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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 Snowshoe ing 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 Inowakowski@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

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

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

# 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 surveil-

lance 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

Please see SUSPECT, A2

# DFCU Financial, schools form lasting partnership

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

By Nathan Mueller

If the beginning 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 Hagger

**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.

ty, celebrated its arrival by donating \$10,000 to the Novi Education Foundation.

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# St. James program teaches teenagers responsibility

Improper use of social media can have consequences

By Nathan Mueller

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

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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

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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 ind had a preliminary exam conference sched uled 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, 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 them-"The best thing people can do is to not leave valuables in their car," he

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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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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 proj-

ects that "behavior prob-

lems 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 res-

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### **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

dents do on a day to day 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

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but their kids also have

access to the same technologies and opportunities as the other students in the district. "We feel very confiunderstand the curricu-

dent 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

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# Tracking own progress a benefit to students

By Steve Matthews

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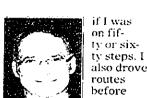
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Sometimes I am ahead of my goal. Sometimes I am behind. At the end of the walk the app tells me my distance, my time and even estimates the calories that I have burned.

The app provides me with data to make decisions. I can speed up if I am going too slow and l 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

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



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try and Steve Matthews identidistance 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

bly burned many less. It is good to have data reflect on that data, and make decisions based on

when, in truth, it proba-

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

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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 are learning to use will 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/docsmatthews; or www.povisuperintendent. 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

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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 supprogram at the elementa ry schools, which focuses on the themes in the book ing last month.

"We have been fortu-Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" nate, but also applied some When you think about prudent management deci-\$10,000 in the realm of a sions that have put us in a \$70 million budget, it's not place to not only withstand huge," he said. "But, if you but grow during these ecopull out that number from nomic downturns we have the budget and support the had," Ward said. program in another way. The credit union boasts

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just frees up money for that it is the Michigan's other things in the district largest full-service credit "It really does become union, and rewards memvaluable. bers in various ways. Ward said once the To celebrate the grand credit union gets up to

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 communi-

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' Ward said.

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riskod@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 AAA/Home Injury Control as well s Resource Advocacy. She will also discuss now the older adults can access OLHSA

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

Contact: Fran Gunderson, (248) 349-6457 NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL LLNESS (NAMI) METRO CHAPTER

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Location: Providence Hospital Heart Institute, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Feb. 14 Details: The meetings are free and anyone

is welcome to attend. Contact: (248) 348-7197 FAITH COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE** Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi (in the

Faith Community Church) Details: Meet teachers, explore classrooms and learn more about the high quality, nur uring preschool programs. Applications for fall enrollment are now being accepted. Contact: Kim Richmond at (248) 349-7911 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

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NORTHVILLE & NOVI **GARDEN CLUB MEETING** Location: Northville Art House, 215 W.

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tween Taft and Novi roads) Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant anopportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

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novi.org **AARP Income Tax Preparation** Times/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29;

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

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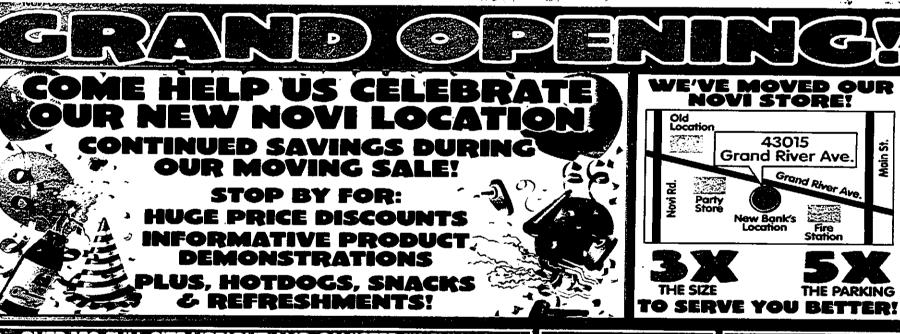
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# Novi resident follows dream to start own business

to find work in 2009.

Stain-resistant scarf serves as clothing protector

By Nathan Mueller

Kathy Steck and her husband were out of work and knew it was going to be a struggle to find jobs following the economic

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 microsuede, 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 Din

erWear, 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 chil-

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 She started making the

scarves to cater to the senior population, but believes she can expand her reach beyond that

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

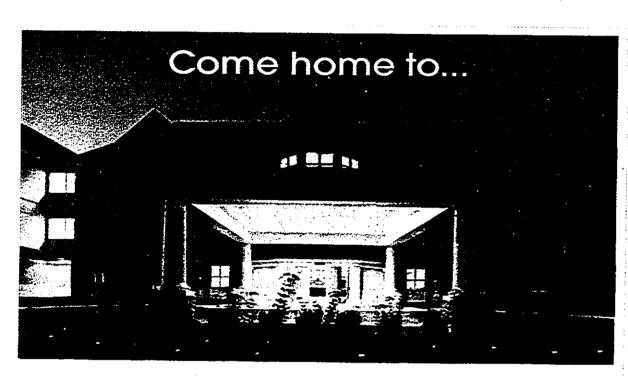
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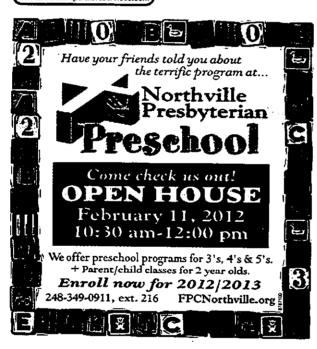
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are made with the same She said she is continumaterial and stains ing to look for ways to come out in the washing expand the product line. and even would like to design shoes.

nice and they don't want "People always say to get them dirty," Steck things like, 'I wish I said. "But that is the thought of that,' and I beauty of it --- you can get feel like I finally did," she

> Those interested in the scarves can get more information about them on Steck's website (http:// www.DinerWear.com). One also can 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 celebrat ed our one year anniversarv 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

Hanayui is a performing group made up of senior Kodo mem-

Michigan.

