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## County clerk's office coming to Wixom

The Oakland County Clerk's Mobile Office is heading to the Wixom Public Library for mobile office hours on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Anyone who lives in the area or surrounding communities is welcome. The Mobile Office will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library, located at 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom.

The Mobile Office is a no-frills operation. Employees set up shop in borrowed space with laptop computers and printers so they can provide customers with on-the-spot copies of birth certificates, death certificates and other public records. Normal copy fees apply.

For more information, visit [www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod).

## Saturdays Super for seniors

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

Each Super Saturday event includes a meal and live entertainment. All events are from 4-6 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center.

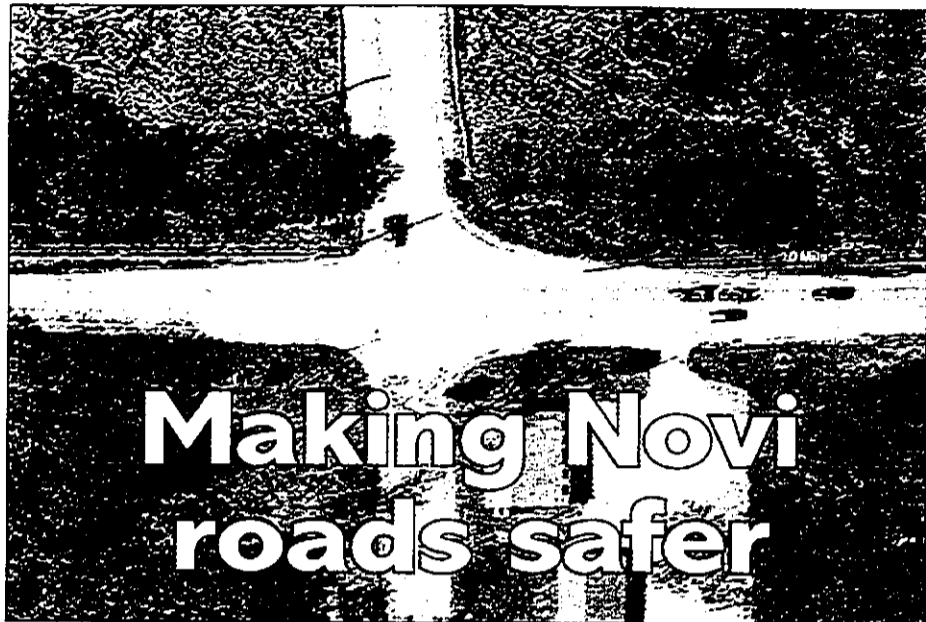
Feb. 25: Nifty Fifties — "Let's rock around the dock!"

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 advance and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information, call (248) 347-0414 or visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).



The intersection of Napier Road (running north and south) and 10 Mile Road was identified as having a high casualty ratio in a recent crash study by the city of Novi.

## Napier and 10 Mile tops list

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

City of Novi engineering staff, with the help of traffic consultant Birchler Arroyo, are looking at ways to make traveling the roads in Novi safer.

A recent crash analysis study of 59 intersections in the city identified 11 intersections with a high crash rate and one with a high casualty ratio.

Brian Coburn, engineering manager for the city, said he didn't know what to expect from the study, but was not surprised by the intersections that registered higher numbers. He said the study is important as the city looks to the future.

"Especially as we continue to grow, we need to see what is happening," he said. "If the roads are not keeping up with increased traffic volumes, you have to stay in touch with it, and crash rate is one way

### THE METHOD

The crash rates were determined by comparing the rate of crashes per million vehicles with other similar types of intersections in south-east Michigan. The casualty ratio is equal to the number of fatal and non-fatal injury crashes divided by the number of crashes and compared to similar intersections.

to see that."

The 11 intersections with high crash rates include Haggerty Road at 14 Mile, 12 Mile, Eight Mile and Grand River; M-5 at 14 Mile; Novi Road at 12 Mile, Grand River and 10 Mile; and Beck Road at Pontiac Trail, Grand River and Eight Mile.

