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## Winter fun for all ages

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting two new outdoor recreation programs this winter, Snowshoeing Adventure at Kensington Metro Park and a Cardboard Sled Contest. Both events provide the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family, while enjoying Michigan's winter wonderland.

Adults 55 years or older, and their guests of any age, can snowshoe the trails along the Huron River at Kensington Metro Park on Wednesday, Feb. 15 beginning at 10 a.m. The 90-minute adventure includes an interpretive guide and hot chocolate. The pace will accommodate all participants, from older adults to preschool age children.

The program is \$14 per person and registration is available at the Novi Senior Center and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department located inside the Novi Civic Center. Snowshoe rentals are included; wear boots and dress for the weather. There is a \$5 daily vehicle entry fee or \$25 for an annual pass to all 13 Metroparks.

The Cardboard Sled Contest will have participants testing their creativity and building skills from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Lakeshore Park (alternate date is Saturday, March 3). Sleds must be made of only cardboard, tape, glue and paint. Prizes will be awarded for a variety of categories such as fastest, best design, and more. There is a \$10 per sled entry fee and registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org.

For information regarding the Snowshoeing Adventure, please contact Tori Heglin at (248) 347-0422 or theglin@cityofnovi.org. For Cardboard Sled Contest information, contact Lauren Nowakowski at (248) 735-5615 or lnnowakowski@cityofnovi.org.



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Novi Community Educational Preschool student-teacher Kristina Soblesky helps student Oceane Vanlinthout with a craft project on Feb. 2. The preschool will host its first ever open house 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 to give future parents a look at various aspects of the school.

## District eager to show off new preschool

### Hands-on learning benefitting both students, teachers

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

There is a renewed energy inside the Novi Community Education Preschool these days thanks to a new creative curriculum that has students and teachers interacting with each other in more hands on ways.

The curriculum, which was run as a pilot program last year, gives students more freedom to explore their interests and partner with students at different age levels, while also allowing the teachers to work with the various students and bounce ideas off each other.

Ann Hansen, the lead teacher at the preschool, said she was skeptical of the program when she first heard about it, but that quickly changed once she saw it in action.

"I noticed how much more the kids were learning by actually doing," she said. "And it has put a spark in the teachers as well



Novi preschool student Ava Shelburne pretends she is walking on the moon during an activity in her preschool classroom.

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## Police nab suspect in theft of credit cards

### Man prosecuted on similar charges in 2010

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

In-depth investigative work by a Novi detective helped police catch a 38-year-old Detroit man believed to be responsible for a series of credit card thefts in Novi.

Duahn Lontell Gardner, who police say was involved in four separate incidents throughout the month of January when he stole credit cards from people before using them to purchase gift cards at various stores in the city, was arrested on Jan. 27 at his home.

Police did not have an identity of the suspect initially, but Novi Detective Kevin Gilmore was able to use surveillance video to match Gardner to a previous mug shot. He was arrested on similar charges in 2010.

"We had 300 separate photos, and Kevin went through all of them until he came across the photo of the subject arrested before that matched the person on the video," said Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest. "Kevin did some excellent work as far as using our resources to develop a suspect."

Gardner is being charged on five felony

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## DFCU Financial, schools form lasting partnership

### Credit union celebrates opening, donates \$10,000 to NEF

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

If the beginning of the relationship between DFCU Financial and the Novi Community School District is any indication of the future,

then officials on both sides have plenty to be excited about.

DFCU Financial, which recently opened its first credit union in Novi on 10 Mile Road near Haggerty, celebrated its arrival by donating \$10,000 to the Novi Education Foundation.

### FUN DAY

DFCU Financial is hosting a grand opening celebration on Feb. 11 for all members and non-members. There will be food, face painting, giveaways and more. The credit union is located at 39570 10 Mile Road, near Haggerty.

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# St. James program teaches teenagers responsibility

## Improper use of social media can have consequences

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Denise Sinkovich knows there are many temptations facing teenagers these days — and as the parish nurse at St. James in Novi, she wants to give them the tools they need to be successful fighting them.

For the sixth consecutive year, the church hosted a Self-Respect/Self-Defense program to educate seventh and eighth graders about healthy decisions, appearance, texting, abuse and more.

"It gives them tools to stick up for themselves and know their limits and boundaries and be responsible when using social media," she said. "It's important now because there are so many places kids can get their information from. The faith-based program on

Jan. 29 was led by fifth degree black belt Erin Herman. Herman broke the 78 students into to groups based on gender to cater specifically to them.

The students then learned self-defense techniques from Novi Choi Kwong Do owner Mike Ayerst and his team.

"What we hoped they learned is how to get out of a sticky situation or how to carry yourself," Sinkovich said. "We are hoping these kids know it's OK to say no."

Social media also was a big part of the program as Sinkovich said many students don't grasp the dangers.

"They think they can say what they want and post things about themselves and others," she said. "But there are big consequences."

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Michael Ayerst, Novi Choi Kwong Do owner, brought his team to St. James to teach a group of middle school students various self-defense techniques.

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counts of unlawful use of a financial transaction device (credit card). The charges are punishable by up to four years in prison and/or \$5,000 fine. He has been arraigned and had a preliminary exam conference scheduled for Feb. 8 at 52-1 District Court in Novi.

Conquest said Gardner was interviewed by police when he was arrested, and while he said didn't remember each case separately, acknowledged that the photos taken were of him.

Three of the incidents were larceny from autos where Gardner allegedly went into unlocked cars to take purses or wallets, while another occurred at a gym in Novi where he is said to have taken a woman's purse. He charged in excess of \$2,000 on the credit cards before he was caught.

Conquest said Novi residents can do their part as well to protect themselves from theft. "The best thing people can do is to not leave valuables in their car," he said.

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### CORRECTION

The letter titled "District responds to speaker" by Mary Kay Gallagher that appeared in the Feb. 2 edition of the Novi News was not intended as a letter to the editor for publication. It was sent by the district through a ListServ e-mail for the school community only.

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### Fun at the library



Hope Jenkinson, 6, checks out some kids DVDs at the Novi Public Library on Jan. 18. Novi's library was recently named Michigan Public Library for the year of 2011.

### PRESCHOOL

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because it's more of a community atmosphere." For one hour a day the students go to Center Time where they can move from classroom to classroom and work on different activities.

Hansen said the students are so busy and excited about the projects that "behavior problems are almost zero."

The Novi Community Education Preschool is for children age 3 to young 5s. There are currently 210 students enrolled this year; 43 of them being non- Novi residents.

For the first time in the 25-plus year history of

### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Novi Community Education Preschool is hosting its first ever Open House from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21. Parents are invited to check out the school and new creative curriculum as well as meet the teachers.

the preschool, there will be an open house, from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 for parents to see the school, meet the teachers, understand the curriculum and see what the students do on a day to day basis.

Bob Steeh, director of community education for the Novi Community School District, said not only do parents have a lot of different options to choose from in terms of what they want out of a preschool experience, but their kids also have

access to the same technologies and opportunities as the other students in the district.

"We feel very confident our kids (in the preschool) have the upper hand on the other kids (from other preschools) when they go to kindergarten," Steeh said.

For more information about the preschool, visit <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us> and click the Community Ed tab.

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## Tracking own progress a benefit to students

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist



Super Talk

Steve Matthews

I like to walk, and Kaya, our Siberian Husky, likes to walk as well. She motivates me to get outside every chance I can.

Before we begin our walk, I start the Run Keeper app on my phone. I punch in the pace I want to walk at and then off we go. Every five minutes after that, my magical voice from my app tells me how far and how fast I have gone.

Sometimes I am ahead of my goal. Sometimes I am behind. At the end of the walk the app tells me my distance, my time and even estimates the calories that I have burned.

The app provides me with data to make decisions. I can speed up if I am going too slow, and I can also slow down if I'm going to fast. But that usually doesn't happen.

By giving me an estimate of the calories I have burned it also makes me think more about what I am eating. Overall the app has helped me get healthier.

Before I started using this app I would try and estimate how far and how fast I was going. I would try and count my steps. That usually didn't last too long before I forgot

if I was on fifty- or sixty- steps. I also drove routes before I would walk them to try and identify the distance for a walk. But sometimes I couldn't drive where I wanted to walk. Then I would have to estimate again.

I would also guess that a particular walk burned hundreds of calories when, in truth, it probably burned many less.

It is good to have data, reflect on that data, and make decisions based on data.

Our elementary students don't have a student or a grade app but they do have the next best thing. They have started data notebooks. These data notebooks allow our students to keep track of their work in school. By keeping track of their grades and their progress these data notebooks allow our students to think about their life as a student.

Being a good student requires many things. In our district we supply many of the components a student needs to suc-

ceed. We have outstanding teachers. We provide appropriate materials. And we have great learning environments in our buildings.

Yet a student could still not reach their potential if they don't have the data they need to track their success. The data notebooks our students are learning how to use provide a way for them to track how they are doing.

With that knowledge our students can then begin asking themselves important questions. Why did I do well on this assignment? Why did I not do well? How did they way I study help me be successful? Based on my performance over the last several weeks am I improving?

The data notebooks will help our students become better students. More importantly, the data notebooks that they use help them develop skills that will lead to success as they move through life.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools District. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1204; www.twitter.com/dcmsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.



Mark Shobe, president and CEO of DFCU Financial (center) presented a \$10,000 check to Bob Schram, executive director of the Novi Educational Foundation (left), and Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent, Novi Community Schools (right). DFCU Financial just opened its newest branch in Novi, and to show its support of the community and education, presented the donation to the district.

### DFCU

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Kim Ward, public relations director for DFCU Financial, said the company's philanthropic focus has always been on education, and they plan on working with the district in different ways in the years to come.

"We believe it's vitally important to keeping our community strong," she said. "The community has been very welcoming to us, and it's nice to see a school district excited about it and putting the funds to the best use."

Superintendent Steve Matthews said the money will be used to support the Leader in Me program at the elementary schools, which focuses

on the themes in the book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

"When you think about \$10,000 in the realm of a \$70 million budget, it's not huge," he said. "But, if you pull out that number from the budget and support the program in another way, it just frees up money for other things in the district."

"It really does become valuable," Ward said once the credit union gets up to speed, they will continue to look for ways to help students.

DFCU Financial has been looking for a location in Novi for a short period in response to its growing membership base in the area. They started construction on the building in the summer of 2011 before open-

ing last month.

"We have been fortunate, but also applied some prudent management decisions that have put us in a place to not only withstand but grow during these economic downturns we have had," Ward said.

The credit union boasts that it is the Michigan's largest full-service credit union, and rewards members in various ways.

"To celebrate the grand opening, DFCU Financial is inviting the public out for Family Fun Day on Feb. 11. There will be free food, face painting, giveaways and more throughout the day.

"We are very pleased to be part of this community," Ward said.

### NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Novi events**

**BLOOD DRIVES**  
Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22  
Location: Hillside Middle School 775 N. Center, Northville

**Contact:** To sign up at any of these drives please contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or risk@usa.redcross.org.

**OLHSA COMMUNITY LIVING PROGRAM**  
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13  
Location: Novi Senior Center  
Details: Pam Robinson of OLHSA is coming to the Novi Senior Center to discuss OLHSA's Community Living Program which is affiliated with AAHome Injury Control as well as Resource Advocacy. She will also discuss how the older adults can access OLHSA services.  
Contact: Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414 to reserve your spot.

**NORTHVILLE AND NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING**  
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13  
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street  
Details: "Painted Clay Pots". Please bring a clay pot to paint. The speaker is Judy Verhave.  
Contact: Fran Gunderson, (248) 349-6457 or visit http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org

**BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS**  
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays  
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)  
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

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**AARP Income Tax Preparation**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and April 5 and 12  
Details: Tax counselors from AARP are coming to the Novi Senior Center to provide free tax preparation by appointment to older adults 55 years and older. The counselors do not prepare taxes for small businesses or rental properties.  
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**NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
"Marketing on a Dime"  
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 14  
Details: By Kym Johnson, owner of KSJ Marketing Communications. Explore inexpensive and free marketing techniques to promote your business, both online and offline. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following.  
Contact: see www.abwa-novi.org for

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registration and payment information.

**NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST**  
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)  
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road  
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. 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.  
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**METRO NOVI BNI**  
Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday  
Locations: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi  
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**Service Groups**

**NETWORKING LUNCHEON**  
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22  
Location: Fleming's Prime

Steakhouse, 17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
Details: Speaker will be Tim Green from the Referral Institute. Come learn how to take your business to the next level by creating a constant stream of referrals; \$20 pre-registration required

**13TH ANNUAL THREADS OF POWER CHARITY BREAKFAST**  
Time/Date: 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29  
Location: Nordstrom, 12 Oaks Mall, Novi  
Details: Each year gently used men's and women's business attire is collected to help those in need by participating in this philanthropic breakfast event; \$15 pre-registration required.

**NOVI ROTARY CLUB**  
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday  
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Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays  
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**Library Lines**

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Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays  
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Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library, Register for programs at the library or on the library website.  
Contact: (248) 349-0720  
Web: www.novilibrary.org  
Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.  
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Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 9 and 16  
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**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting**  
Time/Date: 3:15-3:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10  
Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the Library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. For grades 9-12.  
**Spanish Story Time**  
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14  
Details: Spanish-speaking volunteer storytellers read Spanish picture books to preschool aged children.

**Teen Handwriting Analysis**  
Time/Date: 3:45-4:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10  
Details: What does your handwriting say about you? Come find out from our resident expert, Certified Handwriting Analyst Karen Elly. For grades 7-12. Registration required.  
Time/Date: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11  
Details: In partnership with Steppingstone School for Gifted Education, we are having a puzzle party! Hosted by Puzzlemaster Hiren Bhatt, we will challenge participants to solve a set of puzzles that involve many areas of critical thinking including math, science, logic, visual and spatial awareness, social interaction, memory, critical thinking, problem solving and other unusual topics. Participation is limited, RSVP to Donna Coffin at Steppingstone School (248) 957-8200. For ages 7-12 years.

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# Novi resident follows dream to start own business

## Stain-resistant scarf serves as clothing protector

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Kathy Steck and her husband were out of work and knew it was going to be a struggle to find jobs following the economic recession in 2008. But instead of wasting her time searching for a new place of employment, the Novi resident did something she now believes she should have been doing all along — start her own business. She began the process in 2009 with an idea to create a scarf that could protect clothes from spills. She read several books and took classes at the Michigan Small Business and Technol-

ogy Development Center before officially registering her company, DinerWear, in 2010. The core product is called the Cravaat, which is a micro-suede, stain-proof scarf that can be used in various ways. "I'm tapping into something I feel was always in me — the chance to be creative," Steck said. Prior to starting DinerWear, Steck was an industrial engineer who worked in manufacturing management. She said she loved what she was doing, but stopped working full-time to spend more time with her children. Her husband lost his job in 2008, but instead of getting down, she choose

to follow her lifelong dream. "I was encouraged to take this step because of the stories about others who did it," she said. She started making the scarves to cater to the senior population, but believes she can expand her reach beyond that group. So far, so good. The business started out of her Novi home, but she has since contracted with a business out of Hastings, Mich., to do the cutting and sewing of the scarves. She also has two other products — Cravaat II, which is a longer version of the Cravaat, and Napkin At Your Neck, which looks similar to an



Novi resident Kathy Steck, who started her own business called DinerWear, sells and markets stain-resistant scarves dubbed cravaats. She started the business after struggling to find work in 2009.

apron. All of the products are made with the same material and stains come out in the washing machine. "People say they are so nice and they don't want to get them dirty," Steck said. "But that is the beauty of it — you can get it dirty and it comes right out." She said she is continuing to look for ways to expand the product line, and even would like to design shoes. "People always say things like, 'I wish I thought of that,' and I feel like I finally did," she said. Those interested in the scarves can get more information about them on Steck's website (<http://www.DinerWear.com>). One can also purchase them there or on Amazon.com or at Binson's home health care supplies stores.

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# Japanese group Kodo performing in Novi March 10

The world-famous Japanese taiko drumming group Kodo brings their powerful One Earth Tour to audiences around the world every year. It has been four years, however, since Hanayui, one of Kodo's smaller group projects, has performed in the United States. On March 10, the Great Lakes Taiko Center will be hosting Hanayui for their first ever concert in Michigan. Although the Taiko Center opened its doors barely two years ago, Brian Sole, the director, has made it a point to bring world-class taiko per-

formances to Michigan, where most people are unfamiliar with the Japanese art form. "Last year we celebrated our one year anniversary with Hono-O-Daiko, one of Japan's most well known groups," says Sole. "The concert was very well received and we are thrilled to have another opportunity to share the stage some of the world's most famous taiko artists and bring their performance to the people of Michigan. Hanayui is a performing group made up of senior Kodo members, Yoko Fujimoto,

Chieko Kojima and Okinawa dance expert, Mitsue Kinjo. Their performance specializes in Japanese traditional dance and voice accompanied by taiko drums. For this tour they will be joined by Kodo's featured Odaiko player and oldest performing member, the powerful Yoshikazu Fujimoto. The Odaiko is a large drum, with a playing surface ranging from three to seven feet in diameter. It is played with sticks that are nearly two feet long. Taiko drumming has been a part of Japanese culture for hundreds of

years. The drums were often used for communication, ceremonies and as a part of festivals. It is only since the 1950s that taiko drumming has developed into a form of entertainment presented on stage. Performances can feature soloists on a single drum or as many as 20 drummers or more playing a wide variety of drums, from the small, high-pitched shime (she-may) daiko to the impressive Odaiko, which can sometimes be heard several miles away. "Those attending the March 10 concert will be

able to see a wide range of taiko styles." Sole explains, "From driving, intense rhythms, to celebratory, festival songs, to the elegant dances and haunting voices of Hanayui to the awe-inspiring Odaiko solo of Mr. Fujimoto, there will be something for everyone to enjoy." The concert will be held in the auditorium at Novi

Middle School (49000 W. 11 Mile Road), a 574-seat auditorium which allows the audience to be very close to the performers. If that is not close enough, Hanayui members will end the concert with a procession through the audience ending in the lobby where they will wait to greet, take pictures and sign autographs with concertgoers.



The four-member Hanayui includes guests from Japan.

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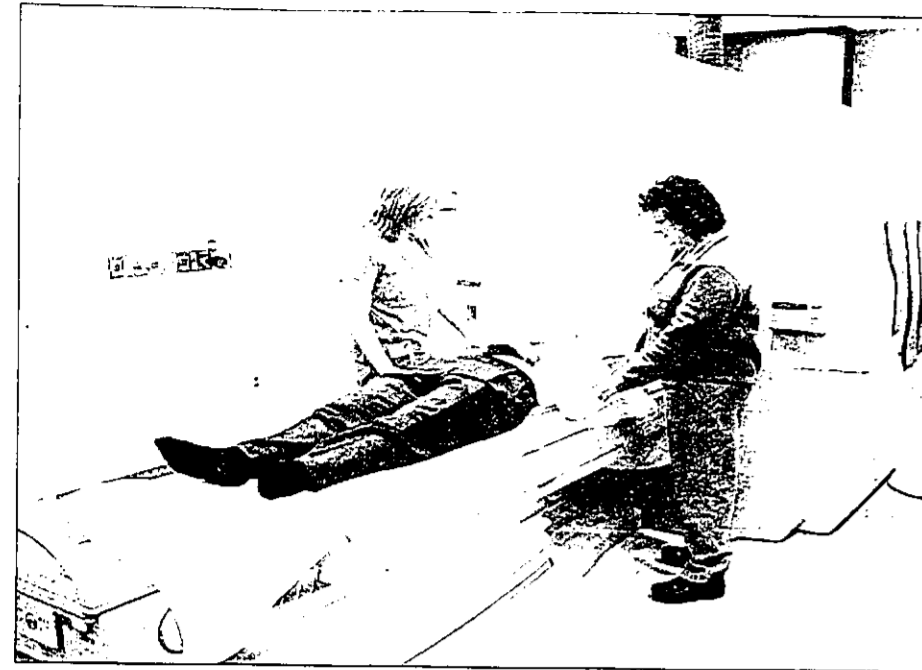
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## New MRI opens



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Providence Park MRI technicians Debbie Kimmel, left, and Joyce Durbin assist Jim McClean into the Novi hospital's brand-new Toshiba Titan 1.5 on Jan. 27. The wide-open MRI unit, costing about \$3.2 million total, has been in operation for about a week and will run from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week.

## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783.

### Twitter for Business - Introduction to Social Media Marketing and using Twitter for Business

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You will learn how to sign yourself and/or your business up for Twitter, set up your account and profile and choose the best Handle (user name), navigate Twitter, Twitter lingo, how to find (the right) people and business to follow, use lists to manage who you follow as well as your followers, how to Tweet, ReTweet, Mention and Direct Message other users, use of Hashtags, Twitter Privacy, how to protect yourself and your brand on Twitter, establish and track your digital footprint and how to stay on top of social media and Twitter trends.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-9 p.m.  
The fee is \$40. No refunds.

### Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-9 p.m.  
The fee is \$30. No refunds.