Chieko Kojima and Okinawan 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 Odai-

be heard several miles away. "Those attending the March 10 concert will be

ko, which can sometimes

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 some

The concert will be held in the auditorium at Novi

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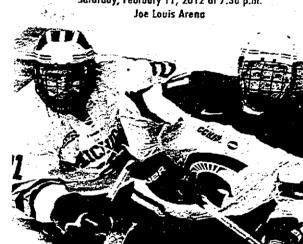
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### New MRI opens



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#### 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.

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#### 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 Busi-

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

Schoolcraft College (18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia) will host Microlending 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-

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"We have had the honor of Chrisly 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 mem-

ber. "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 Twitter for Business - Create 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 Ingersol Drive. For information and appointments call (248) 347-4111 or visit 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 Sunlighten.

"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

### Community Financial

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.

tion: Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why?

Essay forms are available at any offices, including Northville and Novi,

of Community Financial team members in two separate categories fourth and fifth graders and sixtheighth graders. The top essay author in each category will earn \$100 as well as lunch for their classroom with Community Financial President and CEO Bill Lawton. Each category will also have five finalists who will each receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

# holding essay contest

Community Financial is asking area students to answer the following ques-Essays will be accepted between now and Feb. 20.

of the Community Financial branch and online at www.cfcu.org/contest.

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### By Ken Abramczyk

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

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

The show started airing in mid-January.

Rapitis, 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," Rapitis said. "They learn about portions, and how to cook for your heart and for those with diabetes.'

Rapitis, 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 Rapitis, 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," Rapitis said. "She started her own catering company, which I was helping her run so I wanted to know as much as possible about food prep-

"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, Rapitis 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. Rapitis said. "I went to Brighthouse (in Livonia)

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

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Chef advocates 'eating right' on cooking show

Chef George Rapitis makes spinach pie.

The day of the interview for this story, Rapitis 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," Rapitis said. "It's good for the nervous system and an

anti-cancer food." "People aren't really sure how to prepare it." Rapitis 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.

iolding it all together.

The eggs add protein; the

from cooking for famiies, athletes and diabetics to those with heart disease. 'These are easy, simple recipes," Rapitis said. "I

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Rapitis directs the

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Rapitis uses recipes to

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try to do two or three rec ines (for each show)." Rapitis hopes the show will be picked up by oth-

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- salt, to taste black pepper
- cup olive oil
- 6 sheets phyllo pastry
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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 saucepan 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 pep-

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.

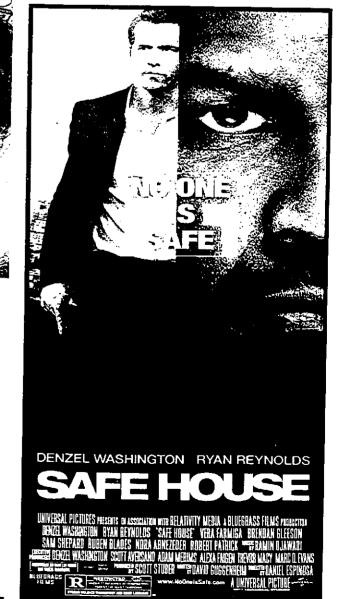
Spinach pie can be created into small triangles as a "finger food." Cut each sheet of phyllo into five long equal strips. Lay strip down vertically in front of you. Brush one strip with olive oil. Cover with a second sheet and brush it with oil again. Spoon a heaping teaspoon of filling in bottom corner 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

Recipe courtesy of George Rapitis

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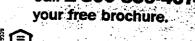
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#### **Daddy Daughter Dance** scheduled for Feb. 11

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with Sweet and Sassy, will host the annual Daddy Daughter Dances on Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Register online at cityofnovi.org. The online price is \$14 per person for residents (\$19 at the Parks & Recreation office) and \$17 for non-residents (\$22).

For more information about the Daddy Daughter Dance, please contact Sandy Fisher, social services coordinator. at (248) 347-0421 or sfisher@citvofno-

#### Saturdays are Super at the **Novi Senior Center**

The City of Novi Senior Center is planning a series of Saturday events that will have attendees moving, grooving, celebrating, and competing.

"This is the sixth year we have offered the Super Saturday Series, and each year everyone has a fantastic time," said Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager. I am excited for 2012 themes. I know everyone will enjoy themselves and the events will bring back wonderful memories of bygone eras.

Each Super Saturday event includes a

meal and live entertainment. All events are from 4-6 p.m. at the Novi Senior

Feb. 25: Nifty Fifties -- "Let's rock around the clock!" March 24: South of the Border - "It's fiesta time!

May 5: Derby Day — "Race Day, Novi Senior Center-style\*

Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Road. To learn about upcoming events, fitness classes, educational programs, or support services, call the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414 cr visit cityofnovi.org.

### **Enter The Art Institute's**

They say a picture is worth a thou-The Art Institute of Michigan.

