University, and mentor Craig Hepler said he has employed by NASA, studying a Yale and Harvard or are work ing in the engineering field.

"It has been really neat to watch them grow," Hepler said. For the Tadpoles, which is the feeder program for Frog Force, the championships were

The team earned the Champion's Award at both the regional and state competi-tions to get an invite to worlds, and at the championship received nominations in five of nine categories — including a third place award for Creative Presentation.

"It was a special moment and really cool to win an award," said eighth-grader

The rookie team, which has been together since 2008, admitted they were nervous

when they first arrived in St

Louis but that quickly disappeared when they got to meet the other teams. "It was a lot easier because

we all had something in com-mon," said Sydnee Pawlicki. Tammy Damrath, Techno Tadpoles coach, said it was an honor to make it out of the competitive Michigan tournament to advance to worlds, and credited the students for their hard work, time management

"It was an absolutely incredible experience," she said. Both teams were part of another too honor at the cham

received the Outstanding Damrath, who is a member of Frog Force, helped the Tadpoles throughout the year, and was one of two students

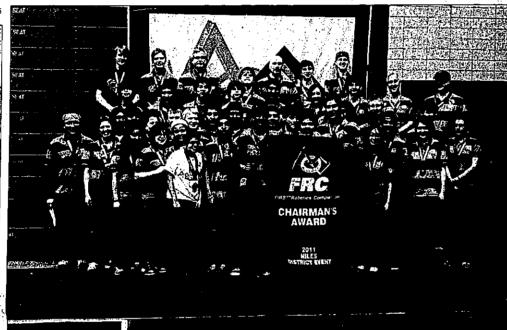
The Tadpole team members had to write an essay nominating Damrath for the honor, which he said "means a lot."

selected from the 81 teams

"Each of the kids had to write a piece of it so it shows I had some sort of influence on exciting honor for me and all



The Techno Tadpoles, a member of the FIRST Lego League, advanced to the FIRST Championship for the first time in the team's six-year history. They even



The Frog Force robotics team earned the Chairman's Award at regionals, states and was nominated for it at the FIRST Championship in St. Louis.

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Shown (from left) are comedySLAM Event Host Joe Nipote, David Maylen of Novi, and Gabriel Nipote of Los Angeles. This is the second year that Nipote has organized and produced the comedySLAM to benefit the Birmingham YMCA. More 260 guests came out for a night of gloglin' and givin'. "I did the event because, not only do I believe in what the YMCA does as an organization, but my own daughter benefited from after-school and camp at the YMCA and we're members," said Event Host and Producer Joe Nipote who now lives in Los Angeles: "I will do anything I can to help children." And that he did — along with five fellow comics, singer Karen Newman, 'Big Al' Muskavito, live music from Mr. Moody and intros by Bobby Mitchell. In the end, more than \$25,000 was raised for scholarships for kids and family in our community.

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Novi residents asked to leave food with mail

Letter carriers drive on Saturday to benefit two Novi programs

oughest times of the year for Novi-based food banks.

Not only are they faced with the challenge of a fewer donations as a result of people heading out of the area for vacations or a lack of holiday food drives, but the need for So on May 14, in an effort to help meet the demand and stock the shelves, the United States Postal Service will

once again host its annual Letter Carrier Food Drive benefitting the food bank at St. James Catholic Church and the Novi Emergency Food Program at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, "This is how we make it through the lean months of

summer when kids are home from school and there are no school lunches," said Pam Coles, Christian service coordinator at St. James. "It's a huge thing for us and truly is a blessing and a huge help." lessing and a huge help." The USPS has been hosting

mean people are not strug-Coles said the St. James food bank is helping between 35 and 40 families a month on top of their emergency packing

The annual Letter Carrier Food Drive to benefit two food banks in Novi is slated for Saturday. Residents wanting to donate can place their non-perishable food items near their mailbox and the letter carriers will

the food drive nationwide for the last 19 years, collecting over one billion pounds of food from coast-to-coast.

Novi's collection last year netted 11,200 pounds of food, and food drive coordinator Sherry McIntosh hopes to sur-pass 12,000 pounds this year. "I find it very exciting and gratifying to see how much we can collect as a community. it is going to help, and just because people think this is a

program that is helping two-to-three families a week. The Novi Emergency Food Program is helping between 40 and 50 families, and fortu-

"We are doing OK, but we are still desperate for food," said Jim Ernst, co-chair of the program. "This is the largest food drive of the year for us so it's very important and is coming at the perfect Helping these two organi

zations is "simple," McIntosh said. All Novi residents have to do is put their nonperishable food items near their mailbor on Saturday and the carriers will pick it up. "We have about 44 routes

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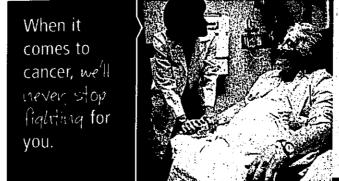
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Novi High School senior Garrett Racicot achieved his dream of becoming an

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Novi senior accomplishes Eagle Scout dream

No one would have blamed Garrett Racicot for quitting his pursuit of Eagle Scout nonors when the challenges

But for the 18-year-old Novi High School senior with spe-cial needs, quitting was never

Racicot was 14 years old vhen he saw a friend earn Eagle Scout, and at that moment he set his mind or

ioining him in the clite club. And on May I, after years of hard work, and a close call -

he completed his final merit badge the weekend before his 18th birthday, which is the cutoff age for becoming an Eagle Scout - Racicot front of his friends and family. s well as Novi Mayor David

"It's a big deal," he said. His mother, Audrey, said it was something she will never forget.

"Just seeing him be able to do all of this and get to this point was one of his dreams,

she said. "It was just a really

obstacles along the way but stuck by the scout's motto of "do your best," He enjoyed the merit badges that dealt with "I wanted to help the CYO

director." Racicot said when asked why he chose the orga-nization for his Eagle Scout project. Audrey said through his

years of scouting, Garrett has grown a lot when it comes to helping other people," and "always loves to help when he nizing the lockers for the CYO organization that operates out of Holy Family Church. His

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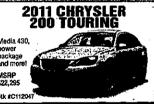
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Racicot was an active volun-

vice, and even was encouraged

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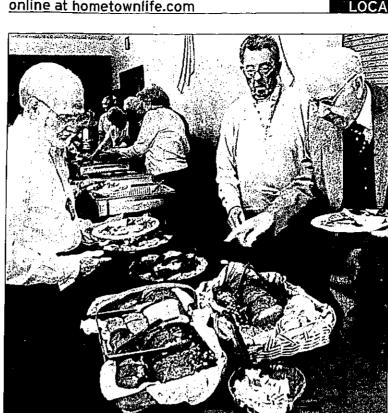
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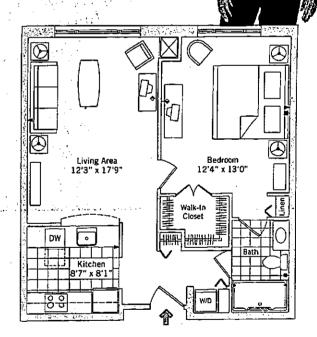
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Voters approve school millage for Northville

After voters approved a millage on May 3, Northville Schools can now go ahead for the next five years and plan on using \$2.4 million annually to repair their existing school facilities. There are 11 school buildings and facilities identi fied for repairs. Prioritized projects include a new roof at Meads Mill Middle School and resurfacing of the parking lot at Silver Springs Elementary School. The school district's technology infrastructure will also be upgraded.

The final tally was 3,400 yes votes to 2,397 no votes.
For Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and Northville Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth, this was the result they had hoped for, and it gives them reassurance the nunity trusts their stew-

ardship. "I'm very delighted," Rezmierski said. "We have a long way to go, but this is the first major step in keeping ou schools properly maintained." Wadsworth said even in

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the community still came out

to show their support. "It feels good to get the community support. Now we can move forward and begin to utilize the funds," she said Setting our priorities as far what projects will come first will be the next step.

Rezmierski said the millage vote reaffirms the goal the school district and Board of Education set out with as they went about putting this proposal before the voters. Getting the word out on the needs beloed the community inderstand what the school district wanted to do, he said.

The projects will be divided up into four areas: high priori ty replacement, facility/systen replacements and improvenents, and technological infrastructure updates.

High priority projects will include work that gets facilities up to code, specifially with the Americans with Disabilities Act and local building standards. Work like repaying of uneven concrete or

It was pulte a sight at Detroit's Cobo Center the week of March 16 as nearly 1,400 students from Wayne. Oakland and Macomb counties were on hand to compete in one of the country's longest continuous science and engineering fairs — the 54th annual Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit. Science and

ngineering students from 6th to 12th grade entered projects in the competition to try and win scholarship noney, prestige, accolades and the right to compete in the State of Michigan Science Fair coming in April. ers will be presented with cash awards and new laptop computers on April 14 at the Detroit Athletic

project was called 'Solar Flair - A Study of the Impact of Temperature on Solar Cell Performance.' His result: show an indirect relationship between temperature and solar cell performance — indicating that solar cells are suitable for cooler climates, and that future solar cell designs should incorporate cooling techniques in

St. Catherine appoints new school administration

team/in preparation for move to new facility

Elementary School in Jackson.

tary school teacher at Eriksson

Elementary School in Canton,

Mich, and has more than 30

years experience in education.

She sees the vision and mission

of St. Catherine's as the critical

foundation necessary for sup-porting young women in faith, virtue, dignity, and joy as they

embrace God's unique plan and phrpose for their lives.

About Mary Ann Foggin.

Campus Ministries: Sr. Mary

Ann is currently the direc-

tor of Vocation Services for the Diocese of Lansing. She is also one of the founders

and current spiritual forma

tor for St. Catherine's House

women attending University of

Michigan. She is a member of

C.S.B, chaplain: Father Elmer is a proponent of Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter, "The

Dignity of Women" and their calling to make a difference in

a world so in need of change.
Fr. Elmer is well-known for his years of dedication to Catholic education, including having

of Discernment for college

Servants of God's Love. About Richard Elmer,

cational career as an elemen-

facilities in Northville are over 30 years old. Many repairs have been delayed in the last six years because of cuts in state funding. The schools have had to use the available funding on maintaining stu-

dent learning. But late last year the Board of Education convened a study group to explore placing the proposal on the May ballot. This was the first time a capital improvement millage proposal was asked for, and Rezmierski said with its pass ing the work will begin to get underway this summer

"While approval of the mill-age won't solve the district's current budget crisis, it does do two important things — it helps to alleviate some of the ssure on the district's general operating fund and ables the district to keep ts buildings in good operat ing condition for students and

The one-mil means homwners with a \$200,000 home will pay \$200 additiona school property taxes annually for the next five years.

served as President of Detroit Catholic Central High School

About Mr. Luke Condit,

dean of students and athletic

director: Luke holds a master

of theological studies degree

in pastoral theology from Ave

Maria University and a bachelo

of arts degree in theology and

philosophy from Franciscan

University. He is currently the

associate dean of Students for

Archdiocese of Detroit, served

committee were Msgr. Charles Kosanke, Rector/President of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius

chair. Other members of the

Seminary, and Dr. Mary

Healy, associate professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart

Major Seminary in Detroit.

Detroit, commented on the

Academy, saying, "I keep St.

it educates young women in a healthy, wholesome faith envi-

souls, minds and bodies while

always keeping in mind their identity as daughters of our Almighty God."

The Most Revered Allen

. Vigneron, Archbishop of

future of St. Catherine of Siena

Msgr. Robert McClory

Ave Maria University.

Summer Child C.A.R.E. registration open

Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program begins Thursday, June 23 and ends Wednesday, Aug. 24.