The intersection of Napier Road and 10 Mile Road, which does not have a traffic signal and dips, had the high-

est casualty ratio, which means when there are crashes they tend to have more serious injuries.

"If you go out and look at it, it's pretty obvious why," Coburn said.

The next phase of the study will look at those 12 intersections more in depth and offer ways to improve safety. Some of the ways Coburn said are adding turn lanes, adding a left-turn phase to the traffic signal and improving intersection sight distance, among other options.

A large number of the intersections listed are under the Road Commission for Oakland County's jurisdiction, and the city plans to work with it to apply for grants to fund the improvements.

The city also will use the report as a basis for projects for the current and future years' capital improvement program.

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## District officials not impressed with governor's school proposal

Enrollment remains steady

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

It's hard for Steve Barr to get excited about Gov. Rick Snyder's recent budget proposal that looks to increase some funding for school districts.

Because as Barr, the assistant superintendent for business and finance for the Novi community school district, sees it, the proposed increase is not enough — and it might only come if the district meets certain performance metrics and best practices.

"I'd call it a drop in the bucket of what he is giving back compared to what he took away," he said, noting that other things in the budget are going up such as retirement rates and health care.

Barr said he is optimistic the district will meet the best practices criteria and academic performance goals, but the maximum Novi would receive would be roughly \$100 per student, or an increase of 1 percent.

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**STEVE BARR**  
Novi assistant superintendent for business and finance

"It's a fluid thing," he said. "And typically what the governor recommends is not what goes through."

The district had a \$470 cut per student last year, and continues to have the majority of its money (84 percent) tied to salaries and related benefits.

Barr also noted at a meeting in January that in 2002-03, the district's foundation allowance was \$8,310, and in 2011-12 it only was \$19 more.

"We have virtually the

Please see **DISTRICT, A2**

## School district to continue to work on new anti-bullying policy

Final draft must be adopted by June 6

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Bullying happens everywhere and in every school district across the state.

And Novi Supt. Steve Matthews isn't naive to think his schools are immune to the problem. The district has long

had a policy in place to address the issue, and is currently working on updating that policy to comply with a new state Matt's Safe School Law.

To Matthews, a policy is just words. In order for the district to take a stand against bullying, there needs to be action.

"You can have the most well-written policy in the world, but the most important thing is creating a culture in the dis-

trict where everybody in the district says, 'We aren't going to tolerate that behavior,'" he said.

Matthews presented a draft policy to the Novi Board of Education last week after a series of meetings with students from Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School, Novi High School and parents. He said the input from students was "enlightening."

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## New name



John Heider | Staff Photographer  
Jerrod Maloy, owner of "Shred Legal" services, changes the honorary title of Novi Way near the Civic Center on Feb. 13.

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# First infrared sauna studio in state opens in Novi

## Infrared therapy believed to provide health benefits

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Bob Mayer and his sister Shannon Burrell closed a change of scenery. The medical equipment company they owned in Wixom for several years was no longer enjoyable with insurance providers making it hard to do business.

So the pair decided to step outside the box and open the state's first infrared sauna studio, called SuiteSweat. The franchise, which has only one other location in the United States (in Costa Mesa, Calif.), was started by CEO Alex Samios in 2010. Samios then partnered with Sunlighter, one of the world's leading infrared sauna manufacturers, to promote the

business further. Mayer said opening their own SuiteSweat franchise in Novi was a "natural progression" for them as their previous business dealt with oxygen systems and sleep therapy.

"It seemed like a good way to help people out health-wise," he said. "It has a lot of potential, and getting in on the ground floor of something that will be big in the future is exciting."

The SuiteSweat model is based on infrared therapy. Patrons sit in the saunas for up to 40 minutes and they are believed to provide a variety of health benefits. Mayer said the benefits are greater in an infrared sauna because it not only heats the air like a regu-



Siblings Bob Mayer and Shannon Burrell opened the state's first infrared sauna studio SuiteSweat in Novi last weekend. The infrared therapy is believed to provide a variety of health benefits.

lar sauna but penetrates deep into the body as there are heaters all over the sauna.