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Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

DROPIEWSKI, JOHN A. Age 55, of South Lyon, passed away February 5, 2012. He was born on September 30, 1956, in Detroit, son of Ciyde and Jo Ann Dropiewski. He was a dedicated and loving husband, son and many. Even though John was physically challenged, he enjoyed camping traveling with his wife and a full-time career. He will always be remembered as simplya great man. He is survived by his wife of 33 years Deborah; his mother, Jo Ann Dropiewski and his brother Bruce (Karen) Dropiewski He is also survived by his nieces and nephews. Arny, Angela, Justin, Ryan and his best friend, his Boston Terrier, Max. He was preceded in death by his father and his sister Claudia. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, February 10. at 11:00 a.m. with visitation a 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Online



Frank was born on October 3rd, 1921 in Lincoln, NE and passed away late Saturday night, February 4th, 2012 surrounded by family in Novi. An accomplished man, Frank lived his life fully. Enlisted in the Navy at age 18, he attended both Texas A&M and MIT, earning his Bachelor of Science in ng. He went on to ear his MBA from the University of Chicago and served in the Navy as a CPO Aviation Chief Radio Technician for 4 years. In those years, Frank served his country in **World War II focused on LORAN** (Long Range Navigation). Frank was a feisty man, proposing to his wife Mickey after only the 4th date. they were marred 66 wonderful years. He was an exceptional workman and photographer and was passionate about capturing all the beauty in the world on film especially liked photographs of his daughters and three "squeezers (granddaughters) as they vaca-tioned all the way from Florida to Hawaii. Always a hard worker, Frank's track record throughout his career as a very skilled designer and builder spanned from low income housing to commercial properties to the occasional kitchen for family and friends. He was particular about detail and extremely good at what he did Through multiple retirements he continued to get back to his craft always excited about home projects and improvements to be done. Frank passionately loved his family and is survived by his beloved wife Mickey; his daughters, Linda (Craig) and Pam (Dean); his grandchildren, Emily (Brent), Erin (Eric), Megan (Howard), Tyler, and Chris; and his great granddaughters, Clara, Sasha, and Skyler, He will be missed dearly by his sister Rose missed dearly by his sister Rose Tippery and nephews Mark and Mike Tippery, Frank is also tondly remembered by many long term friends and colleagues. A memoriat service will be held Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at 7pm, with visitation beginning at 6:30pm, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. 8 Mile, Northville, In lieu of floy donations suggested to the FUMO of Northville, National Pari Foundation, or a charity of choice

# FRISKE, JULIA ANN

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### HENDRICKS, GEORGE

A long time resident of Highland died on February 4, 2012 at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his wife. Mildred, in eleven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, David Perry and many dear friends. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N. Harvey Lake Road, Highland, on Thursday February 9, at 10AM. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

> Age 74, February 6, 2012. Mr. Johnson served under Admiral Stansfield Turner in the US Navy, were he was an electrical engineer on a minesweeper, and was a longtime resident of Novi. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years. Ellen Johnson, Mr. Johnson is also survived by his two loving children; Holly (Robin) Scott, and Robert W. (Julie) Johnson; four grand-children, Justin, Ryan, Zachary, and Joshua, Memorial Service will be held on Monday, February 13. at 11:00 AM from the Detroit Firs Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville 248-348-7600, Memorial donations

JOHNSON, JOHN C.

#### can be sent to: obriensullivantunerathome.com

may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences

MAKI, IDA JANE (TAYLOR) Age 89 was granted her angel wings Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Blodgett Hospital, Grand Rapids, Ml. A celebration of life will be announced later for this spring/summer in Newberry, MI Ida Jane was born January 11, 1923 in Newberry, MI to Rowcliffe (West) Taylor and Fred Taylor. She raised her family in Milford, MI where she was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. She had many interests and talents includ ing family, cooking, sewing, and gardening. Because of her knack for being able fix anything, her husband lovingly dubbed her "Fix It-Freddie", after her father. She was always giving of her time and compassionate to those around her. She was good friend and con-fidant to many. She had a sharp wit and amazing memory right up until her last years. She is sur vived by her sister Katherine Macki: 4 children and their spouses - Ernie and Linda Maki, Rose and Charley Hall, Peggy Perry, and Roger and Edward Makipreceded in death by her son, Dale, and husband, Tauno.



### STEPHEN, MARY

Age 86, of South Lyon, passed away February 2, 2012. She was born on December 1, 1925 in Fraserburgh. Scotland, daughter of the late George and Mary Fraser. On January 19, 1949. Mary was united in marriage to James Stephen. They recently cel-ebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. She was a dedicated member of the First Presbyterian vived by her beloved husband. James, her son James (Adrienne). Cora (Mark) Houghan, She is also survived by her grandchildren Jamie (Sasha) Stephen, Adrienne (Kyle) Jones, Stephen, Tracie and Lauren Houghan and Rita Schneider. She was preceded in death by one brother. Visitation was held on Sunday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Funeral services were conducted on Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of

South Lyon, Memorial contr

South Lyon. Memorial contribu-tions may be made to First

Presbyterian Church of South

Online guestbook



#### TYLER, GLENN DONALD

A lifelong resident of Millord, died on February 5, 2012, at the age of 86. Margaret, his (Richard) Gardner, Carolyn (Gene) Wisniewski, Julie (Douglas) Flees; daughter-in-law, Wanda Tyler, his sister, Shirley (Wilfred) Grondin, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Glenn Tyler, Mr Tyler served in the U.S. Navy duraccountant with the General Motors Proving Ground, and enjoyed working with grounds maintenance at Kensington Metro Park in his retirement. A Funera Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, on Friday, February 10, at 10AM with Deacon Archie loon, Chaplain officiating, Burial and Military Honors will follow at Friends may visit Thursday 4-8PM phone 248-684-6645 or visi www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