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

Registration and weekly session fees are vallable on the Community Education website at www.novicommunityed.or or call (248) 449-

National TriMathlon Day May 14

Mathnasium will host its first annual National TriMathlen 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 and schools.

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

can plan a budget.

Bailey Schroeder

Novi High School (Class of 2002) graduate Bailey Schroeder gradu-ated from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine on May 6. She received her bachelor's degree with honors from Lyman Briggs College of Natural Sciences at MSU in 2006, and she will be serving here internship in Oconomowaoc, Wisc. at



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

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Contact; (248) 349-8847 or visit

6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's holyfamilynovi.org program, Youth Worship Service Mass Schedule Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Study with childcare available for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 Evening Bible Study p.m. Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. (English). Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 family: 7 p.m. Children's Caravan,

Reconciliation; beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment 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 Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crossopintemeadows.org Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary

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and Nila. Sister of Nilbert (Nini), Nelson(Jojo), Nolan (Risa), Nariz (Biloy) Lacson. Online condolences

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DOLORES "DOLLY"

Age 81, passed away May 8, 2011. She was born on August 6, 1929, in Detroit, daughter of the late John and

Helen Krok. Dolly was a loving and

survived by her loving husband Leon

Barnett, Linda (Eric) Tinnelly, Jeffrey (Alison) Barnett Bryan (Susan)

At PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S.

www.phillipsfuneral.com.

BROWN, NELLIE ANN

Age 93, passed away May 4, 2011. She was born on June 30, 1917 to the late Leonard and Clara Dawdy.

Nellie is survived by her loving chil-dren: William (Gail) Brown, Robert (Maureen) Brown, Edward (Eileen) Brown and five grandchildren: Kim, Derek, Scott, Bob and Andy. She was

preceded in death by her husband M. Max Brown in 2000. Visitation

M. Max Brown in 2000, Visitation was held on Friday, May 6th from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon, Ml. Mernorial contributions in loving memory of Nellie Brown may be made to South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab Center, CO/Artivities Proportions 100 Reviolds

afayette, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at

of 60 years; her beloved childre

devoted wife, mother and grand-mother. Her family was the most important thing in her life. She is 248-684-6645 or visit:

Visitation was held on Wednesday, American Heart Association May 11th from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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 dicnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m.

children's Sunday School and

Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m

Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies

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study of the Ephesians. There is a

\$15 registration fee, which includes

interdenominational study materi-

als. Childcare will be available in

the morning for children through

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Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W, 10 Mile Road Worship service with Praise Band. Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a m. Fellowship and refreshments; II a.m. Traditional worship service. First Baptist Church of Children's Church, Youth Sunday Northville School and Adult Bible Fellowship: Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or

churchoftheholycross.com

10 a.m. Worship Service

Saturday of month

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 first baptislchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstoresoville.org

Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville Details; Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up

hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Thursday Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. meetings feature speakers, games, Sunday School and Nursery Care: or entertainment followed with an Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second

ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activilies, elc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Time/Date; 7:30 p.m. May 26 Details: A guest speaker presentation will be followed by an ice

cream social where you can meet other singles: \$5 donation. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 2 Details: A representative from Botsford Hospital will speak on taking proper care of your back and how to avoid getting those annoving backaches. An ice cream social

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 16 Details: Cards & Games Night ~ an evening of games, conversation, snacks are provided followed by an Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 23 Details: White Elephant Sale Night.

Bring your good clean but unwant-

ed treasures to be auctioned; limit of three items per person. Proceeds go to support of Single Place. Ice

cream social will follow Time/Date: 7 n.m., June 30. Location: 777 W. B Mile Road at Details: fire up the grill on the Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www. front porch for a summer picnic inside the church, Musical enterfumcnorthville.org Sunday worship: tainment is planned. Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Listening for God Women's Day weekend through Labor Day

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekend); 8, 9:15 and II a.m. (Sept.: May 14 Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck. Details: There is a 'why' and a senior pastor and Rev. Jeff 'how' to listening to God. If we know Sturgeon, associate pastor why to listen, but don't know how, then we won't be able to listen at Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through all. If we know how, but don't know Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. why, then we won't be able to make Sundays (Sept.-May) use of that knowledge. It's best to both understand the process

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first and make use of it. Come join the Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Women of the First Presbyterian Nednesdays for fourth-I21h graders Church and learn what "Listening (Sept -April) for God" is all about.Registration is \$35.00 per person. Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Contact: E-mail registration inqui-Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, comries to www.ipcnorthville.org or call

munications director, (24B) 349-

1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@

online at hometownlife.com First United Methodist Church of Northville fumcnorthville.org. A Stephen Ministry Church "Answer the Call"

Times/Dates: 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14 (church sanctuary); 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15 (outdoor performance in Northville Town Square): 9:15 and II a.m. Sunday, May 22 (church sanctu-Details: Through singing, dancing, drama,

humor, and spiritual reflection, this musical will explore the concept of being called by God. Come join as youth teach 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

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Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: II a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.: Wednesday

between Eight and Nine Mile roads

7 n.m. Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road,

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.

CHURCH EVENTS Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Lunchean Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month . Pilarim Fellowshia 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 led by Reverend Rilter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano. Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-pur pose gymnasium

Contact: (248) 348-9030

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the sec and level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

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Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community

social events.

at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcen ter.com: www.novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every

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Age 81, of Northville passed away peacefully May 9, 2011. Loving hus-band of Suzann and dear brother of 4. He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. (248) 349-0611 Age 83, May 3rd 2011. She is remembered by family and loved

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and fun-loving spirit. Funeral was May 6 at St. James Church, Novi. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Attn: HTWObits For more information call: Char Wilson 586-826-7082

Liz Keiser 586-977-7538 The first seven 'billed' lines of au obituary are published at no cost. Al additional lines will be charged at \$3 pe line. You may place a photo of your loved one for an additional cost of \$25 Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religio symbols, etc.)

Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday

MARGARET "ISABEL"

Dearborn, passed away peacefully early Sunday morning on May 8, 2011 at the age of 83. She is sur-Isabel was born August 5, 1919 in Detroit and moved to Northville in 1952. She died April 12, 2011 after a vived by her beloved husband, Ray; step-children, Craig (Kim) Gully, Kim five month battle with feukemia. She worked at the Detroit Board of Education for many years until she (John) White; grandchildren, Jessica and Kyle White; sisters, Mary Eichberger, Jo (Russell) Rosolino; Eichberger, Jo (Russell) Rosolino; brother, Jim Palermo. Also survived tionist for Dr. Bosch in Northville, She brother, Jim Palermo. Also survived by her nieces and nephews, in-laws, many dear friends and her cherished canine friend, Annie. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Millord, Thursday, May 12th at 10 AM. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery, Millord, Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. For further information, please phone was a volunteer at Angela Hospice in Livonia for 17 years where she was honored with the Crystal Butterfly Aware and a pin commemorating 8500 hours of service. She is sur vived by a niece, Marie Hollingsworth of Missouri, and nephews Charles Schultz of Calitornia and Frank Schuftz of Kentucky. She is predefurther information please phone ceased by her parents Elizabeth and Rudolph Schultz, and by her brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Dorothy Schultz. She will be greatly missed by Age 73, April 26, 2011. Beloved mother of Kurt Lester and Kari (Alison) Sarnett, Bryan (Susan) mother of Kurt Lester and Kari Barnett and Sandra Barnett. She is also survived by her beloved grand-children: Ernily, Rachel, Zachary, Spencer, Matthew, Sara, Rebecca, Hannah and Noali. She was preceded in death by her brother, John Krok Sr. and her sister Elieen "Booty" Krok. Memorials may be directed to the Agradical Hand Acception. ents at White Chapel Cemetery in Trey, Contributions in Isabel's name may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road Livonia,

STRIETZEL, REINHARD P.

TOMILO, JOHN

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resentments come out, quirky relatives appear and each sister is forced to face the consequence es of the "crimes of the heart" she has committed. The result

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rescarch.
*We are proud of what the 2011 Heart Ball campaign has accomplished," said Novi's Bob Paul, president and chief operating officer of Compusvare Corporation and chairman of the Heart Ball. "We are about \$1.2 million closer in our efforts to conquer heart disease and stroke. With the help of our current and new successful next year." The black-tie event, which was

held at the Westin Book Cadillao on April 16, boasted 480 attendees who participated in the night's live and silent auctions WXYZ news anchor Carolyn Clifford enceed the event.

A special highlight of the evening included a story of survival by Detroit Lions' com munity liaison Tim Pendell. Pendell is a heart attack survivor who credits his wife for saving his life. In return for er efforts, Diann Pendell was

awarded the HeartSaver Here award, donated by Tiffany & Co. Other event highlights included a performance by the Motor City Glee Club and three auctions, which raised more than \$67,000 and fearured auction items donated by Compoware, Team Detroit Ritz-Carlton, and others. The special appeal raised \$68,017.

Since its inception, the Detroit Heart Ball has raised over \$16 million to support cardiovascular research and educational programs for people of all ages. Local sponsors for the 2011

Detroit Heart Ball included Compaware, General Motors Corporation, Hewlett-Packard, SAP America, Inc. Tata Consultancy Services, Team Detroit, AT&T, Siemens PLM Software, ADF Dealer Services, CareTech olutions, Kelley Blue Book, Magna International, TPI. Verizon, Cisco Systems, EMC Corporation, IBM Corporation, Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, Publicis Group, and Symantee.

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online at hometownlife.com

Attendees will also enjoy live music by Michael King and his band; a silent auction; and brat wursts and hot dogs. Dave Johnson, a pastor at Oak Pointe Church in Novi, has assembled a team from churches in the community to put on the sale with the hopes of raising a sizable amor of money to benefit Novi youth.

"We're trying to get the whole commu-nity involved to really help the youth of our city," he said,

The event is sponsored by 2WordStory. com, Novi Youth Assistance, and the City

Donations of used or new hand tools, power tools, outdoor equipment, sporting goods and equipment, electronics, CDs and DVDs are welcome. Contact Johnson at (248) 912-0043 or dave@oakpointe.

Novi Road closed this weekend

The contractor for the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is expected to close Novi Road midway between Grand River Ave. and 10 Mile Road in Novi during the weekend of May 14-15. The closure is needed so several storm

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businesses south of the closure). The detour route for through traffic during the closures will be 10 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Road to Grand River

Bio-Tech students' annual plant sale starts

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Students in the Biotechnology and Environmental Science Cluster at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest (OSTCSW), located at 1000 Beck Road in Wixom, are hosting their 39th Annual Plant Sale again this year at

Times are 8-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday; Saturday and Sunday; and 1-4 p.m. Friday, May 20.

At OSTCSW students learn and prepare themselves for a challenging career in one of the fastest growing industries of the 21st century. As future profession als in the Green Industry, students gain the knowledge and skills needed to reach their fullest potential. Along the way they have the opportunity to share their work with the public during the OSTCSW 39th Annual Plant Sale.