### Team SBA Financing Roundtable

This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. Before you apply for a business loan, the county recommends that you first attend a Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers, and an SBA representative. During the roundtable, we'll debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. Presented by: Small Business Administration (SBA) Representative, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) Consultant, and Business Banker.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m.-noon.  
This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

### Twitter for Business - Create your Twitter Strategy

In this intermediate session of Twitter for Business you will establish your social media objectives and goals for Twitter, create your Twitter social media marketing strategy and schedule, integrate Twitter into your marketing strategy. You will learn core strategies and tactics businesses are using to get customers talking through Twitter, how to use social media management tools, schedule tweets in advance, use social media search tools for optimizing the timing and reach of your tweets, use social media monitoring tools and leverage them for your Twitter strategy, use social media search tools to find and track people talking about your company/product/industry, respond ethically and effectively to brand supporters and detractors and manage your digital footprint — connecting Twitter with your website and other social media platforms. Prerequisite for this class is Twitter for Business Beginner.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-9 p.m.  
The fee is \$40. No refunds.

### Women's Business Certification (WBE) Orientation

Learn about the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE). Benefits include certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. For additional information visit [miced.org](http://miced.org). Presented by the Michigan Women's Business Council.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 9-11 a.m.  
The fee is \$25 (Please make checks payable to WBE-CL). No refunds.

### Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

This workshop is for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is provided.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-9 p.m.  
Fee: \$30. No refunds.

### Twitter for Business - Create and Launch your Twitter Campaign

In this advanced session of Twitter for Business you will establish your objectives and goals for a Twitter campaign, create and launch a Twitter campaign, learn advanced strategies for reaching influencers and building a long-lasting online community and explore ways to take Twitter beyond social media marketing. You will also build a complete multi-channel, social media-enabled marketing strategy, integrate Twitter and traditional marketing channels to deliver a competitive advantage, establish a social media Twitter timeline, grow your base of followers and engage participants, learn how to advertise with Twitter-Promoted Tweets, ensure a reasonable rate of return on your social media investment and acquire the tools you need to deputize your employees for organization-wide Twitter engagement. Prerequisites for this class are Twitter for Business Beginner and Twitter for Business Intermediate.

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 6-9 p.m.  
The fee is \$40. No refunds.

## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Schoolcraft hosting mother/daughter Micro-Lending workshop

Schoolcraft College (18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia) will host Micro-lending 101 from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Discover the ways that small loans make a big difference to entrepreneurs all over the world. Explore their unique businesses, and learn how Zonta International clubs support them.

Become an investor without spending any money of your own. Each participating mother/daughter team will choose a small business in a developing country to support with a small loan, and will learn about:

- strategies to make investment decisions,
- cultures around the globe and
- the economic impacts of micro-lending.

Register online at <http://zontanorthwestwayne.eventbrite.com>. "We have had the honor of Christy Hicks, our nominee and winner of the District 15 and International Jane Klausman Business scholarship, offer our club the opportunity to host the Mother/Daughter Micro-Lending Workshop," said Sally Randall, Zonta Club of NW Wayne County member. "It is free and is open to middle school and if room, high school girls, but spaces are limited."

"Micro lending is nothing new to Zonta," added Randall. "We have helped thousands of women worldwide to establish a business and in time, set up others with their profits. We feel this is a great way girls can learn to think of others less fortunate than they are and find the joy they receive in helping others."

### SuiteSweat coming to Novi

SuiteSweat LLC, the unique new Health & Wellness franchise centered around infrared heat therapy, will open its new location in Novi on Friday, Alex Samios, Founder and CEO announced. The first wellness concept focused exclusively on offering infrared sauna therapy to consumers, the Novi SuiteSweat will provide free introductory sauna sessions and promotional offers throughout the grand opening weekend ending Sunday.

SuiteSweat is located in at 26140 Ingersoll Drive. For information and appointments call (248) 347-4111 or visit [www.suitesweat.com](http://www.suitesweat.com).

"SuiteSweat is a great business franchise offering a proven health and wellness solution that will improve the quality of life in our community," said Bob Mayer, a Detroit native who is opening the SuiteSweat franchise in partnership with his sister Shannon. "We are looking forward to our SuiteSweat location becoming a leading wellness resource in Novi and the Detroit area."

The Novi location is SuiteSweat's second franchise in the US, and its opening follows the recent announcement of a multi-unit deal in Chicago and a 27-unit development agreement in Houston. SuiteSweat is a joint venture between Samios and infrared sauna manufacturer Sunlighter.

"We are very proud to open the Novi franchise and bring our innovative wellness concept to the Detroit area," said Samios. "We are especially fortunate to have great franchisees like Bob and Shannon join the SuiteSweat family."

### Community Financial holding essay contest

In honor of Presidents Day, Community Financial announced an essay contest for local elementary and middle school students to have a chance to win a cash prize as well as lunch for their classmates. Community Financial is asking area students to answer the following question: Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why? Essays will be accepted between now and Feb. 20.

Essay forms are available at any of the Community Financial branch offices, including Northville and Novi, and online at [www.cfu.org/contest](http://www.cfu.org/contest). Essays will be judged by a group of Community Financial team members in two separate categories — fourth and fifth graders and sixth-eighth graders. The top essay author in each category will earn \$100 as well as lunch for their classroom and CEO Bill Lawton. Each category will also have five finalists who will each receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

# Chef advocates 'eating right' on cooking show

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

He wants you to "eat right, by George." That's the name of a new cooking show hosted by George Rapisitis, a Livonia resident, nutritionist and chef.

Residents who subscribe to Livonia/Redford Brighthouse Cable can watch "Eat Right By George" on Channel 12 at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays, or those in Livonia, Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi can watch the show anytime on Local On Demand in the Around Town/Cooking category.

The show started airing in mid-January. Rapisitis, who also teaches continuing education classes at Schoolcraft College, has a degree in culinary arts from Schoolcraft, and a degree in dietetics from Madonna University. With that background in nutrition and culinary arts, he gives cooking instruction and recipes to viewers who want healthy food without compromising the flavor.

"It shows people healthy foods can be delicious," Rapisitis said. "They learn about portions, and how to cook for your heart and for those with diabetes."

Rapisitis, a Livonia native and a 1988 graduate of Franklin, once worked at Garden City Hospital's dietary department, cooking low-sodium meals, and meals for patients who had "soft" diets or heart problems.

He says his late mother, Carol Rapisitis, inspired him to pursue cooking.

He also remains connected to his Greek heritage, teaching a class last week on Greek history and cuisine at Schoolcraft.

"My late mother came to this country as a young girl from Greece in the 1960s with very little schooling, but she did so much," Rapisitis said. "She started her own catering company, which I was helping her run so I wanted to know as much as possible about food preparation."

"We catered the lunches for the students at Ladywood High School. The students enjoyed her homemade pizza and homemade garlic bread. She even got them to like spinach pizza."

Later in her career, she prepared the salad bar each day at Schoolcraft College for Henry's Food Court. "She taught me how to make things such as the stuffed grape leaves, cucumber garlic yogurt dip and lamb meatballs with lemon rice. She also showed me how to grow my own herbs and garden."

For the Eat Right By George shows, Rapisitis taped 12, 30-minute shows at a public access videotaping facility in Troy last year. His shows ran last year on Troy's local cable channel. "It got a nice response," Rapisitis said. "I went to Brighthouse (in Livonia) and I asked them to air them."

He loves Greek foods, like his favorite, stuffed grape leaves, which he creates from grape leaves from his own backyard on Kentucky Street. It is one of the recipes he features on the show.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef George Rapisitis makes spinach pie.

The day of the interview for this story, Rapisitis chopped spinach, onions and feta cheese, mixed them together, then layered them with phyllo dough for a simple spinach pie.

"Spinach is a super food with Vitamin B, fiber and phytochemicals," Rapisitis said. "It's good for the nervous system and an anti-cancer food."

"People aren't really sure how to prepare it," Rapisitis said on his choice of spinach pie to use on the show. "The dish combines all the food groups: the feta cheese is a dairy product; spinach, of course, is part of the vegetable group, and the phyllo dough is a grain, holding it all together." The eggs add protein; the

feta represents a low-fat cheese, the fresh dill adds subtle flavor.

Rapisitis directs the show's topics towards questions he hears most often: "How can I lose weight quickly? What can I do to trim the fat from my stomach?"

Rapisitis uses recipes to help viewers lose weight with fat-burning ingredients: olive oil, avocados, egg whites, salmon and raspberries. He has covered topics ranging from cooking for families, athletes and diabetics to those with heart disease.

"These are easy, simple recipes," Rapisitis said. "I try to do two or three recipes (for each show)." Rapisitis hopes the show will be picked up by other

### Spinach Pie

- 1 cup fresh spinach (do not wilt and well packed)
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped
- 4 tablespoons feta cheese, crumbled
- 2 eggs, beaten
- salt, to taste
- black pepper
- cup olive oil
- 5 sheets phyllo pastry
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Wash spinach and place in boiling salted water for about 3 minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water. Squeeze out all excess moisture and set it aside.

Heat oil in saucapan and add onion, spinach and dill. Cook on high for 3 minutes until onions soften. Remove and cool. Combine the cooled spinach mixture with feta, eggs, salt and pepper.

Work with one sheet of phyllo at a time. Cut each sheet of phyllo into five long, equal strips. Brush one sheet with olive oil. Cover with a second sheet and oil again, using about one half of the sheets. Add filling. Top with remaining sheets, brushing each with oil. Brush top with oil. Bake in a pan brushed with oil for about 15 minutes until brown.

Spinach pie can be created into small triangles as a "finger food." Cut each sheet of phyllo into five long equal strips. Lay strip down vertically in front of you. Brush one strip with olive oil. Cover with a second sheet and brush it with oil again. Spoon a heaping teaspoon of filling in bottom corner of strip. Fold over in half diagonally creating a triangle. Continue folding over into triangular shape until you reach the end of the strip. Repeat with remaining strips. Brush tops with remaining oil. Place triangles on a baking sheet and bake for about 15 minutes until brown.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Business It's getting better in Novi

At first glance, last week's front page headline "Novi Pizza Co. tosses final pie" may have lead one to believe it was just one more gloom-and-doom report on the state of our economy.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Peter (and Shawn) Woolford decided to close their business after 17 years because of his health issues, not because of a lack of business.

In fact, our Feb. 2 edition included many positive indications that Novi's business climate is on the upswing. Also on the front page, the Novi Chamber honored a half dozen businesses for their customer service, community involvement and great work environment.

Flip the page and read about Elle Studio salon helping women prepare for job interviews.

Go a few pages further and read about Steve & Rocky's reinvesting in the popular Novi restaurant with a remodel to celebrate their 20th year in business.

The good news continues this week as a local woman tells of her startup, DinerWear, and we look at a new credit union, DFCU, joining Novi's impressive lineup of financial institutions.

But those are just a few of the stories. Yes, our "downtown" is very lean and still faces numerous vacancies right now, but

there are many more who have converted the main street into sports bars.

And although we don't have specific figures for Novi, we can tell you that retail vacancies in Metro Detroit fell last year — from 10.4 to 10 percent. Not a huge drop, but worth noting — especially when you learn that the national rate went up to 13.2 from 13 percent in 2011.