#### VERHEY, KARÊN LEIGH

Passed away February 1, 2012 a her home in South Lyon, MI. her home in South Lyon, MI Karen was 59. Karen's mothe Allene Crossman and her husband Robert were at her side with fam ily members en route from San Jose, CA and Pittsburgh, PA. Karen enjoyed working with her friends from Wildernest in Brighton, MI and was past president of the Huron Valley Audubon Society for five years. Karen was devoted to the reintroduction of osprey to southeastern Michigan and regularly co-presented educa-tional programs to school and nature groups. A private service is planned. Contributions to Hospice of Michigan and the CJD Foundation will be appreciated in

Along with the photos, entrants must submit a 500-800 word artist statemen describing the entry and a high school transcript or proof of high school graduation demonstrating a GPA of 2.0 or higher. For complete entry details, please visit http://artinstitutes.edu/pho-

tocompetition. The competition offers separate categories for high school seniors graduating in 2012 and high school graduates. The grand prize winner in the high school senior category earns up to a \$40,000 tuition scholarship, and the grand prize winner in the high school graduate category earns a \$10,000 tuition scholarship to one of 39 participating Art Institutes across the coun-

Submissions are initially judged at the local level, with one finalist from each participating school advancing to the national level. The deadline for entries into the competition is March 2.

For more information on how to enter and for official rules, visit http://artinstitutes.edu/photocompetition or contact Jeanita Bright, jbright@aii.edu or (248) 675-3860, at The Art Institute of Michigan, located in Novi.

#### Flu shots

Oakland County Health Division will offer \$11 flu shots at Health Division offices located at the following address-

 North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac

· South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield Hours are noon-8 p.m. on Monday, 9

a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Registration is preferred. To register for a flu shot, go to www.oakgov.com/ health. Clients may select the location. date and time of appointment. Online registration also provides a consent form that must be taken to the clinic where the client is pre-enrolled. Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard, Medicare and/or Medicaid. If you are unable to register online, please call (248) 858-7350 or (248) 424-7120.

#### **Novi News online**

Have you checked out our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at www.hometownlife.com that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too, chime in with your opinion on our stories, editorials and letters to the editor, check out our amazing photo galleries and videos that are captured daily by our reporters and photographers Readers can also find garage sale listings - with a map! - each week from Wednesday-Sunday. So, bookmark www hometownlife.com to be sure you're always in-the-know in your hometown. You can also find us on Facebook by searching "Hometownlife."

#### Wanted: vacation photos!

Take a copy of your Novi News along on your vacation and we'll publish a photo of you and your travel companions in the paper with the headline: Wish You Were Here. Just be sure to include the newspaper in your photo. Send your photo in a .ipg format to cstone@gannett.com. Identify everyone in the photo (first and last names) and tell us where they live. Tell us when the photo was taken and where. Tell us what was special about your trip, if you wish. Include a daytime phone number so we can contact you if necessary. Then look for your photo in the newspaper and on our Facebook site under WISH YOU WERE

#### See pics online

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos and photo galleries online. Visit hometownlife.com every day and see what's new!



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online at hometownlife.com

and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pas-

tor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pasto **CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS** CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older chil-

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper,

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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com

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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Book of Revelation Study** Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this

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that has made. **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF** NORTHVILLE

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED

CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service. Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's

program, Youth Worship Service. Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family: 7 p.m. Children's Cara van, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting,

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE** Location: 200 E. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 Details: Brian Hemker, CPA discussing tips on getting ready to do

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9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays
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2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.
3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m
Pastor Nick Rutter

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 129 Bishop St., Highland fillord Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-5 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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880 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 4835 248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.r Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.r. s Young Adults, Recovery, Dropte 4 Kids, Gnet &

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Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m

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South Lyon MI 48178
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Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
248-486-4404

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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

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 inter-

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

warm screec that the bought black man ave converted the marm? And although we don't have specific fig-

ures 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

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

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.

# NOVI NEWS

Cal Stone, Susan Rosiek, Director of

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

**OPINION** 

### 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

Kristina Soblesky



sporting event and a nice dinner."

Chris Greulich too.'

"A movie, chocolate and just a quiet night ... maybe some jewelry

Ashley Lussenden



Nada Ozeir

#### **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 bad hame to in Christians, Those who ire and informated about the stian

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 con-

cert 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 McGlannnan 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** 

#### Energy park a step in right direction

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

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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published in the Thursday edi-

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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

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 — ! 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

2012. It's also because I are obligated to pay our share listened to the governor's to support it. State of the State Address In other words, if a person is Jan. 18 and heard the opposed to union representanugget he included about tion, but a majority of fellow recognizing the need for workers vote in favor of it, the union must still be supported financially. That's what major-

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

ity rule and democracy is all

William Berry

#### 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

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

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

### Tom Watkins graduate, the most daunting challenge can be the

lege tuition tax credit we

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give more young people

the chance to earn their

way through college by

doubling the number of

work-study jobs in the

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Amen to that.

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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 presicost of college. At a time dent's attention as well as when Americans owe the nation and the world more in tuition than credfocused on your homeit card debt, this Contown. To have his focus gress needs to stop the on education is icing on interest rates on stuthe cake. dent loans from doubling in July. Extend the col-

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 oth-

By Tom Watkins

egardless of one's

president of the United

politics, it is always

good to have a smart

Speaking at the University of Michigan recently, President Barack Obama

appy 2012. I am

very optimistic

about the outlook

new year and, particular-

ly, for the Road Commis-

sion for Oakland County.