Some of the benefits said to occur in a Sun-

lighten sauna include greater detoxification, pain relief, calorie burn due to an increased heart rate, lower blood pressure, improved circula-

tion and skin purification. Mayer said a lot of athletes use the saunas, and they are highly recommended after a workout. The saunas in the Novi

location are complete with the So Sound Solutions system that is connected to the bench and vibrates to the sound of music.

"It is shown to relax the body and mind," Mayer said.

The Novi location in the Novi Town Center opened last Friday and was met with positive reviews.

"We did 75 sessions this weekend," Mayer said. "It was much more than we expected."

Customers can sign up for individual sessions, a variety of packages and monthly memberships. For more information, visit [www.SuiteSweat.com](http://www.SuiteSweat.com) or call (248) 347-4111.

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## BULLY

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"Quite honestly, we are a very good district and our students are very well behaved and respect one another — but bullying does occur in our district," he said. "It occurs on playgrounds, it occurs on school buses, it occurs regularly in our classrooms. Our responsibility is to create a culture that would communicate to any student or adult in our district who wants to engage in bullying in our district that it will not be tolerated."

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STEVE MATTHEWS  
Novi schools superintendent

Matthews said one of the goals of the updated policy was to have consistent guidelines and procedures to prevent bullying at all age levels. The board decided last Thursday to table approval of the policy, which must be adopted by June 6 at the latest, to have further discussions about

the guidelines and consequences of bullying.

Matthews said he plans to have an updated draft to the board in late March or early April. He had no major issue with waiting because the district currently has a policy in place unlike other districts in the state. There also must be a public

hearing for the new policy.

Board president Bruce Bagdady said he doesn't want people to think the board is not taking the issue seriously because they want to wait.

"I do not want anyone thinking because we're not going to vote on this until March that action is not going to be taken when there's bullying going on," he said. "But for the sake of having a good, complete conversation on the board policy, I'm OK with waiting."

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## DISTRICT

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same foundation allowance as nine years ago, so I'd ask you if costs are the same as nine years

ago?" he said. Increasing enrollment is the main way the district can increase revenue, and the recent student count on Feb. 10 shows Novi is holding steady. Barr did not have

exact figures, but said the district is not down overall.

The count in February, which counts for 10 percent, is blended with the count in October 2012 to determine the funding

for 2012-13. "There is no significant movement in terms of big increases or decreases," he said.

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# EDUCATION

## Novi schools shining despite tough economic times

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

Last week was a good week to be the superintendent in our school district. I stopped in Mr. Laney's Industrial Tech classroom while I was visiting the middle school and the students were engaged in a variety of tasks. Some students were building wooden and plastic charging stations that would allow up to three electronic devices to be plugged in and charged at once, while others were busy sawing and sanding carbon dioxide cars.

Students, safety goggles on, were in various stages of completing their projects.



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews

I stopped and asked the students who were working on the carbon dioxide cars what they needed to do. Not surprisingly, they knew exactly. They told me what they had done and what they needed to do to finish.

I also sat in the audience as our high school students performed their one act play "Freedom of the City." The students were getting ready for the one act play regional competition, and it was a powerful play with great performances.

I thought about those students, and the many others that I have seen this year in Novi, as I heard Gov. Rick Snyder's state and school budget presentation last week.

Times have been tough here in Michigan, and money for schools has been tight. This year in our district we are receiving exactly \$19 more than we received in 2002-2003. Even though costs have increased, rather dramatically in some cases, our district continues to produce a quality educational experience for our students.

The students I saw last week are just the latest evidence that we are doing a great job. I have been on the job for just seven months so I cannot take credit for the positive and profound experiences that our students are having. I came to a district that clearly had a vision of who and what it wanted to be. As a result, despite funding challenges, we are providing our students with experiences that are building them a foundation that they can stand on as they move forward in their lives.