The Rainforest project will be "under construction during the plant sale. The focal point: a water sculpture seven feet tall, made of Amherst Grey Stone, live plants and peaceful water flowing down, each side. This design is being implemented by juniors and seniors, but under the professional eye of their instructor, Ms. Garwood, while they work side-by-side with industry professionals. Student making up the Biotechnology cluster come from high schools around the area including Clarenceville, Farmington, Harrison, Lakeland, North Farmington Northville, Novi, Walled Lake Central-Northern-Western and West Bloomfield. Free kite kits available at Novi Public Library

The Lyon Township Kite Festival in New Hudson will be held at the James F Atchison Memorial Park from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 4. So that every child has an opportunity to fly a kite at the official kite festival

for free, neighboring libraries are host-ing a children's kite decorating program to prepare kites for the upcoming Lyon Township Kite Festival. The festival kite committee will have kite kits available for children to decorate

at Novi Public Library (45255 W. Ten Mile Road) at 2 p.m. May 14. With the help of the Lyon Twp. community and organizations like the Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club of South Lyon

Please see BRIEFS, A12

High tea

Yuko Asano (abov right) and Yumiko Narita take part in a traditiona on April 19 at Novi High A group of women from the Detroit Japanese the ceremony for the school's Japanese Club and offered all student a bowl of green tea. Novi High student Beis



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the free festival, in addition to the kite flying portion of the festival, will feature the Spark Plugs classic car display, inflatable moonwalks for kids an Elvis impersonator, strolling magician and various caroon characters, and musical entertainment provided by the South Lyon East High School band, along with their drum

line and color guard section. Kites of all shapes and sizes will fill the air at Oakland County's best kept secret for kite flying - the bluff-top park that overlooks the beautiful hamlet area of New Hudson. Don't know how to fly a kite? You can learn at the Kite Festival to launch, fly and land kite kit provided by the festival you can purchase one at the

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save up to three lives. The Blood Drive in Honor of Japan is a symbolic way to show support to the people of Japan. Local support of the American Red Cross helps keep their local and internaional efforts going. The "Blood Drive in Honor

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In order to donate blood you must have a valid photo ID, weigh over 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors must be at least 16 (16-year-olds may donate by completing a Red Cross consent form signed by a parent or guardian. Consent forms are available at rederossblood.org). Friends of I-275 Metro Trail

To celebrate the new and improved Metro Trail, the Friends group is hosting a Grand Reopening Celebration

> The Funding Committee of he Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force - the group that determines how and where federal road funding will be spent in Oakland Tuesday, May 17 at Ultimate Soccer Arena, 867 South Boulevard in Pontiac. The meeting is open to the

On the agenda for this meeting are: a discussion of the concept of mileage-based user fees, a review of the committee's policies and procedures, a look at the impact of the 2010 Census results on the Funding Committee, an update on the status of feder ally-funded projects planned for 2011, a report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and a report from the Michigan

rtment of Transportation (MDOT). The committee will not select projects for federal funding at this meeting (that takes place at the committee) meeting in February of each

The 14-member committee includes 10 representatives of Oakland's cities, villages and townships, as well as two members from the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), one repre-sentative from SMART (the aburban bus system) and one

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 along Ten Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center, will showcase community spirit and pride in our veterans and

Local businesses and civic organizations are encouraged to participate by marching. ing a specialty vehicle will have a designated float in which they are invited to ride

Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Novi Civic Center. The ceremony honors the sacrifice and service to our country given by our veterans. Additionally, American Legion - Post 19 will 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, Senio Services Manager at (248) 347-0414.

Blood drives

The following blood drives will take place in the Novi/ Northville area: United Methodist Church. Northville; 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Sunday, May 15; St. James

Church, Novi; 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m For all drives, call Diane Risko to set up an appoint-ment at (313) 549-7052. All donors will be entered into a summer raffle for a \$3,000 gasoline card. Now 16-yearolds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form available at the blood drive. Proof of birth date and picture

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Weed found in car City A 20-year-old Novi man at 3:59 p.m. on May 6 fo possession of marijuana after initially being stopped on Nine Mile near 12 Mile Rd 12 Mile Rd. Meadowbrook Road for seat beit violations and too many passengers. According 11 Mile Rd. to the report, when the officer approached the car he saw a small baggie normally used to contain mar ijuana on the floor and the lriver admitted that it once contained the drug. The drive:

cards. Police have no suspects at this time. Man arrested for stealing from store According to the report the man had magazine i his hand and jewelry in it to the registe 8 Mile Rd 8 Mile Rd.

passengers in the car were cited for any offense, while the driver was arrested Department where he was issued a cita-

tion and released after posting bond. Drunk driver caught with pot

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2A 26-year-old man was arrested at 2:28 a.m. on May 6 for drunk driving, possession of marijuana and parapherna-lia and driving while license suspended after he was stopped on Twelve Mile east of Haggerty for swerving in his lane sev-

The man admitted to drinking at a Novi restaurant and said he was drifting in his lane because he was eating Taco Bell. He failed field sobriety tests and a pre-

iminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08

During a search of the vehicle, officers

also found a jar filled with marijuana and a scale. He also had a suspended license and a warrant was out for his arrest.

Novi Police Department, issued a citation and was held awaiting pick up by the Michigan State Police.

Woman's purse stolen from SUV

len from her locked Jeep Commander Bally Total Fitness.

returned to her car and found the rear driver's side window had been smashed Her purse and wallet were valued

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a shopping back before being stopped

3A woman had her purse containing

between 12:50 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. on May while it was parked in the parking lot at According to the report, the woman

and her purse, which was on the floor in

and paying for another piece of jewelry. He checked out and both everything into

by the loss prevention agent at the exit The man admitted to taking the item because he did not want to pay for it.

He was transported to the Novi Police Station where he was given an appearance

citation and released after posting bond. Cars broken into on Serenity 5 Three unlocked vehicles were broken

nto overnight on May 8 on Serenity Taken from the cars were CDs valued at \$260, a satellite radio unit valued at \$100, GPS unit valued at \$200

and a black radar detector valued at Police were unable to find evidence to process and have no suspects.

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Radio system allows for better safety communication

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Working together has just gotten easier for public safety departments across Oakland

Thanks to the full implemen 4A 60-year-old man was tation of the OakWIN countyarrested at 1 wide radio system last week, public safety employees can p.m. on May 7 for third-deg now communicate with their neighbors with relative ease. after he was It's a far cry from the recent days of old when incompatible from JCPenner frequencies forced police and

firefighters to call their own dispatch, which then informed another dispatch center, which finally tracked down the person they wanted to speak with. OakWIN, which stands for Oakland County Wireless Integrated Network, streamlines that communication by allowing county police and fir

agencies to communicate with each other — as well as with agencies in bordering counties and the Michigan State Police - using one common radio system To have that interoperabil-

ity with police, fire and EMS to all go on one channel on the radio and talk to one another is key," said Novi Director of David Molloy, "It will allow us to maintain our regular ai traffic and frequency, but if there is an emergency we can go to a designated talk group

Novi and Farmington Hills got a taste of how successful the system can be last June was on the loose in the area of Nine Mile and Haggerty roads after approaching an elderly - Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller man in his garage and stealing

The suspect fled the scene, but a witness was able to get the vehicle's license plate num ber. Police from both departments went to the house on Woodland Glen in Novi, set ur a perimeter using the OakWIN system, and were able to catch suspect when he returned

to his car Under the old system, com-munication from a Novi officer to a Farmington Hills officer in the back yard would have been a hassle.

"Our previous way of communicating was inefficient and most importantly not very safe," Molloy said. OakWIN was implemented in 2003, with Farmington Public Safety being the first on board. The last two agencies were Auburn Hills police and fire. Southfield police and fire and Orion Township fire departments opted not to be on the system, but Molloy said because of the software they still are able to communicate

with the other agencies on "Oakland County prides itself on its use of technology to better serve the public while promoting cost savings and efficiencies," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson in a press release. The leading edge technology in OakWIN provides out first responders with features functionality and communica tion capabilities never before available to them.

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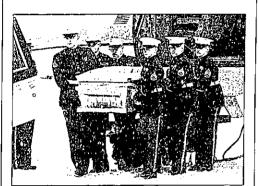
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Rest easier Bin Laden's death means sacrifices weren't in vain

Our area has suffered its share of loss in the nearly 10 years sir the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks leveled the Twin Towers and steeled a nation's resolve.

Now that the orchestrator of that vicious attack on the American psyche, Osama Bin Laden, has been killed by U.S. military forces, their brethren can finally, and truly, rest in peace.

For what has been a very long 10 years, Americans have waited wished and prayed for the announcement

that came May 1. U.S. forces, acting on a tip provided last August and using a perseverance born on 9/11, raided a Pakistani compound and engaged Bin Laden and his supporters in a brief firefight that resulted in Bin Laden's death. They

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death. They took custody of the body, and DNA confirmed Bin Laden's identity.

The forces did it for their intry, continuing a service that should make us all proud. And they were doing it for those who died trying to do it before them. It's worth remembering why and how our local took custody of the body, soldiers gave that ultimate sac-

Novi died on July 10, 2006, in the Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV in Habbaniyah, Iraq, on Nov. 21, 2005. Dreasky was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery,

Sgt. Duane J. Dreasky, 31, of

Lansing.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Claramitaro, 19, of South Lyon died April 23 while serving in Afghanistan. He was killed by a roadside bomb.

· Marine Cpl. Mark D. Kidd, 26, of Milford died Jan. 25, 2007, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province. Kidd was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th

· Marine Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess of Canton died Nov. 9 2006, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar

2006, from injuries sustained while on active duty in Afghanistan when his platoon encountered enemy

forces small arms fire in Turkalay, Afghanistan. Sgt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton died Sept. 14, 2004 when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. His unit had been deployed to Iraq just three days ear-

. Marine Cpl. David W. Smith of Garden City died Dec. 11, 2005, during a training accident in Mount Fuji, Japan.

· Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Matthew L. Hilton of Livonia died June 26, 2008, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan,

. Marine Col. Jacob H. Turbett of Canton died Feb. 13. 2010, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Some of them died within days of being sent over

seas, while others died just before they were supposed to come home safe. Some were a little older, and some were very, very young. We can never do enough to thank them — and their families — for their sacrifice. What we can do is hold the memory of their willingness to die for that which they believed, and an appre-

ciation of the sacrifice they made, in our hearts. In the aftermath of the death of the terrorist Bin Laden, we can sleep better and feel better to know one immutable fact: Their sacrifice was not in vain.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you still follow "American Idol"?



"I've never followed it because in a way I think it's cheating - making the artists think that fame comes very quickly. It doesn't have a lot

Madeline Weber



'I don't watch it much anymore. I've progressed to the point where I'll watch the first few episodes for laughs."

Maria Watson



'I don't at all watch it anymore. I think it's become a thing that younger people follow to watch artists grow."