In part, that's because

son we have planned for

of the construction sea-

for Oakland County in this

the spectrum, the president also spotlighted our nation's high school dropout rate — a national dis-

RCOC optimistic about upcoming projects

funding. We fully support him on this point, and share his belief that

good roads are necessary for a strong economy. We agree that adequately funding our roads will help to accelerate Michigan's rejuvenation. In fact, every road proj-

ect we undertake helps to strengthen the economy.

and RCOC has some significant and long-awaited

projects on tap for 2012. One of the most critical projects to come to fruition this year will be the greatly anticipated replacement of the Avon Road bridge over the Clinton River just east of Livernois in Rochester Hills. It was no easy task to line up the funding for this emergency replacement project, but thanks to our partners at the city of Rochester Hills, and

the diligent work of the

Road Commission staff.

it's going to happen --starting next month. I am confident that under

their leadership, RCOC will continue to be a national leader in many areas and will find additional new and creative ways to stretch our resources and meet the needs of our customers, the residents, businesses and motorists of Oakland

See you on the roads of Oakland County.

Eric S. Wilson is chairman of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

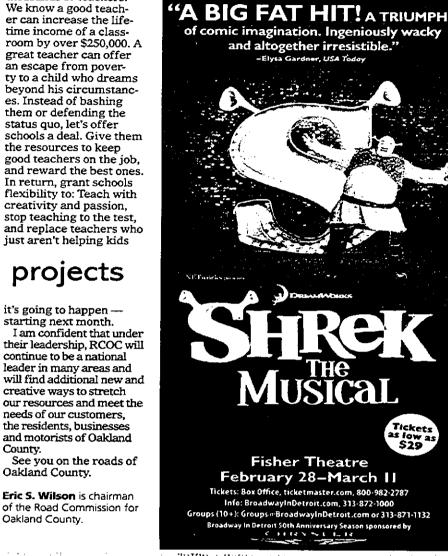
# Well said, Mr. Presi-

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/blue-

print-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 tdwatkins88@gmail.com.





#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**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 of science 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 groons-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 corresponNews and Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle, and an assistant manager at Total Sports Complex in

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# 65-year-old woman scores with hockey

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

She laces her skates, grabs her hockey stick and heads to Suburban Ice in Farmngton 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 who works at Providence Hospital in Novi as a file clerk in the Diagnostics Imaging. "My game plossomed from there.



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.

What's next for her? "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.

\*Subject to credit approval

#### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

of Novi

#### Teens arrested for drugs, drinking

online at hometownlife.com

Two teenage boys were arrested for underage drinking, and one received an addition al 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 earch of the vehicle the officer found 10.3 grams of the drug in a plastic bag as well as a pipe and

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 L took four cases of returnables from Applebee's on Jan. 27 after disguising himself as a con-

tracted 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

ment said this type of incident has happened several times over the last few months but do not know who the sus-

pect is.
The report has been submitted to the detective's bureau.

Teenagers caught stealing from Macy's

3 Novi police arrest-ed 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

Both were arrested and

charged with retail fraud

#### **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 Mail. 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.

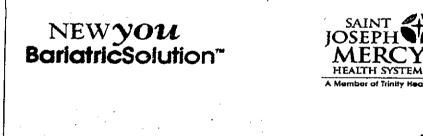
Lord and Taylor's LPO said they did wish to prosecute, and the teen was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was released after post-

Compiled by staff writer

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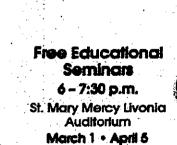
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### CHURCH

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our taxes, and explaining the new changes coming for 2012. Social follows; \$5 donation please. Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

Details: Cards & Games Night. Enjoy playing Euchre, Mexican Train (a domino game) and other games. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share. Ice cream social follows; \$5 donation please.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

Details: Dick Egli's discussion on how to find more time to do the things we want by using better time management and goal setting. Social follows; \$5 donation

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Contact: (248) 437-2875

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**

Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org **Sunday Worship:** 

Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanc-

Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m. Sunday School: Nursery - 8 a.m.

Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs **GOOD SHEPHERD** 

#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH** Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road,

corner of Meadowbrook Road, Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School

and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship **HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10

**Sunday School and Nursery** Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Satur-

#### LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 309 Decker Road.

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST Location: 15431 Merriman Road,

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. MEADOWBROOK

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Se nior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ mbccc.org.

Thursday of each month Pilgrim

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon** Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN

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

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible** Study 8:45-10:30 a.m.: (cafe) Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs

(M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

#### **NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER** FOR JEWISH LIFE

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - chil dren's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075

or rabbi@noviiewishcenter.com www.novijewishcenter.com **NOVI UNITED METHODIST** Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Com-Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

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

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday OAK POINTE CHURCH Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road,

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Sat-

urday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every **Details:** Overseen by TrueNorth

Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children): and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted ogether (Adoption/Foster Care)

Contact: (248) 912-0043; http:// www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life

Groups Ministries, please contact

the church office. ORCHARD HILLS **BAPTIST CHURCH** 

Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248)

Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to preregister; all are welcome. OUR LADY OF GOOD

COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH** 

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.org Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m.