It would be nice if the time that we spend worrying about budgets could be replaced with other concerns. But that is not where we currently find ourselves.

However, even in the midst of these budget concerns the people in our district — students, staff, parents, and community members — focus on providing quality educational experiences every day for our students.

Last week once again reinforced to me that our district is providing our students with the experiences they need to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be a positive contributor to our society.

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## O'Connor appointed to county school board organization

Dennis O'Connor, vice president of the Novi Board of Education, was appointed as a trustee on the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Board of Directors on Jan. 25. O'Connor replaces Marc Katz, a 22-year Berkeley school board member, who retired in December. The OCSBA is the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The purpose of the OCSBA is to advance the quality of public education in Oakland County through the cooperative efforts of local-elected boards of education. The OCSBA also promotes high standards in providing educational programs and services to meet the needs of all students.



O'Connor

In addition to his duties on the Novi School Board, O'Connor also serves as a trustee on the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF). He received a fellowship from the Michigan Political Leadership Program in 2010. He became a Certified Board Member in 2009, and earned the Award of Merit in 2010, from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASHB).

O'Connor, a 20-year resident in the Novi School District, was elected to the Novi Board of Education in 2008. Prior to that, he served on numerous school district committees and organizations including:

- 1998-2004 Vice President and Publicity Director, Novi Athletic Boosters
- 1998-2004 Member, Novi High School Band Boosters
- 2004-2010 Member, Novi Community Education Advisory Council
- 2007 Member, School Bond Proposal Citizens' Committee
- 2006 Member, School Utilization & Redistricting Committee
- 2004-2005 Member, Long Range Planning

er & Eccentric Newspapers, a parent company of The Novi News. O'Connor is a 1979 graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor where he earned secondary teaching certification in journalism and mathematics. O'Connor earned a master's in business administration from Wayne State University, majoring in marketing and management. He has two daughters who graduated from Novi High School in 2002 and 2004.

## NOVI ON CAMPUS

Loyola University  
Novi's Katherine (Kaley) Mullins was named to the College

of Arts and Sciences' Dean's List for the first semester of the 2011-12 academic year.



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# It's all for the family at Outdoorama this week

For nearly four decades, Outdoorama has served the state's 1.4 million licensed anglers, 750,000 licensed hunters, and 1.4 million wildlife watchers. For many of these conservationists and their families, Outdoorama provides wall-to-wall fun and education.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) launched Outdoorama at the old state fairgrounds in 1974. This year's 39th edition, Feb. 23-26 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, remains true to its origins.

There is a Pellet Shooting Range with certified instructors offering free lessons and a Trout Pond with frisky rainbows for kids. The nominal donation for that activity, as well as the popular Virtual Fishing Simulator, goes to non-profit or charitable causes.

The family-favorite Ultimate Air Dogs feature with Milt Wilcox is free every day as is the Howell Nature Center's Wildlife Encounters program where kids can get up close and personal with hawks, owls and other native Michigan wildlife.

Big Buck Night, an annual family staple on Michigan Out-of-Doors television show, will be filmed on Thursday starting at 7 p.m. It, too, is free with admission.

More than 100 scheduled seminars on mushroom hunting, fishing, hunting for big and small game, dog training, growing food plots for wildlife, and other subjects are free with admission. Other in-both demonstrations draw crowds all day



The Howell Nature Center will have an educational exhibit of live Michigan birds and mammals at Outdoorama Feb. 23-26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

long. A favorite is traditional skills expert Jim Miller who shows kids of all ages how Native Americans made fire, built canoes from birch bark, and tanned animal hides without chemicals.

Non-scheduled fun events are always popping up at Outdoorama. In past years, Cogs the Robot and Smokey the Bear have strolled the aisles. Premiere Animal Attractions in Ortonville will bring several exotic animals, including a baby tiger, to the show. What kid doesn't like to nibble on elephant ears,

Mackinac Island fudge, roasted almonds or beef jerky? If they're still hungry, the Sportsmen's Grill food court serves up baskets of breaded fish fillets with slaw and fries at an affordable family price.