Kazuhiro Nakamura

LETTERS

Sex ed slightly off target

Tonight, our school board is scheduled to vote on whether to adopt a new sexual education curriculum, one that goes well beyond what is required

While this may not be overly problematic, there are certain topics that are better left for parent and religious leader to discuss. For example, a section in the curriculum (written by Planned Parenthood) forces the discussion of which sexual acts one can engage in and still be abstinent. Since "abstinence" is being defined as not engaging in activities that can cause pregnancy, some student night be left with the impression that all other

activities are permissible. Discussions surrounding the Plan-B pill might also takes us into some very murky waters. With a bit more tweaking, this can become a program that a larger majority of parents can embrace. Unfortunately, many who don't fully sup port the current direction are simply being told to opt out their children. This is your school district:

let your elected officials know how you feet. Willy and Marita Mena

Civic Concern food drive Saturday

The annual U.S. Postal Day Drive will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011

All Northville, Northville Township food collected will go to Northville Civic Concern. It is hoped that this will provide three months of much-needed food for regular distribution. Please, place your donations on your porch or

near your mailbox for pickup in the a.m. on that day. No expired food, please We thank you for you continued support in these

Northville Civic Concern

Keep land for Northville's future Land on former Scott prison or Northville State

Hospital properties should be cleaned up and turned into park and nature areas. Northville may need large areas of vacant land to build a new high school (complete with football field and plenty o

Let immigrants settle Detroit

Dear Gov. Snyder, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg voiced an idea that I, as a Michigander at heart, and a New Yorker born and bred, think is the most amazing, terrific and wonderful idea that I have heard: Open

Detroit to resettlement by immigrants. From personal experience, I can state that a city open to immiorants is a City Open To Business. - wealth and opportunity abound. New York City has been a port of entry for Americans from every nation for more than 100 years and if the mayor of New York City knows we can do it - that's just cake! it is time for us to get a piece of the action. Allow immigrants to achieve the American dream right here in Detroit and a cascade of fortunes will

This is not a pipe dream. It is a vision of magnificent proportions. Our western lands across the continent and into Canada remain primarily unsettled - empty, desplate, Without people, We can bring them here to settle and they can pass on if they want to into the interior of the United States

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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eadline; Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the

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and Canada,

Canada is already embracing immigration and the new migration. Why should we be left behind? Ronald Reagan spoke of the shining city on a hill using words and the image of the Massachusetts Bay Colonists when this nation found its first foot ing. It is time to remake ourselves and become

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Let that refrain be sounded out into the dark nights and let the bells of freedom ring with sounds of welcome industry and mercantile. Light the lights and put up the beacon - fling the doors open upon this shining city and let the people come among us to rejoice and fill the land with song and the joy of refreshing

Please, lask, won't you help this vision, so true to America and our homeland, come true? It's a great way to make money. Just look at New York They can't do it anymore - they're full up. It's out

Detroit is not in decline. Detroit is a gold mine

A different look at ace aiternatives

I am writing in response to Cecilia Bruck's letter printed in the Northville Record on May 5, 2011. Ms. Bruck offered many opinions regarding the Northville Public Schools and alternatives to the sinking fund millage. I look at it from another view

In regard to Dr. Rezmierski's salary, I agree that \$250,000 is a lot of money. On the other hand, Dr. Rezmierski is a highly educated and respected educator at the end of a long and successful career. He has been a leader of Michigan school superintendents and highly active on behalf of our district and its students in Northville and Lansing. You get what you pay for - in this case, quality where it is most needed. One only needs to have experience with a superintendent with less education and leadership ability to realize how fortunate Northville has been to have a school leader with Dr. Rezmierski's skill set.

In regard to the summer use of buildings. If things run this summer as they have in the past some of the buildings will be used by Summer Child Care programs and Summer Special Education programs. I wonder what other parties have expressed interest in a six- or eight-week building lease and heen turned down by NPS. Taking into account the ianitorial and security costs that leasing the buildings would incur, I wonder what the net rental

NPS employees do have generous health care benefits. They have (as have most teachers, to my knowledge) made wage concessions year after year to maintain those benefits. Couple that with the fact that teachers, especially at the elementary level, are exposed to more contagious illnesses than even pediatricians, they are in need of good

Teacher training, like all good training, is an ongoing process. When implementing a new instructional approach, all training can't be taken care of during the summer. I believe that the state requires ongoing training and record-keeping throughout the school year. The timing of training outside the district is out of the district's control

My family moved to Northville 10 years ago. largely because of the strength of the public school district. I am certain that this quality has only helped our property values. Northville property values were among few communities in Southeastern Michigan to actually rise.

I am glad that the majority of voters felt that the sinking fund millage was the best choice fo

Lynn Bamrick O'Meara

Opposing view appreciated The challenging letter authored by Ms. Bruck on

nonmillage options was unfortunately published after the fact, I admire those like her who possess the courage to be critics with substance. It is too comfortable to merely jump on a bandwagon, easily accepting choices of those assumed to be the competent watchmen.

Bruck's letter did not make the print edition of the paper on April 28, but it was included (along with six other letters that did not make the print edition) in the online version of the Record al www.hometownlife com on April 28. - Editor

Thanks for dog's safe return

On Easter Sunday, Kizzy, my 8-year-old black miniature schnauzer disappeared from our yard. not social with other dogs, I expected to see her when I called her name from the driveway.

As the minutes ticked by and my son and I could not find Kizzy, nor had any of the neighbors saw her: panic set in. We drove around the neighbor hood. We walked around the neighborhood, I called the police and asked if anyone had reported find

An hour later I received a call from the police department saying that a gal named Rachael spotted Kizzy. He left me Rachael's number and said that she was tracking the direction Kizzy was oning. When I called Rachael, she told me that two doo rescuers had managed to capture Kizzy and they were driving her to my house. Unfortunately I did not find out the names of

the couple that brought Kizzy home. They said that Kizzy was scared. There are four people who were instrumental in returning Kizzy home safe and sound. I want to thank the officer with the Northville Police, Rachael and the couple who mananed to canture her and drive her home. I went from thinking that someone had taken her to relie that I live in a community where neighbor helps

Northville

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

LOCAL EVENTS

investing For Everyday Living ime/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 12, 19 and 26 Location: Novi Doubletree Hotel Details: Seminars are not indenendent of one another, but rather a three comprehensive program uilding upon each presentation by Fiscal Associates Inc., David J. Glencer CFP®, and Shannon M Hannon. Space limited to 30 partici-Contact: 248-626-8840 or mar sha.keller@lol.com **HCG Seminar**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14 Details: Join millions of other Americans who are losing weight the natural way by using HCG -Human Chorioni Gonadtropin, Juli Johnson, a certified medical assis tant in cardiology and appearing one of the foremost experts in the United States will be appearing at this free seminar

Novi Co-op Preschool Annual Ice Cream Social & Auction Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday,

Location: 41671 Ten Mile Road Details: Celebrate luau style; free admission, ice cream sundaes, and entertainment: raffle and auction prizes; magic show by The Amazing

Ed Slott Speaks Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. May 19 Location: Sheraton Novi Details: Ed Slott was named as

"The Best" source for IRA advice by The Wall Street Journal and called "America's IRA Expert" by Mutual Funds Magazine. He is a nationally recognized IRA distribution expert One thing that is certain when it comes to tax rules is that they are uncertain and always subject to change Seats are limited Reserve your spot today

Contact: (877) 807-SAFE (7233) Jump for Hope Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Monday, May

Location: Pump it Up!, 28373 Beck Details: \$7 donation; pizza and pop available for additional donation benefiting The American Cancer Society, Socks are required. Contact: For additional information

piease cali (248) 912-1090 Media Replaced Advertising? How to Market in the Dynamic World of Social-Commerce Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 8

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd Novi Details: Presentation by Kerry Barnett, president of FOURSIGH Creative Group: 6:15 p.m. network ing: 6:45 p.m. dinner meeting: \$16 per person; \$17 online through PayPal at www.abwa-novi.org

Contact: (248) 344-8800 Evening in the Gardens Creating Backyard Bird Habitats Time/Date; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9 Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Details: Tim Nowicki, naturalist for Oakland County Parks, will lead you through the steps necessary to make your backvard a retreat for resident and migrant birds. You will

learn some basic steps to develop-

the Kobo and Sony E-readers.

Bring your binoculars and practice Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Location: Tollgate Education oakgov.com or visit www.mstre.msu.

Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.

Time/Date: 11 a.m.:noon every from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturdays Details: Are you curious to try an E- Reader? E-readers are a wonderful and convenient way to enjoy your favorite books. Join for demonstra tions and hands-on experience with

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road,

Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneu ship by raising produce for sale. The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Location: The group has moved

Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for more information American Legion Post 19

Location: Rock Financial

lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or Suburban Collection Showplace Location: 46100 Grand Rive Avenue, Novi Motor City Comic Con

Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Friday: com or (248) 956-0029 10:30-6 Saturday; 10:30-5 Sunday, May 13-15 Details: 22nd annual event feature ing Cindy Williams, Tim Sale, George lakei, Carmien Infantino, Dean Stockwell and James Robinson

Motor City Comic Congathers comic book and multi- media dealers from across the country offer ing a vast variety of pop culture merchandise, including comics, te shirts, movie memorabilia, posters. and more. Over 250 comic book

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays more than forty actors from the Showplace, Grand River Avenue film, television and sci-fi movie between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow ve erans, please join these monthly \$22 in advance; \$25 at the door; meetings; attendance is needed to \$50 advance for the weekend or maintain and grow the Post. \$55 at the door. Advance ticket Contact: Commander Dennis holders welcome 30 minutes prio Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstriku to show opening.

Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. lirst

be on site at Comic Con, as well as industry. Comic Con offers big fun for kids young and old. Tickets are Contact: www.motorcitycomiccon

BUSINESS

and third Tuesdays (except Nov. nd Dec., which are just the first

21200 Haggerty Road **Details:** Business networking

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancial groupilc.com American Business Women's

Location: Kerby's Coney Island focused on building relationship The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other, Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Association Novi Oaks Chapter Has Social Media Replaced Advertising? Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Details: How to Market in the Dynamic World of Social-Commerc by Kerry Barnett, president of FOURSIGHT Creative Groun Contact: www.abwa-novi.org fo registration and payment informa

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured net working environment for profes sionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to provid ing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,'

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The power of prayer

Novi woman gets home makeover

Gladys Broxie knew she didn't have the money to make repairs to her Novi home. So instead of playing the lottery and hoping, Broxic

relied on her faith and a simple "I have been praying to God of the work done," she said.

Instead he had a sense of humor and gave me these wonderful people."
The "wonderful people"

Broxie mentioned were a group of volunteers from Rebuilding Together Oakland County, a completes minor home projects for low-income residents. The group, which worked on 50 homes in the county, is part of a national organization that

started in 1988. Broxie, who has lived in her home on Andes Hills Court for 11 years and lately was unable to keep up with her to-do list, applied for help last year and

her prayers were answered. The nearly 50 volunteers, mostly from St. James Catholic Church in Novi, worked alongside Broxie's family members on various projects inside and outside the home.

Some of the projects included painting, landscaping, insu-lation repair and more. Kevin Clark, one of the co-

captains who spearheaded

the work, said they have been working on the home steadily for the last month. "Certainly there is more

work that could haven been done, but the goal is a blitz for a day," he said. And it was a blitz that overwhelmed Broxie.

"I would never have been

able to do this without all these people," she said. "They are doing so much more than I ever could have wanted." One of the volunteers, Northville sophomore Tim

Fazzini, knows firsthand the impact of Rebuilding Together as many of the same people he worked with on Saturday were at his home last year.

of Gladys Broxie. More than 50 volunteers from St. James Catholic Church in Novi and others worked on minor repairs and landscaping at

group helped with various projects around the home as part of last year's program.

Rebuilder Together

"Them coming to help me and my family was a pretty big deal," he said. "They did so much for us, and I came here to help my neighbors and give back to Rebuilding Together." Talayna Clemons, Broxie's granddaughter, said she was taken aback by everyone's willingness to give, and felt like they were part of her family.

the gifts to give someone else she said. "Everyone was really

"They are blessed to have

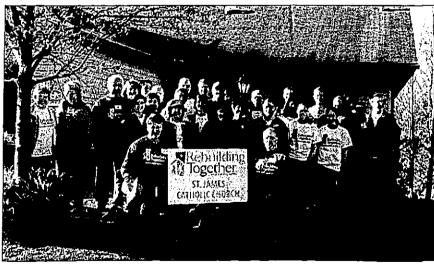


replaced as part of the Rebuilding Together project at Gladys Broxie's Novi

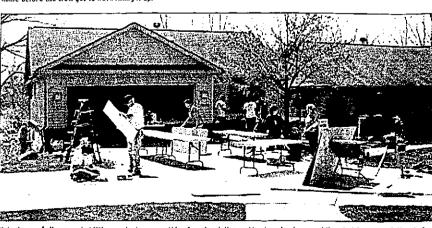


Co-captain Bob Harmer, Novi resident Gladys Broxie and was fixed up during the Rebuilding Together Oakland County County that received minor home repairs from the non-profit





Rebuilding Together Oakland County volunteers and Novi homeowner Gladys Broxie (center in green sweatshirt) stand in front of hei



Volunteers of all ages and abilities worked on everything from insulation and landscaping to assembling shelving and painting during the Rebuilding Together project in Novi on Saturday.