**Sunday Worship** Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. **OUR SHEPHERD** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI

Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org Sunday Worship: 3 p.m. Home Bible Studies: If you are interested in receiving a free Home Bible Study, please contact Pastor David Gardner at (248)

PLYMOUTH-ST. JOHN'S **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or isit www.stjohnsplymouth.org PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 45000 N. Territorial

Contact: (734) 748-3898 ST. JAMES CATHOLIC Location: 46325 10 Mile Road,

Contact: (248) 347-7778 **Mass Schedule** Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL

CHURCH Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farm-Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit **Saturday Worship** Time: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday School** Time: 10:15 a.m. ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

CHURCH Location: 201 Elm Street, North-

online at hometownlife.com

Contact: (248) 349-3140 **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST** CHURCH OF FARMINGTON Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarming-

ton.org Lifelong Learning Forum Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thurs-

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespar **Multi-Generational Services** 

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays **Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing A religious education activity wil follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize,

ending at 8:30 p.m. **WARD EVANGELICAL** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248)

Sunday Worship Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

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

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# Premier club produces 13 collegiate players Three of four college-tier Wildcats lead Jaguars class

It's still several weeks until the high school season begins. but one soccer club got cooking and produced a baker's dozen

During a Feb. 3 national signing day gathering at Total Sports Complex in Wixom, members of the under-18 Nov Jaguars Green squad celebrated 13 of 17 team members sign-

ing on to play collegiate soccer

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 grad-

uate Nikki Greenhalgh, who played soccer for the University of Wisconsin last fall. The team also features an additional seven players from other top KLAA schools such as Northville, Plymouth and Brighton "This group is very, very dif-

they have a great chemistry 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 will ing 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 Champ

# Wildcats top among KLAA at county meet

With 25 different swim and dive teams battling it out at the Oakland County Championships, Novi's Wild cats finished sixth while also finishing first of the six KLAA teams participating. Behind 160 points, the 'Cats (2-4, 1-3 KLAA 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 Catho-

lic Central, which had 199

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Novi's tankers (2-4, 1-3 KLAA Central) look to make up for a poor division record by performing well at the KLAA Central Division meet Feb. 17-18 before the Kensington Conference meet Feb. 24-25.

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 fin-

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 Jongmin Kim teamed with 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

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# CC wins 18th-straight CHSL title

# Squad earns six championships to win conference crown

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 champion ship tournament, which was held at Uni

versity 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 cham-

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

The Sharnrocks also had a slew of second-place finishers as well. Runnerup spots captured by the Catholic Central grapplers included those by parker O'Brien, Casey Hagan, Eli Joseph, Mike Babicz and Nick Giese.

The Shamrocks also had three thirdplace finishers in Jake Filban, Joe Vollmer and Jimmy Russell

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

# Rivals put muzzle on Wildcats

Injuries make close rematches, losses for Novi cagers

**By Chris Jackett** 

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 KLAA Central dropped both division matchups on the

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Novi's boys bas

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road in the past 3 Central) and Northville (8-5, 6-2 Central).

After a close 38-36 victory Jan. 10, Novi expected their 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,

games tip off at 7 despite winning the rebound battle 19

14, lost 51-32 on the scoreboard. "The difference in the South Lyon matchup was they were more aggres sive. 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 (eligi-

"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

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

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

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# Novi grapplers finish 7th in KLAA

Keller top Wildcat individual at third in association

The team and individual KLAA meets brought mixed results for the Wildcat wrestling team.

Novi's grapplers (16-10, 4-1 Central) finished seventh at the team meet Feb. 1 at White Lake Lakeland and then finished 11th on points during the individual meet Feb. 4 at

The week started with the co-Central Division champion Wildcats facing off with co-South Division champion Livonia Franklin in the pool of second place teams from the four KLAA divisions.

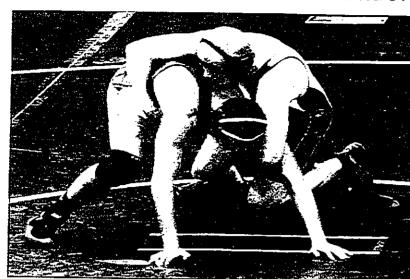
Novi senior heavyweight Jimi Keller started the match with a 4-3 overtime victory over Franklin senior and Observerland champion Omar Haymour, followed by a 14-3 major decision victory by junior Dan DeNova (103 pounds) and a 7-3 victory by junior Andrew Park (112) that put the Wildcats up 10-0 early

However, Franklin won the 119 weight by pin fall and 125 weight by void to take a 12-10 lead before Novi freshman Kyle Benkarski (130) could stop the bleeding with a comefrom-behind win with a pin over Franklin sophomore Ken Steele late in the second period. Novi won the 135-pound weight class by void to put the 'Cats up 22-18.

Franklin dominated the next four weight classes with wins by pin fall at the 140, 145 and 160 weight classes and a 14-3 major decision at 152 pounds to take a 34-22.

Novi senior Jake Dobras (171) won by an 8-5 decision over Observerland champion Allen Steele, but Franklin's Matt Horne (189) defeated Novi's Zach Roush 10-6 to counteract the points. Novi senior Justin Michael won at 215 by void, but the 'Cats still lost 37-31 to fall into the seventh-place match.

Lakeland, who had been shut out 71-0 to Hartland, landed in the loser's bracket with Novi and didn't fare much better as Novi won 12 of 14 matches in a 58-12 victory to secure seventh place of the 24 KLAA squads. Hartland defeated



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

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Novi's grapplers (16-10) will try to keep their season going by hosting tonight's team district, where they face off with Detroit Catholic Central at 5:30 p.m. and the winner will face the Northville and Walled Lake Western winner immediately after for a chance to advance their

If the team doesn't survive, individual Wildcat wrestlers can still extend their season by competing 9 a.m. Saturday at Canton in the individual districts.

Franklin 54-19 to finish fifth in the

During Novi's win over Lakeland. victorious Wildcats came from technical falls by DeNova, Park, senior Giddiani Albuerne (135), a void by Griffin Burr (125), major decisions by Kyle Benkarski (130), senior Jake Dobras (171), Michael, Keller and pin falls by Jalen Mathis (140), sophomore Ben Wright (145), senior Farahman Kian (152) and junior

Ben Landry (160).

After a few days of rest, Novi's grapplers headed to Howell for the individual KLAA meet and landed seven wrestlers on the podium. The performance earned Novi 11th place at the meet, three points behind Northville.