Of course, there is much anticipation about the Walmart store's opening and what impact it will have on Novi's business scene. We think it will be positive, and Jim Clear, who manages the Novi Town Center where the retail giant is locating, has indicated that there are several other stores coming in as well.

His plaza lost Borders last year, but the vacancies of those bookstores statewide is not expected to last long. And a fabulous new shop, Performance Bicycle, opened up across the parking lot in 2011. On the south side of the plaza, Ken Bank's vacuum shop is doing so well that he moved across Grand River Avenue into a shop three times the size.

On the northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road (between the Crown Plaza Hotel and Carrabba's Italian Grill), that yellow building that was once home to Too Chez restaurant has been vacant for many years. But we've just learned that a businessman with a restaurant in Brighton is going to open a new eatery there.

Hopefully, with the completion of the Novi Road bridge and repaving of the eastern portion of Grand River Avenue on schedule, businesses on those two major thoroughfares should see an increase in traffic.

Last year, officials from the City of Novi participated in 10 ribbon-cutting ceremonies, all for new businesses. We'll admit that the ribbon-cutting photos we frequently include on our business page are not the most exciting for readers, but we'll gladly publish those over the alternative. All told, 42 new businesses came to our city, creating over 400 new jobs.

Over 200 more jobs are coming with the opening of Tognum, part of MTU/Detroit Diesel, which just received its temporary certificate of occupancy for their corporate headquarters in Novi.

There's new construction by Macprofessionals, Kistler Instruments and Cadillac of Novi, the recently completed KIA Feldman dealership and possibly a new Hyatt Place hotel on the grounds of the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Lastly, the place that made Novi synonymous with retail, Twelve Oaks Mall, reported in 2011 the opening of 11 new shops and the relocation/remodel of two others. And this year, mall owner Taubman Centers Inc. anticipates two more relocation/remodel projects and seven new retailers.

Good news — indeed.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

## What is your idea of the perfect Valentine's Day?



"Spending time with the people I love like friends and family. I will probably go to my parents' house and have a nice dinner."  
**Kristina Soblesky**  
Plymouth



"Flowers, tickets to a sporting event and a nice dinner."  
**Chris Greulich**  
Novi



"A movie, chocolate and just a quiet night ... maybe some jewelry too."  
**Ashley Lussenden**  
Howell



"Peace and quiet."  
**Nada Ozeir**  
Novi

### LETTERS

#### Manipulation wrong

I am writing with response to the appearance of Ryan Holliday and Joel Penton at Northville High School. I very much appreciated Mary Kay Gallagher's response which was sent to all parents who have children in the Northville school district.

What is most troubling is the use of manipulation to expose students to a particular form of Christianity, which in turn gives a part name to Christians. Those who are not Christians should not be manipulated about the faith.

What is most troubling is the use of manipulation to expose students to a particular form of Christianity, which in turn gives a part name to Christians. Those who are not Christians should not be manipulated about the faith. This is not a Christian expression might think that this kind of behavior is representative of our faith. It is not; these are extremists. When Jesus told his followers "to go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19), he did not intend for them to show up as "wolves dressed in sheep clothing" (Mt. 7:15) and start proselytizing when they had been invited to speak/sing about motivation. The after-school concert was deceitful.

The work of Christians is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in a public way that is inviting and allows people to breathe, think, pray and respond. St. Benedict, one of the greatest Christians to have ever lived, spoke of a "gentle invitation" to the spiritual life.

I am grateful that the Northville school district will do a more careful job of exploring the background of any speakers who come to our schools.

**Dorian McGlannan**  
City of Northville

#### Romney can't relate

According to Wilbur "Mitt" Romney, the "very poor" and the "very rich" constitute only 5-10 percent of the population; the rest of us, "90 percent to 95 percent, are struggling."

Where does he get these numbers? How did he ever get so wealthy dealing with numbers of dollars?

From his viewpoint, someone earning \$200,000 per year must qualify as struggling, and someone earning \$10,000 is merely somewhat poor (or are they considered "struggling"?).

According to almost all (non-Republican) sources, 15-20 percent of Americans are living below poverty standards. For a Republican to admit that some "very rich people" reside in the U.S. is a step in the right direction. But, when that Republican states that "\$375,000 isn't much money and is willing to bet someone \$10,000 as readily as most of us would bet a beer or a cup of coffee ... living on Social Security, statements like that scare hell out of me.

How could Wilbur ever relate or begin to understand the problems or predicament of millions of Americans?

**Patrick Downey**  
Novi

#### Energy park a step in right direction

An energy park as part of the Seven Mile Park is a wonderful

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idea. There's already an operating oil and gas well on the site. Why not add other, more modern, ways to generate electricity and use the site as a classroom? This seems consistent with Northville Township's motto, written on our seal, "Looking toward tomorrow without forgetting yesterday."

Not long ago Northville was out in the country and seemed an ideal place for prisons, psychiatric hospitals and garbage dumps. During the years of Northville's largest growth, parents had to explain to their children why, next to their soccer field, women were behind fences with razor wire on top. Other parents had to explain to their children that it was not a mountain, but a pile of trash. And yet others were explaining what psychiatric meant and who that stranger was walking down their road.

I would rather have to explain to my child what that large windmill was accomplishing for the environment, how it was cutting down on the amount of coal being shipped into Michigan every day, and how many jobs it helped to bring to our state.

When we moved to Northville, we chose to live not far from an operating state psychiatric hospital. An energy park, complete with wind turbines, would be a huge improvement for our property value.

**John Meyer**  
**Anne Rainey**  
Northville

#### Newt over Mitt

As a person who has been unsuccessful in losing pounds, I am hoping Newt Gingrich will be our next president — I want to be one of the 13,000 inhabitants he will help settle on the moon. With its low gravity, compared to Mother Earth, I would be losing tens of pounds.

Anyway, I have not felt very warm to Mitt Romney as he wanted to put Michigan in a ditch by letting its automobile manufacturing industry die so

he could kill the unions. Then go get them, Newt!

**Irene Piccone**  
Northville

#### It's about majority rule

To me, the right-to-work discussion is all about democracy and majority rule. If we choose to live in a community, we must legally support that community and all that it offers because the majority of our fellow citizens have voted in favor of it. It does not matter that we may be opposed to a library, road construction or public safety — if the majority of our neighbors vote for it, we are obligated to pay our share to support it.

In other words, if a person is opposed to union representation, but a majority of fellow workers vote in favor of it, the union must still be supported financially. That's what majority rule and democracy is all about.

I am opposed to right-to-work legislation because I expect each of us to pay our fair share to support the benefits we enjoy.

**William Berry**  
Northville

#### Donate old cell phones

Many of us start off the new year with resolutions for the future. Why not include a pledge to give back to those in need here in metro Detroit? The best part? You can get started on your resolution right now.

If you received a new phone for the holidays, you can easily turn that device into a lifeline by recycling it or putting it in the hands of someone who needs it.

Recycling and giving back to people in need couldn't be easier. Many retailers in our area have implemented recycling programs to help consumers recycle their phones and other electronics. One such retailer is Verizon Wireless. Through HopeLine from Verizon, the company accepts wireless devices, batteries and accessories in any condition from any manufacturer or service provider. The phones can be dropped off at any Verizon Wireless store throughout metro Detroit or dropped in the mail with a postage-paid label, and the company will either refurbish them or dispose of them in an environmentally sound way.

These refurbished phones can either be put directly into the hands of a domestic violence survivor, or turned into cash grants for local domestic violence organizations. Not only does your device go through the proper channels to get recycled, but it also ends up in the hands of someone who needs it.

John Granby  
president, Michigan/Indiana/Kentucky Region for Verizon

# The value of education can't be overstated

By Tom Watkins  
Guest Columnist



Tom Watkins

Regardless of one's politics, it is always good to have a smart president of the United States visiting your state. Sure, there are the inevitable traffic jams, police overtime costs and logistical headaches. But there is nothing better than commanding our president's attention as well as the nation and the world focused on your hometown. To have his focus on education is icing on the cake.

Education and talent will rule as the 21st century unfolds. It should be our goal to make Michigan and America the brain bank of the world, where everyone comes for deposits and withdrawals. The city, state and nation that gets right its system of learning to prepare its citizens to be competitive on the world stage will soar while others sour.

Speaking at the University of Michigan recently, President Barack Obama

forcefully reinforced his message about college affordability saying, "When kids do graduate, the most daunting challenge can be the cost of college. At a time when Americans owe more in tuition than credit card debt, this Congress needs to stop the interest rates on student loans from doubling in July. Extend the college tuition tax credit we started, that saves middle-class families thousands of dollars. And, give more young people the chance to earn their way through college by doubling the number of work-study jobs in the next five years."

Amen to that. At the other end of the spectrum, the president also spotlighted our nation's high school dropout rate — a national disgrace.

Michigan is well ahead of the curve when it comes to addressing the high school dropout crisis on a national level, might well be considered a public health care epidemic.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama told the nation, "We also know that when students don't walk away from their education, more of them walk the stage to get their diploma. So, tonight, I am proposing that every state requires that all students stay in high school until they graduate or turn 18."

To have a law on the books that allows a child to leave school at the tender age of 16, without an education is state-sponsored stupidity.

As the incoming state superintendent in 2011 I called for this change and the law was adopted in 2010.

**Good teachers matter**  
A recent study by Ctrc Research Council (csrcmich.org) highlights

the importance of teachers and how Michigan could do a better, more efficient job of preparing its classroom leaders. We need to engage classroom teachers and listen to their voice as we embrace and lead school change.

The president also said, "At a time when other countries are doubling down on education, tight budgets have forced states to layoff thousands of teachers. We know a good teacher can increase the lifetime income of a classroom by over \$250,000. A great teacher can offer an escape from poverty to a child who dreams beyond his circumstances. Instead of bashing them or defending the status quo, let's offer schools a deal. Give them the resources to keep good teachers on the job, and reward the best ones. In return, grant schools flexibility to: Teach with creativity and passion, stop teaching to the test, and replace teachers who just aren't helping kids

learn." Well said, Mr. President. The just-released "A Blueprint for an America Built to Last" provides greater depth to the ideas of building an educational system and economy that works for everyone. (See http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/01/24/blueprint-america-built-last).

Our country's future will only be brighter if we heed these ideas now — we owe it to our collective futures to invest in the human potential of all Americans.

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at twatkins88@gmail.com.

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Robertson & Jackett

Andrea Lynn Robertson of Livonia and Christopher Alan Jackett of Novi are engaged to be married April 28 at The Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ron and Mary Robertson, of Livonia. She graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 2003 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She also graduated from Walsh College in 2009 with a master's degree in business administration. She is an assistant business manager and sales representative at Blackwell Ford in Plymouth.