Alexander Ferrini, Tim Fazzini and Daniel Bromley install a new sprinkler line and sprinkler to keep the freshly landscaped yard green.

Fox Run quilters, children from City Mission in Detroit working together

Forty-five children from City
Mission in Detroit will come to
Fox Run retirement commuto remind the children of their nity in Novi on Tuesday, May 24 where they and residents will work together on a quilting project to make a banner that will hang on the mission's

online at hometownlife.com

Fox Run residents travel regularly to City Mission to ing quilting project will be an of creativity and teamwork. Fox Run resident Barbara Birmingham has cut a number of squares from an assortment of colorful fabrics that the children will arrange on a back-ing. The residents will iron these on and finish the wall quilt with "CITY MISSION 2011". The plan is for the twovisit to Fox Run.
The Fox Run Quilters was

formed six years ago when Mary Bacz, a professional quilter and artist who lives in Milford, visited Fox Run to have dinner with her dad. George Butcher. During dinner she met resident Peg Quigley, a social worker and quilter. Together they discussed how a quilting group at Fox Run could make a differ-

ence in helping people in need. The Fox Run Quilters, which today is comprised of more than 30 residents, has made baby quilts for children of homeless parents who receive shelter and services in from The Lighthouse of Pontiac. It

babies receiving cribs from the Pontiac-based Furniture

Members of the Fox Run Quilters work in assembly line fashion: one group cuts seven-inch squares, another group designs the quilt (four squares across and seven squares down), another group sews the pieces together, and another group ties knots. Yet another ip finishes the edges.

'We have very dedicated women who want to apply their quilting skills to comm nity outreach," said Quigley, who moved eight years ago to Fox Run with her husband Arlon from their former home in Troy. "We are all-inclusive: everyone who wants to help

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Judith Wollack Judith Wollack, CEO and clinical coordinator of Wolverine Human Services, was recently elected a mem ber of the Eastern Michigan University Foundation Board of Trustees. She resides in

Novi and will serve a three-Wollack earned a degree from Concordia University and a master's from Wayne State University before joining Wolverine Human Services in 1987. Wollack also served on

Trustees for eight years. played an active role at EMU for several years. Judith's husband, Robert Wollack, received an honorary degree in social work from EMU and



served as an adjunct profes-

sor in social work. He and Judith have established the Robert Wollack and Family Endowed Scholarship at EMU to help fund graduate students in the School of Social Work. Also, in 1999 Wolvering Human Services established a scholarship in the EMU College of Health

The EMU Foundation is a

ment assets for the benefit of Eastern Michigan University. Courtney Cloutier

Novi's Courtney A. Cloutier, Esq., one of 2,559 appli-cants taking the Illinois Bar Examination in July 2010, suc her first attempt after graduating from Loyola University New Orleans, School of Law with a juris doctor on May 12,

Relocating to Chicago, Ill. shortly after graduation, she is currently practicing law as the assistant general counsel with International Services, Inc., a business development and general management con sulting firm serving private mid-size businesses in Buffalo

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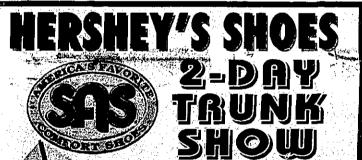


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Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome and bring a friend, Visit www.novi.freeto-

asthost.us

Novi Rotary Club

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting, Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 10-5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 Sunday take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library

Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Teen Advisory Board Meeting Time/Date: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Hey High Schoolers in grades 9-12, join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the Library! Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time Don't forget to wear your blue TAB shirt!

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14 Betails: Learn the basics of creation modifying, and saving a document using Microsoft Word in this hands on workshop. computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Registration required. Decorate Your Own Kite

Time/Date: 2-3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14 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

Time/Date: 12-2:00 p.m. Monday, May 16 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 activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagina tion. For grades K-4.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, May Details: Hindi-speaking volunteer storytellers read Hindi picture books to preschool

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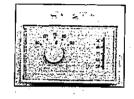
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The 'Cats (4-8, 2-2 KLAA Central) it seems like we take these kids too easy," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. are still struggling to put a string of victories together after making a few Despite the split, the Northville position changes, moving four field-The 'Cats lost the first game 3-1

Novi split a May 4 doubleheader at runs. Novi had eight hits and four strikeouts, doubling up the four hits and two strikeouts Northville pro-Northville before defeating Livonia Franklin 8-5 last Friday, going 1-2 at the Fred Pieper Tournament in Royal Oak last weekend and then losing an 8-2 decision at Livonia Churchill on Junior Taylor Scott had a double,

Monday,
"When we get outside the league, senior Maddy Sinkovich and junior Emma Walter added two single apiece, and freshman Laura Oakley, senior Meaghan Robinson and senior Kimberly Powers each had one single for Novi in the first game while senio Rebecca Richter pitched the loss.

TENNIS LINEUP TWEAKED FOR FINAL STRETCH, BE

eighth-inning performance put Novi ahead and the 'Cats would hold on to

"We haven't beat Northville since I've been here at Novi," Lulek said.
"That game could've gone either way. Northville's a great team. I was really impressed with them. They have great speed. Pretty even teams." Oakley, Sinkovich, Meaghan Robinson and senior Colleen Kolis in

Please see SOFTBALL, B2

'Cats split Northville doubleheader

PUZZLES: B9

The Wildcats (4-8, 2-2 KLAA Central) have a busy week ahead. They were scheduled to visit Livonia Stevenson (9-5, 2-2 Central) for a doubleheader vesterday before facing Belleville. West

Bloomfield and Plymouth Salem (2-6, 2-4 Central) Saturday in the Madonna Classic, which Novi won last year, The 'Cats then host Westland John Glenn (6) 10, 1-3 Central) 4 p.m. Monday and Salem comes to town 4 p.m. next Thursday for

Root one throw away from no-hitter

SPORTS

Softball squad struggles at Fred Pieper Tournament



Side-armin' Wildcat pitcher Chris Valade fires to a Canton batter on April 29.

Performance fluctuations cost team victories

One day before Detroit Tigers' pitcher Justin Verlander threw his second career no-hitter in Toronto, a similar feat almost occurred at Novi High School

Novi senior Tyler Root had a no-Livonia Franklin last Friday, but the final batter got all of a pitch and knocked it into left field to spoil Root's shot at perfection.
"He had a no-hitter with the last batter of the game (Franklin

pitcher Brent Marzion) and he got his first hit of the season, I'm told," Novi coach Rick Green said. "He struck him out the first time with a bunch of curveballs. It was nice to see Tyler had control."

Root ended his seven innings of near-perfection allowing one hit, three walks and 10 strikeouts. Green said Root may have pitched more calmly because of the large margin the Novi (5-8, 4-

'Cat golfers put win streak to four

The 'Cats went up 8-0 in the first inning, getting five free bases

on the day. Senior Chris Valade led the way with two hits and three RBIs, while junior Jim Eloff added two hits and a run. Also chipping in with one hit and one run api were junior Alex King, senior Jeff Weber and senior Mike Kruse.

"Offensively, we seem to be scor-ing in spurts," Green said. The route of Franklin came two days after the 'Cats split a doubleheader with Northville (8-6, 5-4 gton). It was followed a similar 19-2 route of Detroi

Please see BASERALL R2

Wildcats run through Lions

Track teams both 4-0 in division

BY CHRIS JACKETT

When the Wildcats' track and field teams took to the rubber against South Lyon May 3, things couldn't have gone much smoothe

The girls (4-0 KLAA Central) cruised to a 110-27 win over South Lyon (0-3 Central), while the boys (4-0) got the best of the Lions (0-

"We've got some great leader-ship," Novi boys and girls coach Marsha Reid said. "I think the thing I'm enjoying the most this year is the two teams are working as collaboratively as they are."

Both Wildcat squads swept the 4x800, 4x200 and 4x100 relays, while the South Lyon girls took the 4x400 relay. Novi's boys had a clean sweep of all four relays, worth a combined 20 points.

Listed below are all those Novi student-athletes who earned points at the meet by finishing in the top three of an individual event, along with their final place ment and time/distance in their

EIRLS TEAM

100 hurdles - Jr. Kelly McCloskey (first in 15 84 seconds), fr. Abby Downs (third in 16 66)

100 dash - Jr. O'Mya Davis (first 13.13), So. Janee Hood (third 13.72)

Hood (Intrd 13.72)
1600 run - Sr. Ketsey Hodge (second 5:38.80), Sr.
Bridget Myers (third 5:57.70)
400 dash - Jr. Kelly McCloskey (lirst 1:01.74), fr. Kerri
McMahan (second 1:02.27), So. Taylor Nosley (third

McMahan (second 1:02,27), So. Taylor Mosley (third 1:06,86) 300 hurdles - So. Lina Davis (lirst 51,57), Fr. Maddy Marzonie (second 54,36), Sr. Melody Nicklaus (third 54,49)

800 run - Jr. Zoe Jenkins (first 2:35.70), Grandstall But run - Jr. Zoe Jenkins (first 2:35.70), Grandstalf (second 27:80), Zoo dash - Jr. Jasmine Ward (first 26:25), Jr. Mariah Smith (second 28:17), So Taylor Mosfer (third 28:72), 200 run - So. Jackie Mullins (first 11:14), Sr. Kelkey Hodge (second 12:132:20), Jr. Zoe Jenkins (third 12:55.50)

12:55.50)
Shot put - 5r. Rachel Staudt (first 314eet-11), Jr.
Amanda Guttman (second 26-feet-1.5), Jr. Samaniha
Ansara (third 26-feet-0.5)
Long jump - 5r. Shamita Kandru (first 14-feet-4.5), Sr.
Melody Kicklaus (second 13-feet-11.5), Jr. Mariah Smith
(first 11-feet-1).

Melooy Mickaus (second 1-feet-11.5), Jr. Majian Smith (fillfold 1-feet) High jump - Fr. Abby Downs (first 4-feet-9), Ir. Kerri McMahan (second 4-feet-9) Pole vault - So. McKenna Burr (second 8-feet-6), Jr. Anna Leazur (third 6-feet-0) Discus - Sr. Rachel Slaud! (first 89-feet-6)

BBTS TEAM

110 hurdris - Sr. Derek Kim (Lirst 15.37), Jr. Lance Lilla
(second 15.39), So, Audie Bolden (Lihiral 16.47)

100 dash - Sr, DeAndre Fordham-Johns (Lirst 11.50),

Jr. Davanta Greer (Lihiral 11.80)

1600 run - St. Joe Schubring (Lirst 14.38.30), Sr. Brett

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SLILOn (second 4.5-8.4), G. Gao Liberal Lilvird (5-5)
100 rin - 1, Riyan Injiros (second 2.13)-74
200 dash - 1, Mike Joz (first 23-52), So. Audie
Bolcen (third 24-28)
120 Pun - 1, Eric Gardner (first 10:14-90), Sr. Chase
Carract (third 10:24-10)
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Longjump - Fr. Ali Taha (lirst 19-feel-9:25), Sr.
avanta Greer (third 18-feel-10:5)
Discus - Sr. Andy Ye (second 106-leel-1), Sr. Kevin

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

Novi's track and field teams (both 4-0 KLAA Central) were scheduled to visit Livonia Stevenson (4-0 boys. 2-2 girls) last Tuesday before gearing up for tomorrow's KLAA Kensingtor Conference meet and the May 20 regional meet at Milford.