Novi's highlight was the thirdplace finish by Keller in the association's heavyweight division. After losing an overtime match to eventual KLAA champion Cam Englund from Howell in the semifinals, Keller defeated Franklin's Haymour once again, this time in a 5-2 Senior Alejandro Albuerne (130)

ost to Walled Lake Northern's Christian Lauterbach 8-4 in the third-place match, finishing fourth in the KLAA. Brother Giddiani Albuerne lost a 2-0 contest against Livonia Stevenson's Kody Roy to finish sixth.

Also finishing sixth were Dobras, who lost a 2-1 decision to Westland John Glenn's Danny Croft, and Michael, who lost a 7-1 decision to Waterford Kettering's Daulton

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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

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

"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."

turnovers.

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

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 bet-

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 on 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.

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

#### SWIM

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from Brother Rice (1:43.13) 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

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 divi-

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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

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

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

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

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

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and Tim Szuba each won two individual events. Brinkman, the Szubas and Grayson Arnold earned 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

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

climbed to 1-1 in the

CHSL with the victory.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and forme staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi

# CC skaters split week

# Team suffers tough loss to Trenton in overtime

By Sam Eggleston

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

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

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

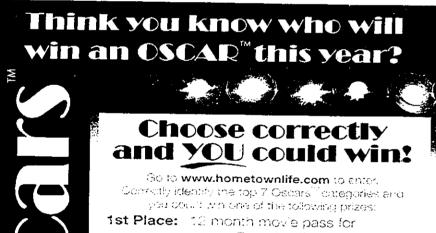
Just a couple of days later, however, the Shamrocks got back on track as they collected a lopsided victory over Wyan dotte, 6-1.

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

Nolan Gluchowski had two goals in the first period while Charlie Green added one, as did Sorisho Halash had the secondperiod goal for the Shamrocks while Robert Ault tallied the final goal in the

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

Wyandotte's lone goal came in the second period off the stick of Tyler Groat. Aaron Robinson earned an assist on the



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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 laughing going on and 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 its 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, Haustein 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

Hartland's Alexandra Schmidt will join Jarvis at Bowling Green, Northville's Sasha Gardner will join Haustein 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, right," 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

"I don't think any of them are going in expecting to play 90 minuter 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 I think there's even a few 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

"Its fun to play against them. Its 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.

alongside Pepper, said the relationship with both her high school and premier club teammates is special "Its 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 its almost more fun to see them at school."

Other college-program bound members of the Jaguars team are Southfield-based University High's Katie Bounds (Grand Valison Phillips (Siena Heights) and Temperance Bedford's Taylor Pirrone (Western Michigan Universigoalkeeper last season before

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.

Jaguars club, Novi High teammate Kelli Timar, who plays premier soccer for the Michigan Hawks. and Gabby Gauruder at Michigan State University, where Timar's older sister also played.

going to contribute in some way and in this group who will stand out and do great things as freshmen or turn out to be good four-year players."

off that pedestal.

Jarvis, who is a Jags co-captain

them at practice because I don't see

ley State University), Saline's Madty), which is where Pavlika played transferring to Novi.

Although not a member of the

was the fourth Wildcat to sign on to play college soccer last week. She'll join 2011 teammates Nicki Caruso

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Wildcats avenge injured teammate with Baseline win

By Chris Jackett

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

After losing senior forward Ally D'Annibale to another ACL injury three nights prior, Novi (11-3, 6-2 KLAA Central) got a slow start against Northville (9-5, 5-3 Central). However, the 'Cats went up big at halftime 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 cleanly stripped Northville junior Brittany Berehulka (four points on 0-for-12 shooting, three rebounds) of a firstquarter 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 needON TAP

Novi's girls basketball squad (11-3, 6-2 KLAA Central) 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 KLAA Tournament play with a first-round 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-sec-ond 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 Berehul-

ka 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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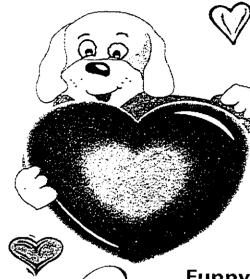
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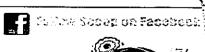


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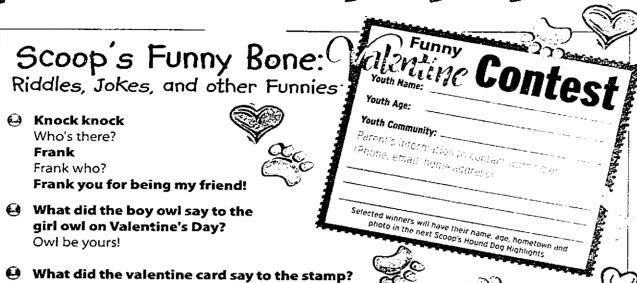
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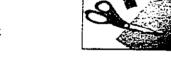
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disaster or emergency not only means ensuring the immediate safety of employees, but also planning how the business will continue to function in the aftermath. Even if your business is not located in an area that is a likely target for a natural or manmade 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 a 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 follow-

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ness 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.).

municate, 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 follow ing a disaster. Contact vendors and suppliers to confirm their emergen cy 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.