The groom-to-be is the son of William and Nancy Jackett, of Redford. He graduated from Redford Union High School in 2003 and from Michigan State University in 2007. He also graduated from



Walsh College in 2011 with a master's degree in business administration. He is a correspondent with both the Novi

News and Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle, and an assistant manager at Total Sports Complex in Novi.

65-year-old woman scores with hockey

Fox Run retirement community resident Diane Pieknik is getting ready for the hockey playoff season. She suits up with her helmet, mouth guard, neck protector, chest protector, elbow pads, gloves, pulvic protector, pants, shin guards, and stockings.

She laces her skates, grabs her hockey stick and heads to Suburban Ice in Farmington Hills where she is a left winger for a team in Novi's Women's Beginners Adult Developmental Hockey League.

Pieknik, who is 65 years young, is determined to score as many goals as she can - it is a dream come true for her. "I always wanted to play hockey, but the sport is not considered one for women," she said. "I was given my sister's figure skates when I was a little girl. I didn't like them, so I decided to do something about it by playing hockey one day."

Pieknik plays in hockey games each Sunday night. She has been doing it for the past four years. She attends skills and concepts sessions one-a-week where she learns puck handling techniques, how to use the edges on her skates, how to defend, and how to make tight turns on the ice.

"When I first started playing hockey I stayed as close to the boards as I could," said Pieknik, a former nuclear medicine technologist at St. Mercy Hospital in Livonia who now works at Providence Hospital in Novi as a file clerk in the Diagnostics Imaging. "My game blossomed from there."



Fox Run retirement community resident Diane Pieknik is a left winger for a team in Novi's Women's Beginners Adult Developmental Hockey League.

Pieknik has great memories of the first goal she scored in a game in which she also had an assist. "It took me a few years to score my first goal. The team gave me the puck," she said. "My teammates jokingly told me I would have to drop my gloves and start a fight on the ice. I didn't do that."

A lifelong Detroit Red Wings fan, Pieknik also plays softball in a Novi women's league, and she has done white water rafting in Tennessee and buzzed down a zip line.

"I want to sky dive. That's on my bucket list," she said. She moved to Fox Run last summer from her home in Farmington.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Teens arrested for drugs, drinking

Two teenage boys were arrested for underage drinking, and one received an additional charge of possession of marijuana after a witness called police about a suspicious car in a parking lot on Solomon Boulevard on Jan. 26.

According to the police report, when the officer approached the car he could smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside. The passenger said there were no drugs in the car, but during a search of the vehicle the officer found 10.3 grams of the drug in a plastic bag as well as a pipe and scale.

There also were cans of beer in the backseat. Both suspects registered blood alcohol contents on a preliminary breath test, and were under the legal drinking age of 21 years old.

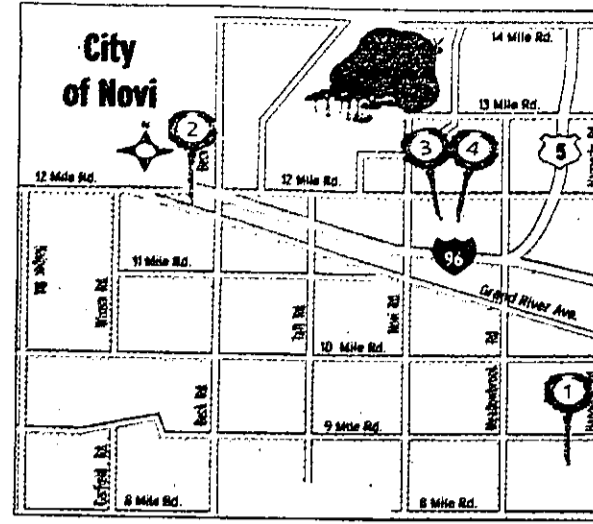
They were arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where they were issued citations and released after posting bond.

Cans taken from Applebee's

An unknown suspect took four cases of returnables from Applebee's on Jan. 27 after disguising himself as a contracted employee.

According to the police report, the suspect told an employee that he was hired to pick up the cans. When the employee went inside to get a manager, the suspect had fled the scene with the nearly \$10 in cans.

Applebee's management said this type of incident has happened several times over the last few months but do not know who the suspect is.



Novi police arrested two teenage girls for retail fraud on Jan. 29 after they were caught stealing from Macy's inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the loss prevention officer at the store observed the women enter the fitting rooms with items and exiting without them several times. She said she stopped the girls when they exited the store with their father and found the items in their purses and coat sleeves.

The total value of the items taken was over \$300. Both were arrested and

charged with retail fraud third degree.

Police stop theft suspect

A 17-year-old man was arrested for stealing on Jan. 30 after he was caught following a brief foot chase in the parking lot of Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the loss prevention officer saw the suspect enter a fitting room at Lord and Taylor's with several items before coming out wearing them under his clothes. The teen exited the store and started to run.

Novi police arrived on the scene and stopped the suspect in the parking lot. The total value of the items stolen was \$237. Lord and Taylor's LPO said they did wish to prosecute, and the teen was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was released after posting bond.

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Eleven of the 13 college-bound soccer players from the U18Jaguars Green premier team smile as they sign their national letter of intent Feb. 1 at Total Sports Complex in Wixom. From left to right are Victoria Pepper (Dexter, IPFW), Sami Roumayah (North Farmington Hills, Eastern Illinois University), Madison Phillips (Saline, Siena Heights), Megan Paplinski (Plymouth, Olivet College), Samantha Pavlika (Novi, IPFW), Katie Bounds (Southfield, Grand Valley State), Rachel Good (Walled Lake Central, IPFW), Alexandra Schmidt (Hartland, Bowling Green), Jessica Jarvis (Novi, Bowling Green), Madelyn Haustein (Novi, Ferris State) and Taylor Pirrone (Temperance Bedford, Western Michigan). Northville players Sasha Gardner (Ferris State) and Samantha Jarrett (Schoolcraft College) are not pictured.

## Premier club produces 13 collegiate players

### Three of four college-tier Wildcats lead Jaguars class

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

It's still several weeks until the high school season begins, but one soccer club got cooking and produced a baker's dozen worth of college-level student-athletes.

During a Feb. 3 national signing day gathering at Total Sports Complex in Wixom, members of the under-18 Novi Jaguars Green squad celebrated 13 of 17 team members signing on to play collegiate soccer next fall.

The experienced Jags squad features four seniors from Novi High's girls soccer squad — Jessica Jarvis, Maddie Haustein, Katie Seelenbinder and Sam Pavlika — and also previously featured 2011 graduate Nikki Greenhalgh, who played soccer for the University of Wisconsin last fall. The team also features an additional seven players from other top KLAAS schools such as Northville, Plymouth and Brighton.

"This group is very, very different in that they have an unbelievable work ethic and they have a great chemistry together," Jaguars coach Paul Tinnion said. "If I think of any of the groups I've had in the past couple years, this group's probably been the most fun to work with because they're willing to ask questions, they're

## Novi tankers finish 6th in county



A group of Wildcats huddle together after finishing sixth of 25 teams Feb. 4 at the Oakland County Championships.

## Wildcats top among KLAAS at county meet

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With 25 different swim and dive teams battling it out at the Oakland County Championships, Novi's Wildcats finished sixth while also finishing first of the six KLAAS teams participating.

Behind 160 points, the 'Cats (2-4, 1-3 KLAAS Central) finished 3.5 points back from fifth-place Troy Feb. 4 at Waterford Mott. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice won the county meet with 303 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm, Beverly Hills Groves and Detroit Catholic Central, which had 199 points.

Among Novi's top performers was Derek Kim, who finished second in the 1-meter dive with 420.8 points, 63.1 points behind the winner from South Lyon, Jongmin Kim also earned a runner-up finish for the Wildcats behind a 59.96-second swim in the 100-yard breaststroke, just 0.56 seconds behind the winner from Lake Orion. Jongmin Kim also finished fourth in the 200 individual medley in 1:58.57, just 2.02 seconds behind the winner from CC. Fellow Wildcat Tanner Vincent finished 11th in 2:02.55.

Tanner, who also tied for sixth in the 100 fly in 54.51 seconds, 1.52 seconds behind Troy's winner, combined with Jongmin Kim and two other teammates for a pair of top relay finishes.

The duo, along with Gucci Onimura and Eugene Song, finished fourth in the 200 medley relay, which Groves won in 1:38.67. Vincent and Andrew Ao and Dennis Kim in the 400 free relay, where they finished seventh in 3:21.28, a few seconds behind the winning Groves team (3:14.54).

Ao also landed top-five in two individual events. He finished third in the 100 free in 48.49 seconds, 1.29 seconds back from Brother Rice (47.20). Ao also landed fifth in the 200 free in 1:45.80, 2.67 seconds back

## Rivals put muzzle on Wildcats

### Injuries make close rematches, losses for Novi cagers

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With nearly as many injured players filling the bench as there are healthy reserves, Novi's cagers are struggling.

The Wildcats (4-9, 4-4 KLAAS Central) dropped both division matchups on the road in the past week at South Lyon (7-5, 4-3 Central) and Northville (8-5, 6-2 Central).

After a close 38-36 victory Jan. 10, Novi expected their rematch Jan. 31 at South Lyon to be tough, but not a 19-point loss. The Lions' offense much more potent the second time around. Novi only scored one point in the first quarter and, despite winning the rebound battle 19-14, lost 51-32 on the scoreboard.

"The difference in the South Lyon matchup was they were more aggressive. They played hard, we looked lethargic," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "It also really hurt us not to have Blake Brown (shoulder) and Jionni Ivy (eligibility)."

"I don't see a lot of emotion or energy from the team before games. I will never understand that, but it takes getting beat up early in games to get them fired up."

Senior Kyle Clemmons led the 'Cats with nine points on 3-for-4 shooting from beyond the arch, while sophomore Nelson Cagle (eight points) and senior Michael Jocz (seven points, four rebounds) also tried to keep Novi in the game.

Also chipping in were three points apiece from seniors Scott Kempa and Brandon Macklin, as well as two points and eight rebounds by senior Alex King. Senior Tre Cadwell added three rebounds.

"King is getting more rebounds in space, not just those that come to him. He's played harder on both ends," Tass said. "I demand that we win the battle on the boards, but the turnovers have haunted us from day one. Our guards

## CC wins 18th-straight CHSL title

### Squad earns six championships to win conference crown

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

For the past 18 years, the Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team has known nothing but what it feels like to be the best team in the Catholic High School League.

The team earned their 18th-straight CHSL title last week with a convincing showing in the conference championship tournament, which was held at University of Detroit Jesuit High School. The squad earned 279.5 points to win the title by placing 11 wrestlers in the finals and coming away with six individual championships.

Winning championships for the Shamrocks were Zack Colone, Alex Goings, Chris Naubert, JT Ayotte, Bob Coe and David Lilley.