Novi hitting stride despite damp conditions BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT ON TAP Novi's golfers (4-1) have With four meets in five days, the to get through South Lyon Wildcat golfers (4-1) got a lot of work in during the past week. After competing in both the Pinckney East (0-4) vesterday, South

Lyon (2-1) Monday and Northviile (3-1) Wednesday Invitational and Holiday Inn Classic, the 'Cats defeated both to stay on top of the divi sion. The Lions defeated Novi earlier 166-172 April 27. All three duals begin at 3 p.m., although the team also has the Oakland

County Invite 9 a.m.

Wednesday.

Northville and Plymouth Salem in a The boys are starting to play well." Novi coach Brad Huss said.

"The wins this week were a big boost. The scores are not indicative of how good some of these players

The series of meets started with

the April 30 Pinckney Invitational at Rush Lake Hills Golf Club, where the Wildcats placed eighth of 24 teams. Sophoniore Brad Kozinski led the way with a score of 74, followed by an 81 from both sophon Jason Carless and junior Johnny Walker Freshman Garret Buckley's

wrapped up the Novi scoring.
One day later, at the Orchard
Lake Country Club-hosted Holiday
Inn Classic, Novi finished 16th of 26 teams. Palmer led all Wildcat with a 77. followed by Kozinski (81) Buckley (81), Walker (82), senior

84 and senior Sam Palmer's 87

Please see GOLF, 83



ON TAP

The Wildcats (5-8, 4-4 KLAA

Kensington) have a busy week

ahead. They were scheduled to visit

No. 8 Livonia Stevenson (16-6, 10-1

Kensington) for a doubleheader ves-

terday before facing Howell 4 p.m.

tomorrow, Dexter IO a.m. Saturday

and Division II No. 9 Marysville 3

p.m. Saturday. The 'Cats then host

Westland John Glenn (3-11, 0-8

Kensington) 4 p.m. Monday and

for a doubleheader.

comes to town 4 p.m. next Thursday

Novi Wildcat Jon Robinson prepares to tee off at

SOFTBALL

the win, along with singles from junior Abby Robinson, Scott, senior Katie Marra and junior Emily Bielski. Although the 'Cats had 12 hits, the Mustangs got 11 off Scott, who got two

strikeouts.
"Leftfielder Meaghan Robinson, run in the sixth at home," Lulek said. "Defensively, I think we played solid both games. When Meaghan threw out the kid at home, that paid off right there. Katie Marra behind the plate has been playing exceptionally well

momentum from the victory over Northville carried over two days later

"We had an 8-0 lead and, in the last inning, they scored five," Lulek said. Richter pitched the victory for the Wildcats, who got offensive production across the board, especially from Scott, who was one home run shy of hitting for in the game. Sinkovich added a double. Kolis had a triple and single, Walter had two singles, and Oakley and Powers each

The 'Cats were up and down during their trip to Saturday's 33rd annual Fred Pieper Tournament.

Oakley had two singles, while Sinkovich, Meaghan Robinson and Scott each had one single apiece to amount for Novi's total offensive showing in a 10-3 loss to Pinconning, who is ranked No. 4 in Division II.

The team improved during the second game, a 10-0 victory over Redford Union. Oakley had two singles, Abby Robinson had a single and a double, and Scott, Powers and freshman Natalie Tarrant had one single each. Tarrant also made her varsity debut, pitching two nnings of the victory.

"If they hadn't walked so many, we vouldn't have won by as much," Lulek

with a disappointing 6-1 loss to a strong Regina squad. Scott produced the only hit, with the lone Wildcat run coming after a series of walks and a wild pitch

Perhaps deflated by the lackluster tournament performance, the 'Cats came out slow against Churchill, Richte gave up four runs in the first inning and Scott gave up four more over the course of the next few innings as the Chargers amassed 13 hits on the way to an 8-2 vic-

"They're a nice team, but we should've done better," Lulek said. "We didn't come out with very much energy. It just seems some us came up flat, you can't do that against anybody.

Scott's two-run homer in the fourth inning was a bright spot for Novi. Scott also had a single, as did Oakley and Powers. Kolis had a double and Abby Robinson racked up three singles. Lulek said Novi had runners on sec-

ond and third in the fifth inning with one out and followed with two strikeouts to end the inning. "We left runners on base in both

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former

Young FRC baseball team shows promise

It's been easy for Franklin Road Christian School's varsity basebal Catholic Central and Novi High School in its backvard; however that hasn't stopped this young team from getting off to a great start this season. The Warriors, coached by Mike Harris, have won their first eight games heading into the heart of Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (MIAC) red division

The Warriors have two seniors and one junior in their starting lineup. Senior Andrew Montoro anchors the outfield as a solid defensive center fielder. He has also been contributing offensively, with 11 RBI and a .500 batting average. Junior Seth Rayburn has pitched well for the Novi team with a solid batting performance of 4 RBI and a .455 batting average. However, the youth of the team seems to be the key to its future.

Four sophomores have been starting for the Warriors since eighth grade. This foursome has been improve

ing each year. Add a freshman outfielder and an eighth grade eatcher to the starting line-up and the Warriors field a very young and promising team. Nick Harris, short stop, is a solid fielder. Nick is batting .524 with 12 RBI and has been sound in the pitching rotation Emmanuel Peace third base and pitcher, batting .667 with 10

The Warriors (8-0, 3-0 MIAC Red) are scheduled to play Calvary Christian Academy and The Roner School this week before entering the heart of its conference schedule next week.

RBI; Vince Montoro, first base and pitcher, batting .476 with 10 RBI; and Michael Warren, second base, batting .533 have been play ing outstanding ball. Kyle Harris an eighth grader, has been contributing like a veteran. Kyle has performed well behind the plate, as well as at the plate, hitting impressive .609 with 13 RBI. Shoring-up the youngsters is fresh man Jacob Weaver has played well batting .500 with solid outfield play

and program at Franklin Road Christian School have not received any local media attention, local sports writers may want to take notice. With the number of ele tary and middle school students playing baseball at the Novi school and the baseball program at the school preparing the younger base ball players for future success at the varsity level, it may only be a matter of time until this team fulfills its potential.

Even though the baseball team

Submitted by Vincent Montoro, Franklin Road Christian principal/assistant baseball



Sophomore Vince Montoropitched 3 solid innings against Baptist Park on May 3

Wildcats win baseline girls soccer rivalry

keeper to beat. She did just that, shooting the ball

Down two goals, Northville put on the pressur

The victory was Novi's second division win of

The 2-0 halftime score would be more than dou-

bled within the first 13 minutes of the second half.

Caruso, sophomore Natalie Krygier and Timar notched the three second-half tallies, as

Rudzinski, junior Katie Seelenbinder and Jarvis

Although the score was an improvement for the

young Cougars program from past results against

defending state champion Novi, the Wildcats did

With a solid grasp on the division, the Wildcats

hosted Saline last Saturday.
The Hornets loaded their defensive end, which

and eventually scored on a corner kick with 17

minutes left in the game.
"For the next 17 minutes we held on as

Northville threw everything they had at us,"

the week, as the 'Cats had defeated South Lyon

East (6-5-0, 1-5-0 Central) with a steady 5-0 vic-

just inside the post for a 3-1 lead.

Novi locks sights in on division title

CORRESPONDENT

With a victory in the second baseline rivalry contest of the season. Novi's girls soccer team set themselves up for a clear path to the KLAA Central Division title.

The No. 1 Wildcats (8-0-1, 5-0-1 Central) battled No. 3 Northville (8-1-2, 4-1-1 Central) to a 3-2 decision on the road last Thursday in a rematch of the 1-1 tie April 12 at Meadows Stadium. The loss

dropped the Mustangs to No. 5 in Division I. Novi senior Nikki Greenhalgh got the scoring started nine minutes into the contest when she received a pass from senior Nicki Caruso, dribbled past a defender and ripped a blistering 25-yard shot into the goal.

The score would stand at 1-0 Novi for the next 31 minutes. Coming out of the halftime break, both teams' offense would produce. "The next eight minutes were full of action,"

Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. The Mustangs scored three minutes into the second half, but sophomore Erin Dircks headed a Carusa corner kick into the net one minute later to

re-establish a 2-I Novi lead. Four minutes later, Dircks received a pass from junior Kelli Timar in the goal box and had just the

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tory May 3.

Junior Jessica Jarvis netted two first-half nitheloni goals off assists from junior Katie Rudzinski and goals off assists from junior Katie Rudzinski and goals off assists from junior Katie Rudzinski and go kept Novi off the board for a bit, but the Wildcats ended up outshooting Saline 17-4 en route to a 2-0 victory. Senior gabby Gauruder earned her fifth

the very beginning," O'Leary said. "We dominated possession in the game, they got a lot of players behind the ball and into the defensive box, but they really did not have much offense all day. Freshman Gabby DeLeon got Novi on the board

Direks' second-half buffer was similar, as she

The No. 1-ranked Novi's girls soccer team (8-0-1, 5-0-1 KLAA Central) Jook to wran up the division title this. week. The girls were scheduled to host Plymouth Salem (5-4-2, 3-2-1 Central) two nights ago and Livonia Stevenson (3-3-2, 1-3-2 Central) 7 p.m. tonight before a state title rematch 1 p.m. Saturday against Plymouth (5-2-3, 3-1-2 South). The girls look to clinch the title against South Lyon (2-8-3, 1-4-1 Central) 7 p.m. Tuesday and South Lyon East (6-5-0, 1-5-0 Central) next Thursday at 6 p.m. -

shutout of the season with the win.

"It was a game that we were in control of from in the first half, heading a Rudzinski cross into the

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ketball team earned fourth

for the opening ceremo-

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State team.

Wildcat Cormac Littleton scoops up the ball and heads downfield during Novi's May 2 game against Plym

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY CHRIS JACKETT

LACROSSE

With two more victories last week, No. 11 Novi (10-1 to No. 9 in the state before settling at No. 10. The 'Cats defeated No. 20 Utica Eisenhower (8-4) 10-5 last Thursday and No. 45 L'Anse Creuse North (7-5) 10-6

In the Eisenhower game, Novi had to turn things around with a 5-0 second quarter to take the lead 6-3 at halftime.

"They went up 3-1 in the first, so it was a concern of ours," Novi coach Ton Stephanoff said. "We made some adjustment's and it vorked. We spread the field more because they were very

aggressive." The method allowed Novi's offense more space to work with, as senior Joe Mikkelsen led the way with three goals, two assists and an 85-per cent success rate on faceoffs Senior Taylor Howell added two goals and one assist. After a shaky three-goal

first quarter, junior netminder Alex Kinnamon allowed inst two more goals through-out the final three quarters. "I almost pulled him," Stephanoff said. "He came alive in the second half. He

played well in the second Defenseman Zach Mohr had a solid day and added a goal for the Wildcats, who were scheduled to face No. 34 Canton (6-3, 3-2 Kensington) last Monday before challeng-ing No. 9 Northville (8-3, 4-0 Kensington) 7 p.m. tonight on the road for the KLAA

our KLAA title."

HOCKEY

Kensington Conference "It was a good win over a stronger team than we've been seeing," Stephanoff eaid of the Eisenhower game "Northville's having a great year. It's the road to reclaim

Novi junior Brock Krygier and sophomores Jon Mencer and Mark Baker were all invited to participate in the Meijer State Games of Michigan June 24-26 in the dent-athletes. Grand Rapids area.

The three Wildcats will team with student-ath letes from Plymouth Salem Livonia Churchill, Canton and Livonia Stevenson as hockey squad. Salem has three representatives and each of the other schools has one on the Metro West team. Visit www.stategame-

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ATHLETIC CAMPS

ics for a list of other sports camps being run by Novi High School coaches and stu-

at the high school, middle school or Novi Woods.

basketball June 20-24, cheer leading July 11-14, lacrosse ball both July 11-15 and Aug. 16-19, and pom pon Aug. 27.