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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 cos

should be defraved... by the association. If. on the other hand, the inspection of the unit deals with problems tha are within the co-owner's responsibility to maintain repair or replacement. then that is something that should be the coowner's responsibility You should determine exactly why and what is going to be the subject

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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 unusua 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

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**Grammar Lessons All Job Seekers Should Know** 

Kaitlin Madden, CareerBuilder Writer

When applying for a job, there are few faster ways to get your résumé and cover letter thrown out of contention than by making a glaring grammatical error. These days, human resources departments and hiring managers are flooded with résumés. They have to be narrowed down somehow, and grammatical errors are an easy way to

"In an era of spell check, easily edited documents and instantly shared 'can you give this a look' emails, typos and grammatical errors on résumés and/or cover letters are pretty much unforgivable." says Sean Smith, president of Third Street, an Indianapolis -based marketing company. "The message sent by typing 'too' when it should be 'to' can literally be the difference between getting the nod or

Here is a proofreading checklist for your résumé and cover letter.

1. Know your homophones Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings, like too, to and two. Using the correct version on your résumé is crucial.

"The misuse of your/you're, there/their/ they're, and to/too/two occurs more times than I care to dwell on," says Marisa Brayman, a Web developer and blogger for Stadri Emblems, a company that designs embroidered patches. "If someone uses one of these incorrectly on a cover letter, he can say goodbye to his chances of ever landing a decent job. If this is due to a simple typo, that is one thing; however, in my humble opinion, if the individual doesn't know the difference between these basic words and has never bothered to take an hour out of his or her life to learn it, he or she is not deserving of landing a decent

A quick refresher:

Their, they're, there Their: The possessive form of "they." ("Applicants submitted their error-free cover letters.")

think they're getting the hang of this grammar thing.")

There: A location. ("The pile of cover letters

Two, too, to

Two: A number. ("There are two applicants in the lobby.") Too: Also, ("I'd like to be interviewed for

the iob. too.") To: A preposition or infinitive. ("I'm going to apply.")

Your, you're Your: The possessive form of "you." ("Don't

forget to proofread your resume.) You're: The contraction of "you are." ("I

have a feeling you're going to get this job.") It's. its

The best-selling grammar bible, "Eats. Shoots, and Leaves " by Lynne Truss, best describes the difference between these two

"To those who care about punctuation, a sentence such as 'Thank God its Friday' (without the apostrophe) rouses feelings not only of despair but of violence. The confusion of the possessive 'its' (no apostrophe) with the contractive 'it's' (with apostrophe) is an unequivocal sign of

illiteracy and sets off a simple Pavlovian 'kill' response in the average stickler. The rule is: the word 'it's' (with apostrophe) stands for 'it is' or 'it has.' If the word does not stand for 'it is' or 'it has' then what you

require is 'its.' This is extremely easy to

Some other common homophones you should know:

Whose and who's

Every day and everyday

2. Use apostrophes properly Apostrophes are used for a few reasons

They indicate the possessive: "In my last job, I managed the CEO's calendar. They indicate the omission of letters in

words (i.e., in contractions). They indicate the exclusion of numbers in dates: "I graduated college in '05." They indicate time or quantity: "I must give my current employers two weeks'

Be sure to check your résumé for proper use of apostrophes, as well as for any erroneous punctuation. Apostrophes do not, for example, indicate the plural form of a singular noun. It is incorrect to say "I developed orientation programs to

help new employee's get acclimated to the company."

3. Keep tenses consistent

"Building lists correctly is important." says Christina Zila, director <a href="http://">http:// msn.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ director/> of communications at Textbroker.com, a Las Vegas-based content-creation firm, "Use consistent verb tenses: If you start your job duties with 'managing multiple employees,' don't have your next point as 'prepared annual reports' but 'preparing annual reports."

Similarly, as a general rule, all activities or accomplishments that you completed in the past should be in the past tense. Activities that you perform now should be in the present tense. This should be kept consistent throughout your résumé.

4. Proofread and then proofread

The bottom line is that proofreading your application materials before submitting them is a must.

"There are enough people with bad grammar pet peeves that there is virtually no position out there where grammar doesn't matter," says Debra Yergen, author <a href="http://">http://</a>

msn.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ author/> of the "Creating Job Security Resource Guide." "Since a basic searchengine inquiry for 'grammar pet peeves' nets more than 400,000 returns, it's safe to say that hiring managers are paying close attention to grammar and other résumé and cover-letter errors. Read and reread everything you write for a job application, and if you doubt yourself even slightly, run your submission past someone you trust."

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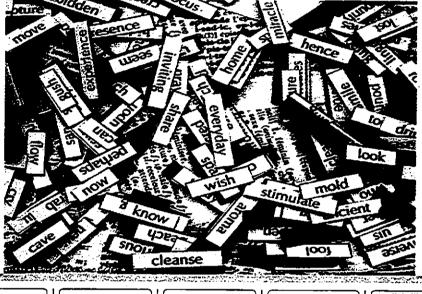
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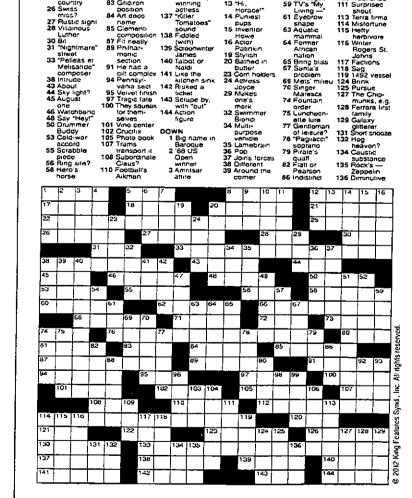
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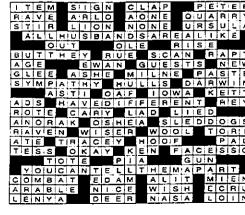
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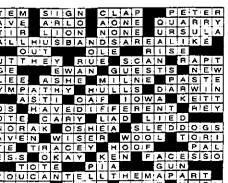
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