The Shamrocks also had a slew of second-place finishers as well. Runner-up spots captured by the Catholic Central grapplers included those by Parker O'Brien, Casey Hagan, Eli Joseph, Mike Babcoz and Nick Giese.

The Shamrocks also had three third-place finishers in Jake Filban, Joe Vollmer and Jimmy Russell.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball squad (4-9, 4-4 KLAAS Central) was scheduled to host Plymouth-Salem (11-2, 5-2 Central) two nights ago before visiting Livonia Stevenson (7-4, 3-4 Central) tomorrow night and hosting Wayne Memorial (5-5, 3-4 South) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m.

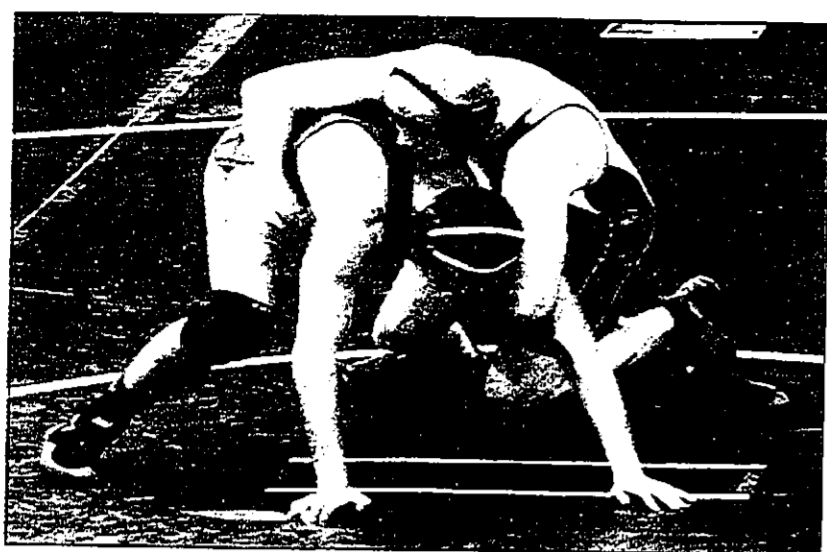
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Novi grapplers finish 7th in KLAAs  
Keller top Wildcat individual at third in association

By Chris Jackett  
The team and individual KLAAs... Novis grapplers (16-10, 4-1 Central) finished seventh...



Novi senior Jake Dobras gains position on Observerland 171-pound champion Allen Steele of Livonia Franklin Feb. 1 at the KLAAs team meet.

ON TAP  
Novi's grapplers (16-10) will try to keep their season going by hosting tonight's team district...

Franklin dominated the next four weight classes with wins by pin fall at the 140, 145 and 160 weight classes... Novis senior heavy-weight Jimi Keller started the match with a 4-3 overtime victory over Franklin senior and Observerland champion Omar Haymour...

HOOPS

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have not progressed on that as much as I would want to see, yet they have some potential to finish well this year.

The Wildcats were 6-for-13 (46.2 percent) from distance and 6-for-20 (30 percent) inside the arch, shooting 36.4 percent as a whole while committing 18 turnovers.

"We score most of our points from outside," Tass said. "Without a great post presence, I have stressed attacking to the basket. Tough to do when you turn it over before you get there."

The Northville game was a little higher scoring on both sides of the ball. After losing 31-27 in a very up and down contest at home Jan. 13, which was Northville's first baseline victory in the past four years, Novi saw the rematch as a prime opportunity for revenge.

A slow start plagued the Wildcats again, allowing Northville to pull away for a 53-47 win despite another 24-19 victory on the boards by Novi. Jocz picked up 12 of those rebounds to go with his six points.

"Jocz putting in some more points for us is nice," Tass said. "He's worked so hard this year to get better."

Kempa and junior Charles McKinney (four rebounds), who was shut out against South Lyon, led Novi with 11 points each.

"McKinney did not practice well this week. I think that was in his head," Tass said. "He came out in fire in the second half of the Northville game and aggressively attacked on both ends."

The 'Cats, who shot 16-for-44 (36.4 percent), also got contributions from Cagle (nine points), Clemmons (six points) and King (four points).

Novi shot 9-for-23 (39.1 percent) for two and 7-for-21 (33.3 percent) for three in a continued attempt to utilize their guards.

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SWIM

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from Brother Rice (143.13)

The Wildcats struggled to place well in the remaining events. Novi swimmers landed outside the top 12 in the 50 free, 100 back and 200 free relay, while none advanced to the finals in the 500 free.

Novi is hoping to rebound from a tough regular season, which featured several close meets. The 'Cats lost 97.5-87.5 at Northville Jan. 12, won 101-85 at Plymouth Salem Jan. 19, lost to visiting Livonia Stevenson 9-90 Jan. 26 and lost to visiting South Lyon Unified 98-88 Feb. 2 to finish 1-3 in the division.

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Catholic Central swimmers applaud their team during their Feb. 2 meet at the Livonia Community Recreation Center pool.

CC earns pool win vs. Cranbrook  
Victory was one-sided with Shamrocks taking 11-of-12 events

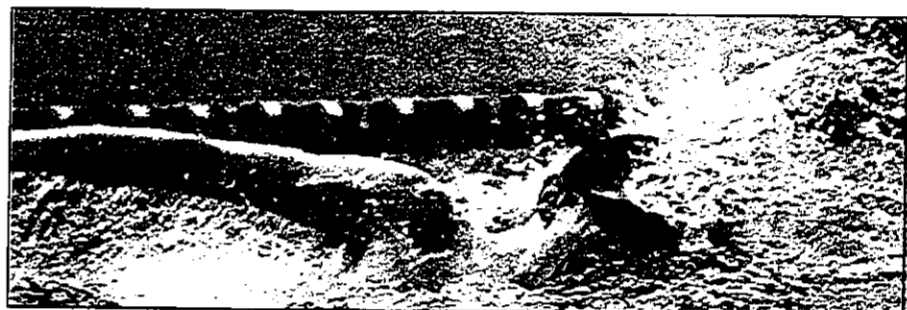
By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a bit of a one-sided night when the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks took on the Cranbrook Cranes in a boys swimming and diving dual meet last week.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 9 in the state out of Division I schools, came into the dual meet not only looking to earn a win over their historical rivals, but over the newest member of the Catholic High School League.

In the end, it wasn't much of a challenge as the Shamrocks won 11 out of 12 events for a 105-78 final.

Catholic Central started out with a win in the 200 medley relay, for which credit goes to Jack



Catholic Central Shamrock Kevin Johnston swims against Kingston-Cranbrook School on Feb. 2.

Walsh, Ryan Newman, Dan Szuba and Tim Szuba. The team posted a time of 1:40:64.

Individual events let the Shamrocks shine, too, as Dan Szuba placed first in the 100 butterfly and Ryan Newman won the 200 breaststroke. Colin Brinkman, Jack Walsh

and Tim Szuba each won two individual events.

Brinkman, the Szubas and Grayson Arnold teamed up to take first in the 200 freestyle relay, with a time of 1:31:69.

Walsh, Brinkman, Chris Vela and Neil Robinson, all freshmen and sophomores, won the 400 free-

style relay with a time of 3:22:40.

The Shamrocks climbed to 1-1 in the CHSL with the victory.

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CC skaters split week  
Team suffers tough loss to Trenton in overtime

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was the kind of game that just makes you shake your head in disbelief.

The Shamrocks, ranked first in the state, took an early lead over longtime rival Trenton, ranked fifth in the state overall and second in the state for Division II teams, but couldn't hold on and ended up losing in overtime, 3-2.

Detroit Catholic Central looked like they knew exactly what they had to do to win as they scored the first goal of the game in the opening minutes of the first period.

Matt Sorisho took assistance from Pete Halash and Charlie Green to find the back of the net and give his team a 1-0 lead.

That advantage remained throughout the remainder of the first period and the entirety of the second before Trenton tied the game off an unassisted play by Andrew Sawyer just 1:50 into the third period.

The Shamrocks wouldn't let the game stay tied, however, scoring nearly 10 minutes later on a power play as Pete Halash fired the puck past Sorisho.

Trenton goalie for the 2-1 lead. Despite their best efforts, the Shamrocks couldn't keep Trenton from knotting the game up again just three minutes later as Cory Sychel took an assist from Joey Russo to force overtime.

In the final period of play, Trenton scored just two minutes in to close the deal with the game-winning shot coming off the stick of Bradley Teska.

Surprisingly, the game was rather civil between the two rivals as Catholic Central was whistled for four penalties and Trenton for two.

Taking the loss in goal was Ryan Mulka who stopped 24 shots on goal, while Blake Wojtala earned the win, stopping 37.

Just a couple of days later, however, the Shamrocks got back on track as they collected a lopsided victory over Wyandotte, 6-1.

Catholic Central scored four in the first, one in the second and one in the third period to earn the win.

Nolan Gluchowski had two goals in the first period while Charlie Green added one, as did Sorisho.

Halash had the second-period goal for the Shamrocks while Robert Ault tallied the final goal in the third.

Earning assists were Tyler VanAcker (2), Sorisho (2), Green (2), Danny Middleton, Luke Turner, Nick Michels, Brady Jones, Tyler VanNorman, and Michael Babcock.

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willing to take risks in training, they work very hard and there's a lot of personality in this group. There's a lot of fun times, but when the whistle blows or the training starts, they work really, really hard.

"I think what you see out of this group is a lot of leaders at their individual high schools; captains as they're going into their senior year. Some of them get to play against each other, but they also have a fun rivalry as far as playing against each other at the high school level, so it's fun to watch."

Three of the four Novi players are bound for college teams. Jarvis signed to play at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Hausstein at Ferris State University and Pavlika at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. None of them will be making the transition alone, as each have fellow Jaguar teammates signed to play at the same schools.

Hartland's Alexandra Schmidt will join Jarvis at Bowling Green, Northville's Sasha Gardner will join Hausstein at Ferris State and both Walled Lake Central's Rachel Good and Dexter's Victoria Pepper will join Pavlika at IPFW.

"I hope to start there and play all four years," Pavlika said. "I'm with Good and Pepper, who are my teammates who will go with me. I hope we can contribute to the program and make the best of it."

Tinnion said the high amount of collegiate signees is partially due to all the tournaments and showcases the team has participated in during the past two years, and most of the girls fully agree.

"We got so much exposure our U17 year. We must've gone to over 10 tournaments and it was good. The more exposure, the better," said Sami Roumayah, a North Farmington midfielder who is headed to Eastern Illinois University's women's squad. "This is a good team, a good place to get ready for college and (Tinnion) prepared us really, really well. We've just got to go rep the Jags on all of our teams."

Between the 13 college-program bound girls, Jags players will represent nine different colleges stemming from the single premier club team.