Lineup tweaked for final stretch of season

Tennis team strong against KLAA counterparts

Novi's girls tennis team had a busy week of competition, facing some of the tougher teams in the area.

The 'Cats (6-6, 4-1 KLAA Central) visited West Bloomfield May 2, North Division runners-up Lakeland May 3, hosted West Division runners-up Brighton last Thursday and then com peted in Saturday's Romeo Invitational.

After all was said in done, the girls had lost to West omfield 5-3, beat Lakeland 8-1, defeated Brighton 7-2 and finished second of eight teams at the Romeo Invite with 19 points, just two points behind Grosse Pointe South

"(West Bloomfield) has got a veteran team. If they had a top 15, both West Bloomfield and Novi would be in it," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. Lakeland's got a nice team. Adams, Romeo and Stoney Creek all had, not super strong

cessful flight was again four

doubles, where senior Meng

Meng Jie helped three diffe

ent partners to a flight record

f 6-0 during the four meets

to improve her record to 11-1

and freshman Amy Zhou to

defeat West Bloomfield 6-4

6-3 before getting he best of

Rochester Adams 6-0, 6-2:

Grosse Point South 6-3, 6-3

2, 6-0 at the invitation

"Four doubles played

and Rochester Stoney Creek 6

extremely well." Hanson said.

They played good aggressive

Jie also teamed with senior

place for Team Academic All-State with a 3.76 cumula teams, but solid squads. It was tive grade point average. It is our first tournament, so the girls were dragging a little bit the program's eighth-straight year in the ton 10. by the third match. South's a The Michigan High top team, so there's no shame School Wrestling Coaches in second. Association recently named The Wildcat' most suc-

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Novi senior David Sparling to

the first-team Academic All-

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 high school performance gym 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 defensive scheme

Gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and individual and team compet tions. All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basketball. Cost to attend is

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In addition to the girls basketball camp, visit http:// www.novi.k12.mi.us/athlet-

All the camps take place

Other camps include boys

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Nikhita Surapaneni to beat Lakeland 6-3, 7-5 and junior Alice Jiang to beat Brighton 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Zhou spent part of the week filling in for sophomore Rebecca Chen at three singles 6-1, 6-2 and Brighton 6-0. 6-1, while Chen rebounded from a 6-0, 6-0 loss to West Bloomfiled to sweep through her competition at Romeo defeating Grosse Pointe South 6-2, 6-0; L'Anse Creuse 6-1, 6-2 and Dakota 6-2, 7-5.

Junior Abby Wang was consistent at one singles for Novi. After a tough 7-6(3), 6-3 loss at West Bloomfield, she cruised through Lakeland 6-), 6-0 and Brighton 6-1, 6-1 At the Romeo Invite, she beat Grosse Pointe South 6-3, 6-2 before losing to L'Anse Creuse

"Abby played maybe her best match of the year (against West Bloomfield). Their one. said. "Abby's had a chance to play against pretty much ever player who's going to be seede

(at the state tournament). At four single, freshman Asawari Kanitkar went 5-1 on the week, handling Wes Bloomfield 6-2, 6-3; Lakeland 6-1, 6-2; Brighton 6-1, 6-1; Riverview Gabriel Richard 6-0, 6-0 and Romeo 6-4, 6-3 but losing 7-6(5) 6-2 to L'Anse

The doubles flights stayed consistent, going 11-3 in the dual meets and 10-4 at the invitational.

Seniors Meggie Riegel and Jenna Snyder led the way at one doubles. After a tough 6-3, 1-6, 7-6(0) loss to West Bloomfield, the pair defeate Lakeland 6-2, 6-0, Brighton 6 1, 6-0, Stoney Creek 7-6(5), 6 and L'Anse Creuse 6-3, 6-0 pefore taking a tough 3-6, 6-1 11-9 tiebreaker loss to Gross Pointe South. At 8-4 on the

season, the duo is the second most successful flight for the

"We played a real good one doubles. Got a slow start in the first set (against Stoney Creck) " Hanson said, "Onubles was strong. Brighton's got a good team. We had vork it there. We'll be OK there. The girls played

Another strong doubles flight at 7-5 is juniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka at two doubles. Kwederis and Nagasaka lost 6-1, 6-2 to West Bloomfield and 6-1, 6-3 to Grosse Pointe South last week, but got a 6-1, 6-4 win over Brighton, 6-4, 6-4 victory ove 7-6(3), 6-2.

Two singles, three doubles and five doubles all experienced some lineup changes

during the past week. After losing 6-0, 6-0 to West Bloomfield and 6-0, 6-2 to Lakeland to fall to 0-8 at two singles, senior Ashley Aljadah flipped with sophomore Caitlin O'Brien, who had been teaming with junior Emily Sheeran at three doubles.

O'Brien lost 6-4, 6-3 to Brighton in her singles debut t defeated Dakota 6-2, 6-O in her first match at the Romeo Invite before losing 6-2, 6-3 to Romeo and 6-4 6-0 to Grosse Pointe South As Sheeran's doubles partner, the pair had defeated

West Bloomfield 6-3, 6-2 and Lakeland 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 earlier in the week to improve to 5-3 as a team. "I was pleased with how Sheeran pulled out a win. Hanson said. "Caitlin's go

When Aljadah stepped

a good serve and ground strokes, so we moved her up there. She played one singles or JV last yea

The Wildcats' (6-6, 4-1 KLAA Central) tennis team has a loaded schedule to wrap up the regular season. The team lost a late 5-3 decision to No. 9 Troy last Monday and was scheduled to play South Division runners-up Livonia Churchill (10-3, 4-1 South) Tuesday and then visit No. 3 Ann Arbor Pioneer 4 p.m. today. "We've got our work ahead of us this week," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.:

The final set of dual meets will lead into Saturday's 8 a.m. KLAA Kensington Conference Tournament and then Tuesday's 8 a.m. KLAA Association Tournament, No. 5 Northville (7-0, 5-0 Central) is the odds on favorite to win both titles. "They've played well this year. They don't have a weak link," Hanson said.

The girls will squeeze in one final dual meet 4 p.m. Wednesday when they host Ann Arbor Huron before Regionals take place May 20 at Novi High School and

back into the doubles scene as Sheeran's new partner, the new pair defeated Brighton 6-2. 6-4. L'Anse Creuse 6-0. 6-3 and Gabriel Richard 6-0, 6-4 before losing 6-0, 6-0 to Grosse Pointe South Novi's five doubles pair-

ings consisted of junior Natalie Doherty teaming with seniors Katie Murphy and Surapaneni. Doherty first teamed with Murphy for a 6-0. 7-5 win over Surapaneni for a 6-4, 2-6, 6teamed with Murphy again to defeat Dakota 6-2, 6-1 and lose 6-3 6-1 to Grosse Pointe South at the Romeo Invite.

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Kyle Edwards (85) and Carless

Getting back into dual meets, the Wildcats defeated Northville 158-161 May 3 at Senior Alex Willson took the ead with a 37, followed by Buckley (39), Carless (40) and

Edwards (42). The 'Cats had a little more breathing room the next day as they traveled to Fox Hills-Woods to defeat Salem 149-156 May 4. Buckley led the way with a 36, followed closely by 37s from both Palmer and Valker. Carless rounded out the score with a 39.

Stevenson 163-170 last Monday

"It has been a very difficult spring due to the inclement veather and terrible course have played in two events when unplayable, so I am proud of their efforts and I am excited about the remainder of the sea improve soon, and when it does I believe we will shoot some low

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Novi's 5-3 win over Northville followed an 11-6 loss in the first game of the After the Wildcats took an

early 3-0 lead and left runners

stranded on first and third,

Regnier allowed two hits, eight runs, four walks and hit four batters with a variety of nitches in two and 1/3 innings pefore he was tossed for curs-Senior Zach Reilly provided

the relief, but the 'Cats allowed another two walks and three more hit batters in the final four and 2/3 innings Novi managed a few more

> The second same was a different story. Eloff pitched a full seven innings, allowing two hits, one walk, zero earned runs and three unearned runs

lot of easy outs," Green said. I just liked the way we came back in that game." Eloff also led the offense

had an RBI and Reilly got the game-winning hit. "Alex Davis had a nice

The triangle series with Detroit MLK and Groves feaured two different showings from Novi's offense. Forche went 2-for-2 with a home run, three RBIs and two stolen bases against MLK, as

Schwanz went 3-for-3 with a

home run, three RBIs and two doubles. Caputo added two RBIs, while Regnier went 2-As a whole Novi had 21

one hit, four walks and eight 'I got everyone a chance to y and everyone a chance to " Green said. "It was nice

Green noted that the umpire's wide interpretation of the strike zone made things interesting for both teams "We had two guys on and Chris Valade took a 3-2 pitch

out. "It would've been bases Ferrini had two singles. Bageris each added a hit, while Bageris and Kruse also each

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BASEBALL

were credited with the assists.

outshoot the Cougars 32-2.

Martin Luther King and a close 2-1 loss to Bloomfield Hills Groves before the team came up empty Monday in a 10-0 loss at Livonia Churchill

(14-4, 9-2 Kensington). "We just came out flat. You can tell they wanted it more than we did. It was just a very flat performance," Green said of the Churchill loss. "When we get off the bus, we were We didn't hit well, we didn't pitch well.

The Wildcats allowed eight hits, five walks and five errors in four and 1/3 innings more Matt Forche took the loss, allowing six Sonhomore Ryan Caputo and ior Tyler Schwanz finished

out the game. Chris Valade produced two singles, while Kruse added a double and both Eloff and iunior Logan Regnier coi tributed singles toward the Wildcats' limited offensive production.

"It hasn't been very good. I thought we were making some strides. I though that win at Northville gave us a boost," Green said. "The kids have to decide if they want to play and if they want to play together. We've got to come out and be ready to play."

runs, with Eloff going 3-for-4 at the plate for two RBIs and two runs, while senior Nick Bageris went 2-for-2 with two

in the 5-3 victory.
"He threw strikes and got a

going 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Weber, Schwanz and Reilly all went 1-for-3, as Schwanz

day," Green added. "He hit a long sacrifice fly that the guy robbed him on."
Similarly, Green said Kruse made big catch running into the fence at center field that would have resulted in runs.

runs on 18 hits, and sopho-

more Mario Ferrini, Reilly

to see everyone get a chance to In the tight 2-1 loss against pitched four innings, allowing two runs, six hits, two strikeouts and one walk before

Forche pitched two innings and allowed no hits, walks or runs to go with one strikeout "It was really well played," Green said. "They were hitting balls right on the nose in the first inning and got them right

up the middle

with zero outs that was high and outside," Green said of one

while Kruse got the lone Novi RBI with his one hit, Eloff and went 2-for-2 on stolen base







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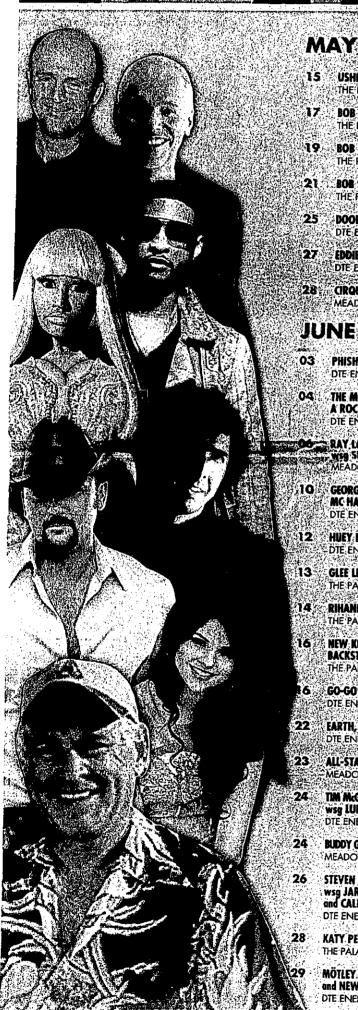
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he recovery indicators keep pointing to a hard, but steady, climb up a sloppy economic slope, pushing a boulder that is rumbling around the edges. When we ascend to the top of that precipice, it will be a victory that will require that we analyze the panoramie view of our missteps and find the lessons that will prevent a tumble back down, an already, torturous mountainside. There can be no return to the glorious days f yester-year in which every early 20th century assump tion was shattered by late 20th century realities. Who knew that placing a cookie on your plate and placing a cooking on your computer would have two com-pletely different meanings? The abundance of lessons learned are overwhelming, thus making it easy to find one that makes sense for moving forward.

One of the easily repeatable missteps can take place within an organization's ognition of the disconnect etween what is desired and what has emerged. Toward the latter part of the 20th century, management conepts such as teamwork, collaboration, consensus and empowerment were used similarly, and often interchangeable, to describe an important competitive theme. While the terms were give focus to a new cultural the desired process, being consensus, bumped heads

with the emergent process,

rea) managerial trick is in knowing how to introduce a high-consensus process into a low-consensus environment. The history of organizational missteps points to this as a major, vet subtle. factor in trying to build and maintain a competitive that a few people, in their what needs to be done. The remnants of that process are, profoundly, intact and in danger of becoming the misleading familiarity. Mor importantly, a high-consensus of agreement does more of a decision, but, also, to th that reformed the organiza implementing the decision. tional landscape. While it was a hard lesson to learn, it The infusion of consensus. is one in which the consenas a tool, requires a total sus tool can craft a future. break from the half-hearted efforts designed to garner the appearance of commitment. The panoramic view from the first precipice indi-

Consensus is a process in which juries, upon instructions by a judge, are dutycates that path to economic stability and sustainability is rooted in bringing perspec tives together in a timely manner and engaging those perspectives in a consensus-seeking forum in which commitment is primary results. Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D is a professor of management at Walsh College

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consensus, as a misuse of

that concept. Consensus should have been seen as a tool to achieve a desired end. When the historical, organizational truth is folded into the process, consensus was never a part of the cultural agreem and it was only the appearance of it that contributed. as one factor, to the eventual storm-drenched mudslide

bound to make sometimes life-and-death decisions Thus, there cannot be a low consensus decision or a high consensus decision. There can only be consensus. It's meaning is absolute. We are ALL in agreement about a decision being made. Juries are afforded the luxury of time in which to reach a con sensus, while most business organizations can ill afford to invest so much energy in trying to hit a target that moves, globally, in real time. At some level, it is recogbenefits. Individual, unique what we do in everyday life organizational environment

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Bowling benefit mixes fun, giving back for Realtor association

Some 67 bowlers — "Realtors and family and friends" — participated Wednesday, May 4, in a Bowling for Charity event of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of

Proceeds from the event at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia will support the ARC of Northwest Wayne County, which helps developmen-tally disabled people and their fami-lies, and the Warm Hearts organization, which provides scarves, hats. coats and other clothing to needy people. Warm Hearts also provides oodie bags for soldiers. WWOCAR's Member Services

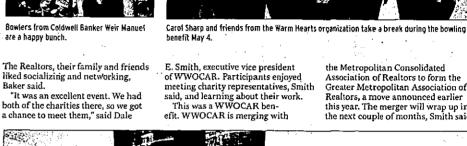
Committee picks the charities each year, said Terrance Baker, tool shop manager, Realtor Kim Hahn vices, and Realtor Meriem Kadi. a Westland City Council member, had an earlier fundraiser for Warm Hearts. WWOCAR has held bowling ben-

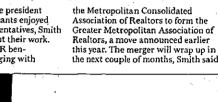
efits for other nonprofits in the past.
"Just for the organization to give back to the community," said Baker noting the \$2,300 raised May 4 will be divided equally between the ARC and Warm Hearts.

Everyone had a good time," he said. "Everything went like clockwork. Everyone I talked to had a nice time."



Tony Schippa, WWOCAR 2011 president, Jamie







Christine Lerchen and friends from the ARC Northwest Wayne County enjoy some bowling fun at the benefit.

Senior lifestyle: It's often about staying put

BY NANCY AUSTIN SENIORS REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST

ing isn't always about moving. Sometimes it's about aging in place, which is a rapidly grow-

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nent in senior living In 2002, AARP. working with the National Association

lay seminars for builders to earn certification as aging-in-place specialists (CAPS) To date about 3,000 contractors have

completed the program according to Therese Crahan, the executive directo

I have a close friend who moved from Kansas City to Tennessee where

she and her husband built their dream retirement home. (Tennessee, along with six other states does not tax have taxes on their personal income and wages. Tennessee does, however, tax interest income and dividends. Because they were mindful enough of the fact that this was their final purchase, they had installed several ging-in-place options. These includ ted toilets, wheelchair acces sible doorways and arches, as well as etween the island and cabinets in kitchen, grab bars and a hand-held shower head with long flevible hose in athroom showers. They also built a first-floor master bedroom

wer in her first floor la area. She doesn't want to leave her two-story house. She loves her location on a lake and the house itself

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and grandchildren. She is exploring the various kinds of walk-in showers and tubs that are available. The tub with jets is very appealing to her due to her arthritis. Grab bars will be also be installed.

There are many CAPS-certified companies in the local metropolitan areas that will retrofit homes with devices and will make changes to things like lowering countertops and electrical plugs, making bathrooms and kitchens accessible and barrierfree. Barrier-free areas of the home would include widening archways and doorways, leveling entrances to rooms in the house, as well as exterior

For the bathroom, you may want to consider installing low-level shelves next to the sink and cabinet for additional storage. A hand-held shower may solve bathing problems. I have seen bathtubs with built-in bench

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grab bars in the tub and shower.

Change appliances when convenient, o side-by-side refrigerator and electric stove with controls in the front. Garbage disposals can have a button have to reach to the back of the coun-

These are just a few of the many options and suggestions to help you

On May 17, a Senior Expo, which is held at Schoolcraft College, I attended the event last year and will be a partic ipant this year. I can assure you that i iging in place and staying in your own home is a priority, you will find many companies participating who are will-

Seniors Real Estate Specialist Nancy Austin may be reached at nancyaustin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900.

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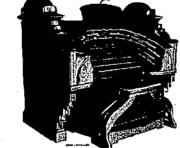
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of professional community association managers. You may wish to let your state egislator know of your desire companies which, in this writer's view, is long overdue 2: What do we do about a co-own who refuses to leave a board eeting that he was invited to? A: You might consider adopting a policy resolution addressing "Decorum at Association Meetings or Board meetings" that lays ou the standard code of conduct for attendees at association meetings and functions. That way, the misbehaving unit owner is, by acting out,

breaking the rules. This would also help if you wanted to assess fines and I believe it builds an expectation as to the proper behavior that could also be enforced by the sergeant of arms according to Robert's Rules of Order, Obviously, the sociation should have the right to a civilized meeting and, hopefully, it will not be necessary to call the police of other security. If that doesn't work, adjourn the meeting and

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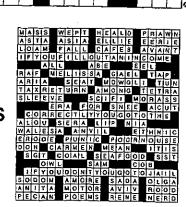
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Some are speculative, some are definitive -- but here are 10 potential jobs of the near or distant future, based on the trends:

1. Cyber security **specialist** - Cyber security is a growing industry. Knowledgeable professionals who can protect websites and expose hackers will be a hot commodity in the coming years.

2. Genetic counselor -Genetics are advancing at a rapid rate. Doctors can now run tests that will predict genetic conditions, and soon, parents may be able to choose the sex of their unborn children. With the help of genetic counselors, families can educate themselves on available genetic technologies and options.

3. Organic food farmer -Organic food currently occupies about 10 percent of the food and

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going to increase. As a result, more organic farmers and producers will need to improve organic farming techniques and grow the food.

4. Medical records administrator -

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U.S. auto makers sold 1.17 million vehicles in April, up 18 percent from their performance a year earlier. And while Ford's 13-percent increase ranked third among the domestic Big Three for the month, it wasn't because its vehicles were less in demand: Ford's Focus and Fiesta, as well as its new Explorer SUV, were among the hottest vehicles in the market.

Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. sales and marketing said. "Obviously, the market has shifted. It's the first month for our new Focus, and dealers were selling them right off the convoy trucks." Subcompact and compact cars

overall accounted for 24 percent of industry sales in April, about the same percentages as March, when fuel prices began taking hold in the consumer consciousness - but three percentage points ahead of a year ago. "If the industry had an unlimited supply of small cars, that percentage may have gotten to 28 percent or 30 percent in April." said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis.

Ford reported April sales of 189,778 units, up 13 percent from a year earlier. And if it weren't for tight supplies of its small cars, company executives said, they would have sold even more. "The availability of small cars is putting a cap on the segment,"

So Ford has been able to sell its yearold Fiesta, and its new 2012 Focus, at a breathless clip. Fiesta transaction prices are the highest of any vehicle in its segment, Pipas said, and the model sold more than 9,000 units for the second month in a row. Focus experienced "a ramp-up month" during April, Czubay said. "Availability will continue to be lean because the producdt is in such high demand." Combined, Fiesta and Focus - with the new version still in limited supply -

accounted for 15 percent of Ford's retail sales in April, six percentage points higher than realized by Fiesta and th previous version of Focus a year

Sales of Ford Fusion, a compact, were 12 percent ahead of a year ago. Taurus, Ford's mid-size sedan, was 2 percent ahead of last year's pace. Even Mustang sold 59 percent more units than a year earlier, largely because of an increase in fleet sales this year compared with last year, Pipas said. Over half of Mustangs were sold with a V6 engine that yields 305

horsepower and 31mpg on the highway. "People are saying, 'I can get everything in that category I want' with this six-cylinder engine," Czubay said

The model that propelled Ford sales

more than any other, however, was the

new Explorer, whose 25 mpgon the highway is a 25-percent improvement

production of a four-cylinder EcoBoost

version of Edge until later this year,

which promises even better mileage.

Already, "It's the fastest-turning

vehicle in the Ford showroom," Czubay

said, indicating that Ford also could

sell more Explorer - as well as Focus

Czubay mentioned Ford's overall

positioning for the times. "I've never

seen a company better positioned" for

a market shift than Ford, he said. "No

matter where the consumer wants to

go, Ford is lined up to give them the

The best example of that may be

approach to the F series trucks. Ford

of six-cylinder engine alternatives to

its previous offerings of only eight-

just began in January offering a couple

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The 2012 Ford Focus is a

about a 25-percent Improvement in fuel efficiency.

cylinder versions of the F150, and in April the two smaller engines accounted already for half of the model's retail sales.

"That's the most startling number' of the month, Czubay said. "That's a high-volume model. What consumers are saying is that they're willing to go with a six-cylinder engine" if it meets their performance standards. Overall, F Series sales were up 11 percent in

Lincoln's problems have been much discussed, and that woin't stop after the brand registered a 1-percent decline in April sales compared with a year ago.

Ford reduced its incentive spending in April by more than \$600 per vehicle compared with March levels, Pipas said, while the overall industry registered an incentive reduction averaging only about \$300 a vehicle.

Fleet sales in April were 36 percent of the total for Ford, on the high end of its desired range. Year-to-date, the figure was 34 percent.

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