"I don't think any of them are going to be ready to go 90 minutes right away, but if they do, they're going to be ready to do

that," Tinnion said. "I expect the different schools they're going to, at the different levels, they're all going to contribute in some way and I think there's even a few players in this group who will stand out and do great things as freshmen or turn out to be good four-year players."

Before the girls split off for college, they have a whole other season of high school soccer ahead of them. For Novi High's players, they're defending back-to-back state titles and their Jaguar teammates, such as Plymouth's Megan Peplinski (Olivet College), Brighton's Amanda Krause and both Gardner and Samantha Jarrett (Schoolcraft College) of Northville are all looking to knock the Wildcats off that pedestal.

"It's fun to play against them. It's hard to keep a straight face on the field because we have so much fun together," said Jarvis, who also knows several local players from the Michigan Rush club team she used to play with for six years.

Jarvis, who is a Jags co-captain alongside Pepper, said the relationship with both her high school and premier club teammates is special.

"It's different because I don't see my club girls every day at school," Jarvis said. "I see the girls from high school a lot more because I'm seeing them at school and then at practice every day after school. So we're close from that, but these guys it's almost more fun to see them at practice because I don't see them at school."

Other college-program bound members of the Jaguars team are Southfield-based University High's Katie Bounds (Grand Valley State University), Saline's Madison Phillips (Siena Heights) and Temperance Bedford's Taylor Pirrone (Western Michigan University), which is where Pavlika played goalkeeper last season before transferring to Novi.

The U18G Jaguars Gold team also produced a college-bound player, as White Lake Lakeland's Mary Jacobs signed to take her talents to Meredith College in North Carolina.

Although not a member of the Jaguars club, Novi High teammate Kelli Timar, who plays premier soccer for the Michigan Hawks, was the fourth Wildcat to sign on to play college soccer last week. She'll join 2011 teammates Nicki Caruso and Gabby Gauruder at Michigan State University, where Timar's older sister also played.

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

## Wildcats avenge injured teammate with Baseline win

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The crowd got their money's worth last Friday as Novi avenged a loss from earlier in the season to defeat baseline rival Northville.

After losing senior forward Ally D'Annibale to another ACL injury three nights prior, Novi (11-3, 6-2 KLA) got a slow start against Northville (9-5, 5-3 Central). However, the 'Cats went up big at half-time and held on late as the Mustangs clawed back into it, eventually winning the baseline battle 42-36 for the north side of Eight Mile.

"I'm just really happy with our defense tonight," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "That was our best defensive game. They got a lot of people who can score on that team and for the most part we did a nice job."

Although both teams struggled to score in the first quarter, which ended with Novi ahead 4-3, the second quarter was the game changer.

After Novi senior Abby Chandler (two assists) chased down and clearly stripped Northville junior Brittany Berehulka (four points on 0-for-12 shooting, three rebounds) of a first-quarter breakaway, Chandler dished a pass off to senior Abby Robinson (three points) early in the second quarter as she was falling out of bounds. Robinson made the basket as she was knocked to the ground and hit the extra free throw to give Novi a 9-5 lead. The Mustangs would never get within a basket again.

"She made some great plays," Kelp said of Chandler. "That's her game, is defense and especially defense on the ball. She played a heck of a game, too. I mean, that's what we needed, everyone to play a great

## ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball squad (11-3, 6-2 KLA) was scheduled to visit Plymouth Salem (3-10, 2-5 Central) two nights ago before hosting Livonia Stevenson (9-3, 5-2 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow in the regular season finale. Novi's placement in the division standings will determine when and where they open KLA Tournament game Tuesday. The Kensington Conference semifinals follow 7 p.m. Feb. 16.

game and they did." From there, the teams traded trips to the free throw line. Novi went 7-for-8 and Northville's Alex Moynes (17 points on 2-for-4 shooting) went 5-for-6 over a five-minute span without any field goals.

Up 16-10, Novi senior Sam Pavlika (eight points, four rebounds, four steals) hit a three pointer, spent a 25-second span dribbling in place at half court while the other nine players stood still and then hit a jumper to close out the first half with a 21-10 lead.

"They might not do a ton of scoring, but they do a ton of little things people don't realize," Kelp said of the Pavlika sisters. "They have a knack for the ball and we're blessed to have them."

Five different Wildcats contributed to the lead, but only Moynes had scored for Northville, with eight of her 10 first-half points coming from the free throw line.

"Novi did a great job of guarding her," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "They know she's our key and they certainly made it difficult for her to get any kind of shots off. So what she did get was from the free throw line mostly. So

take her out of our offense and that makes the other four on the floor have to work twice as hard to try to make everything else work. Credit to Novi, those kids played super hard tonight and they were seeking revenge."

The Mustangs turned the tempo up in the second half and battled back, but the deficit remained 11 at 28-17 after three quarters despite others helping Moynes on offense.

With Novi ahead 37-23 in the final four minutes, the Mustangs' shots finally started falling and also earned several trips to the charity stripe as they crashed the net. Bodies were regularly hitting the floor on both sides of the court, showing all signs of the rivalry and no signs of the Wildcats' double-digit lead.

Chandler fouled out with 1:56 remaining, leading to a free throw by Berehulka that made it 38-29, and Moynes quickly hit four straight free throws to make it 38-33 with 1:42 left.

A pair of free throws by Pavlika and a triple by Northville junior Kendra Brenner (six points) made it 40-36 with 36 seconds left, but Novi sophomore Kerri McMahan (17 points, six rebounds, three steals) nailed two free throws to put the 'Cats up 42-36 with 33 seconds left.

The Mustangs missed two shots and McMahan was able to dribble out the final 12 seconds on the clock.

"They're an athletic team, a good team and Kerri's strength is to get into the paint," Kelp said. "We spread the court and let her make plays."

Also contributing to Novi's victory were junior Jade Antolec (six points, five rebounds), senior Anna Lausch (four points, three rebounds) and sophomore Taylor Pavlika (four points).

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## Hey, Novi! It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

We Need Your Input On The Best Places To Shop...Best Places To Eat... Best Place For Great Service. This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll. Join in on the Balloting!

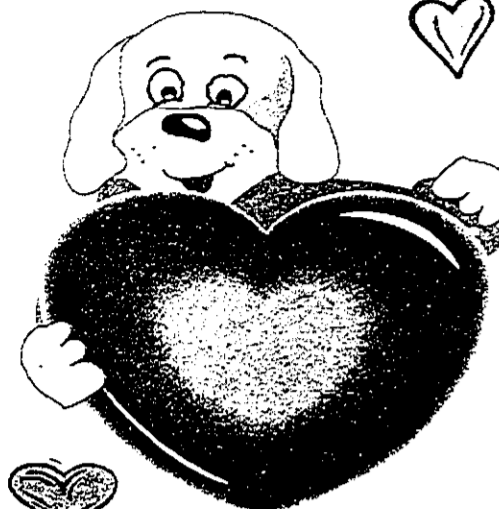
Drop Off or Mail In to: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178  
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## Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights



### Funny Valentine Contest

**CONTEST:** Scoop loves to laugh. Send your clean jokes, riddles or short stories. The winner(s) will receive a family 4-pack to a Plymouth Whalers game and a Scoop t-shirt. Good Luck!

**Mail to:**  
**Scoop the Newshound**  
41304 Concept Drive  
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**Deadline for submissions:** All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers by close of the business day on March 29th. Winners to be announced in the March Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

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### Scoop's Funny Bone: Riddles, Jokes, and other Funnies:

- Knock knock  
Who's there?  
**Frank**  
Frank who?  
**Frank you for being my friend!**
- What did the boy owl say to the girl owl on Valentine's Day?  
Owl be yours!
- What did the valentine card say to the stamp?  
Stick with me and we'll go places!

**Funny Valentine Contest**  
Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Community: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's name, address, phone, email, home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

### Scoop's Craft Corner

**Be My Valentine**  
Let your friends know how much you care for them by making a special Valentine's treat.

- Materials Needed:**
- Red, pink, and green construction paper
  - Scissors
  - Lollipop
  - Glue stick

#### Step by Step Instructions:

Use red and pink construction paper to cut out a heart shape. Make sure that the heart is larger than lollipop candy. Now let's make leaves. Fold the green paper in half and cut out a leaf shape. Keep the two sides attached making sure not to cut the seam. Write a special message to your Valentine on the heart or leaf. Now glue the heart to the candy wrapper. Make sure that your message is on the un-glued opposite side. Unfold leaf shape and spread glue on it. Place the lollipop handle in the seam of the two leaf sides and press the two glued sides together to secure it around the handle.

**Age Appropriate:** 5 years and older  
Partners Help Needed? Yes - for younger readers

### The Scoop on Health

**SPONSORED BY:** Daniel S. Fox, D.D.S., Livonia Dental Group, 32280 Five Mile Livonia, MI 48154, 734.425.7010  
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After eating all of your Valentine sweets make sure to take care of our teeth. In recognition of the National Children's Dental Health Month take a short quiz to see how much you know about good oral care.

**What should you not eat a lot of?**  
Meats  
Sweets  
Vegetables

**Teeth not only help you eat, but they also help you**  
Taste  
Talk  
Hear

**How many times a day should you clean your teeth?**  
1 time  
2 times  
5 times

**Canine teeth are used for**  
Tearing food  
Chewing Food  
Tasting Food

**What are the last four teeth a person will get?**  
Molars  
Wisdom  
Canine

**If you have a problem with your teeth who should you visit?**  
Your Doctor  
Your Dentist  
Your Gym Teacher

**Answers:** Sweets, 2, Talk, 3, 2 times, 4, Tearing, 5, Wisdom, 6, Dentist

### Brain TEASER

Each letter has a symbol. Decode the special Valentine Day message by replacing each symbol with a letter.

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Fill out the form and have your parent's fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

**Halden Richmond** Community: Inkster February 17  
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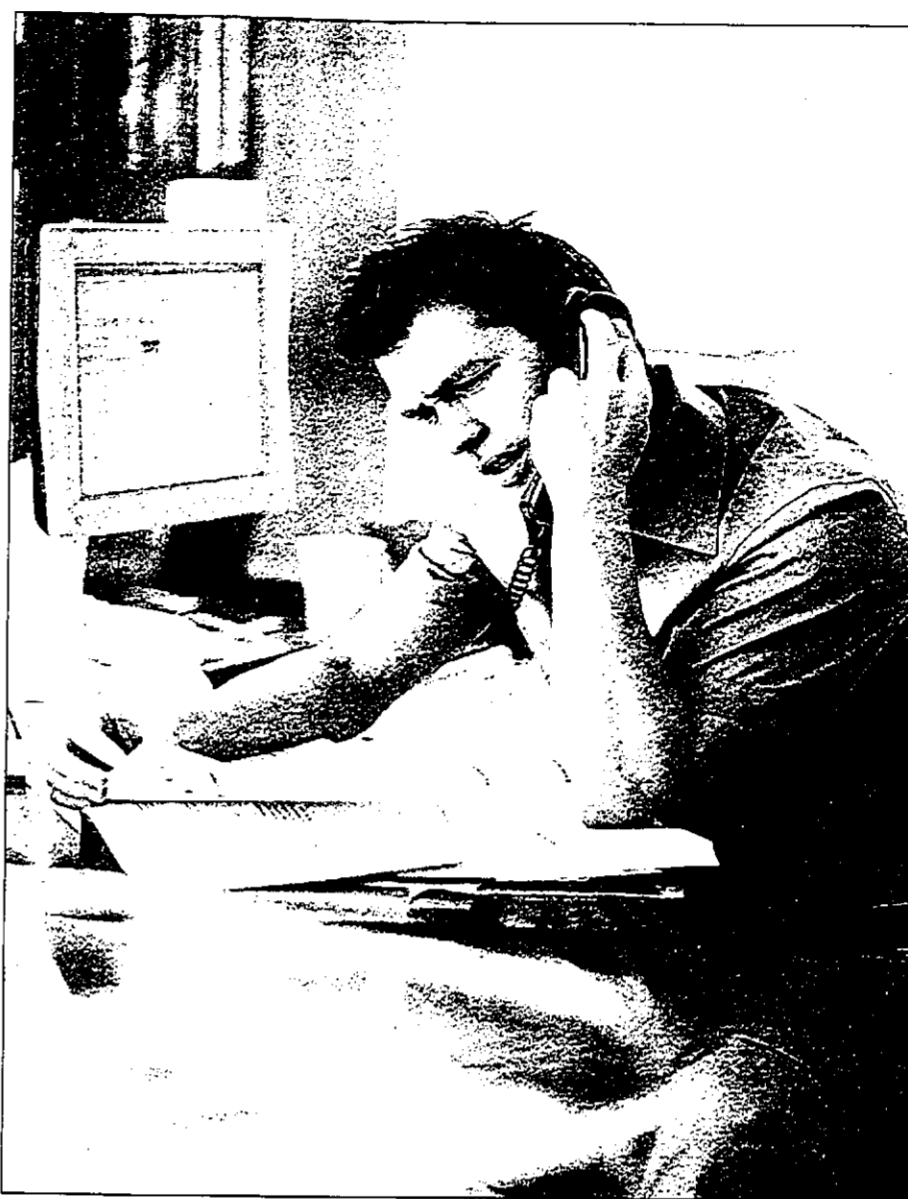
## Emergency plan vital for small business

Reacting to a natural disaster or emergency means ensuring the immediate safety of employees, but also planning how the business will continue to function in the aftermath. Even if your business is not located in an area that is a likely target for a natural or man-made disaster, you need to be prepared for the unexpected with a comprehensive business continuation plan. The Better Business Bureau advises business owners to develop a plan of action should their business face a disaster. Creating a disaster plan for your business is a great way to start the new year. According to the Insurance Institute for Home and Business Safety, one in four small businesses forced to close because of a disaster never reopens. Business that have business continuity plan in place — and use it during and after disaster strikes — typically experience less damage, loss and downtime than businesses without a plan.

"If your business lacks an emergency plan, a natural disaster can turn into a business catastrophe," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of community relations. "But a solid emergency plan can give you a lot of peace of mind and a greater sense of security."

After you've made plans to ensure the safety of your employees, BBB offers the following advice to help keep your business operating and meeting your customers' needs in the wake of a disaster:

- Don't be caught off guard. Consider the different types of disasters — fire, flood, tornado, etc. — that can occur and how your business would respond differently to being displaced for a week, a month, or longer.
- Know your surroundings. Determine alternate locations for your business to operate if you are displaced from your current building.
- This could mean enabling employees to work from home or finding an alternate location for your office or store.
- Prepare your staff. Identify essential staff who are core to the operations of the business and keep a list of their phone numbers (home, work, pager, cell) and e-mail addresses that can be accessed by employees from several locations (home, Internet, etc.).



Communicate, communicate, communicate. Devise an emergency communications plan that outlines how your business will communicate with employees, customers, vendors and other key external contacts in the days following a disaster. Contact vendors and suppliers to confirm their emergency response plan procedures. Be prepared to use alternate vendors for essential supplies and equipment. Have your back-up equipment kept in good working condition.

- Have an up-to-date inventory of your assets. Review your insurance policies to ensure that you have adequate coverage for items you cannot afford to lose. A standard policy may not cover business interruption losses.
- Store your documents safely and efficiently. Keep duplicates of personnel, payroll, payables and receivables and other essential records at an off-site location. Regularly make back-up copies of important computer files.
- Establish a succession of management for the company. Determine who will manage the company if key leaders are unavailable.
- For more business tips, visit <http://detroit.bbb.org/Business-Tips-Index/>.

Yes to inspect request often best

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We live in a detached condominium and every year the Board of Directors undertakes an exterior inspection of all of the units for maintenance purposes. However, this year we received notice that they are offering an interior/exterior inspection to the interior of the unit, but that would be the financial responsibility of the individual co-owner. Our bylaws state that the association has access to the units as necessary for maintenance, repair or replacement of any of the common elements and to make emergency repairs



to prevent damage to the common elements. However, I feel that an interior inspection is an invasion of my privacy. Would it be within my rights to refuse the interior inspection?  
A: It appears from your question that they are making the interior inspection an option which you do not have to accept. If that is the case, you can obviously opt not to have an interior inspection. On the other hand, to the extent that the association believes that it needs to inspect your unit for common element problems, I think there is a good argument that that cost should be defrayed by the association. If, on the other hand, the inspection of the unit deals with problems that are within the co-owner's responsibility to maintain repair or replacement, then that is something that should be the co-owner's responsibility. You should determine exactly why and what is going to be the subject matter of any inspection in the interior of your unit and whether it is mandatory or not.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 24-28, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

41688 White Tail Ln GARDEN CITY	\$123,000	31637 Wyoming St NORTHVILLE	\$123,000	12720 Leverne	\$38,000
32137 Alvin St	\$85,000	16731 Carriage Way	\$114,000	18368 MacArthur	\$35,000
33354 Alvin St	\$75,000	40745 N Northville Trl	\$316,000	26327 Margaretta	\$46,000
6963 Dover St LIVONIA	\$54,000	49848 Parkside Dr	\$265,000	9648 Summer	\$31,000
28375 Broadmoor St	\$135,000	19431 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$295,000	18618 Summer	\$21,000
19658 Donna St	\$125,000	18525 Steep Hollow Ct	\$487,000	8847 Woodbine	\$30,000
29228 Elmira St	\$45,000	PLYMOUTH		WESTLAND	
16888 Fairfield St	\$130,000	48042 Ashwood Dr	\$395,000	34216 Arrowhead St	\$86,000
36212 Fairway Dr	\$206,000	13743 Hilltop Dr W	\$425,000	33229 Creston St	\$62,000
14625 Flamingo St	\$148,000	49210 Plum Tree Dr	\$236,000	35040 Melton St	\$77,000
14191 Houghton St	\$115,000	13450 Saint Andrews Sq	\$250,000	8110 Pickering Pl	\$211,000
35174 Mungier St	\$220,000	10468 Trailwood Rd	\$285,000	2129 S Harvey St	\$90,000
32315 Wisconsin St	\$125,000	REDFORD		1324 Sharon St	\$30,000
		20380 Gaylord	\$25,000	1360 Shoemaker Dr	\$31,000
				7475 Woodview St	\$20,000

### HOME SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 17-21, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

COMMERCETOWNSHIP		26620 Woodlore Rd	\$300,000	24487 Venice Dr	\$190,000
3105 Belle Terre	\$138,000	1970 Mystic Hills Dr	\$214,000	22053 Westester Dr	\$400,000
9464 Chaumont Dr	\$180,000	1186 Riverside St	\$260,000	SOUTH LYON	
4942 Parkgate Dr	\$350,000	774 S Millford Rd	\$63,000	61008 Evergreen Ct	\$61,000
3206 Rio Vista St	\$90,000	NOVI		822 Fairhaven Dr	\$235,000
3681 Strawberry Cir	\$369,000	24570 Bethany Way	\$310,000	23941 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
6054 Strawberry Cir	\$284,000	25742 Buckminster Dr	\$222,000	24706 Ravine Dr	\$19,000
2713 Trillium Hills Dr	\$59,000	41484 Chattman St	\$250,000	52816 Willowbrook Dr	\$61,000
FARMINGTON		40548 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000	SOUTHFIELD	
23631 Bicking Ct	\$70,000	24335 Lynwood Dr	\$45,000	21740 Spring Arbor Dr	\$75,000
34740 Whittaker Ct	\$200,000	26593 Maxwell Ct	\$45,000	1999 W 11 Mile Rd	\$14,000
FARMINGTON HILLS		51188 Mayfair Ter	\$48,000	18301 W 13 Mile Rd Unit A23	\$54,000
2532 Beecham Rd	\$188,000	24435 Nantucket Dr	\$338,000	18880 Webster Ave	\$110,000
25861 Beecham Rd	\$129,000	24826 Olde Orchard St	\$33,000	29145 Wellington Rd E	\$39,000
31720 Bristol Ln	\$140,000	FRANKLIN		WHITE LAKE	
31725 Coronet Dr	\$347,000	27201 Gardenway Rd	\$335,000	21145 Glenmora St	\$159,000
20824 Deerfield	\$167,000			430 Coledale Dr	\$265,000
21420 Gill Rd	\$170,000			21 Danforth St	\$330,000
27985 Kendallwood Dr	\$180,000			255 Hurondale Dr	\$120,000
22850 Monclair St	\$118,000			8944 Lakeview Dr	\$50,000
35295 Quaker Way	\$271,000			918 Sioane Ct	\$188,000
29270 Stillwater	\$231,000			9384 Steephollow Dr	\$115,000
37871 Thames Dr	\$175,000			8195 Timber Trl	\$120,000
FRANKLIN					
1958 W Spinningwheel Ln	\$225,000				
1401 Woodglen Ln	\$198,000				

**Career Seminar**  
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**Seminar on Tuesdays**  
A Free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.  
Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

**Free Foreclosure Tours**  
Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@adddvalerealeco.com or visit FreeForeclosure.com.

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Q: The president of our board wants to know whether we should get involved in endorsing any local candidates for election. Do you have any comments on that?  
A: The association, through its board, should, in my judgment, steer clear of endorsing candidates entirely. Endorsing a candidate and coming out on the wrong side of an election could certainly end up doing the association a disservice. The best bet is to make this announcement at a board meeting. Let the co-owners know that the association will not be getting involved in any local politics. Obviously, there may be an unusual issue which directly affects the association like an express train going through the middle of the project where some involvement by the association, either politically or legally, would be required, but that is in a rare situation.

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