More than four acres big, Outdoorama is crammed with new fishing and hunting boats ready to go, along with hunting gear, fishing tackle and other outdoor products, including camping equipment. There is bottom-line value, especially on fishing boats, duck hunting

boats, pontoons and pleasure boats, in addition to boat docks, lifts and other accessories.

Outfitters Expo provides the public with nearly unlimited family vacation and adventure travel, including hunting and fishing destinations, throughout North America and beyond. You can even book a fishing trip to Alaska, an elk hunt in Idaho, a family houseboat adventure in Kentucky, or a safari in Africa.

Kids are among those who enjoy collecting the commemorative Dardev-

le spoons that Eppinger Manufacturing Co. in Dearborn hands out each year on Thursday and Friday to the first 500 show patrons. On both Saturday and Sunday, K & E Tackle in Hastings will provide free fishing-tackle packs to the first 250 attendees.

Adding to the show's broad appeal is the 5th Annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, which runs concurrently at Suburban Collection Showplace and offers free crossover admission to Outdoorama patrons.

## DETAILS

**Event:** Outdoorama  
**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace (Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads, Novi)  
**Times:** 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10-9 Saturday; and 10-5 Sunday.  
**Cost:** \$10 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6-12; free for children ages 5 and under.  
**Phone:** 800-328-6550  
**Web:** www.Outdoorama.com.

## Exhibitors bring it all to one place for Cottage & Lakefront Living Show

Cottage, lakefront property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent will find everything they need on display at the pre-season fifth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show Feb. 23-26 the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Vacation and retirement lakefront custom home-builder will showcase different types of log home and timber-framing construction. Architects will exhibit their custom residential architectural services and explain how the home's function is considered during the planning process along with aesthetics, environment and state and local regulations. The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include how a cabin is put together, floor plans, profiles, roof options, log species, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and do-it-yourself or contractor built home packages. Builders, contractors and architects will be available for scheduled private consultations through the show's website.

Mexican thatch and bamboo Tiki bars and décor that are for sale or rent will be displayed. The Tiki bars setup and breakdown in minutes for winter storage and range in size from four-person pub table to seating for 12.

Enclosed and sit-on-top kayaks, aluminum rolling, floating and stationary docks with vinyl decking, polyethylene floating docks and swim rafts, aluminum hydraulic boat and pontoon lifts, roll-in, floating and portable docks, paddleboats, rafts, water toys and aluminum vinyl, steel, wood, boulder, sheet piling and bulkhead materials for seawalls, along with easy-to-use weed removal roll-

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**Phone:** (800) 328-6550  
**Web:** www.NoviCottageShow.com

ers and tools to create a sandy beach and remove the weeds from the lake shorelines and bottoms and natural shoreline restoration will be displayed. Tropical and traditional color patio furniture made from recycled milk jugs that can be left outside year-round and warranted to resist fading, cracking or mildew; permanent, energy efficient metal roofing systems in a variety of designs and colors; radiant barrier flake insulation; walk-in Jacuzzis; tubs designed for seniors; pergolas, sunrooms, solariums and screened rooms will be displayed.

Decorative and functional accessories will be available for purchase at the Lakefront Marketplace from aerial photographs of over 1,500 Michigan lakes to Northern Michigan cherry products, spice dips, chocolate candy, fudge, peanut brittle, roasted nuts, pasta sauces, salsas and other food items.

Michigan artists at the Cottage Fine Art Show will present wildlife photography, Great Lakes and Michigan inland lakes steel silhouettes, Petoskey stone art, jewelry and custom woodcarvings for sale. Also featured will be Petoskey stone inlaid rustic night stands and various table furniture made from American chestnut, walnut, oak and ash wood and finished with elm wood legs, desk items from clocks to business card holders, lamps, household items and carved animals. Custom chainsaw/carved oak and white pine wood mantels, coffee tables, cigar store Indian, bald and American eagles, sport memorabilia, boat slip signs, TV surround and other wood products will be exhibited.

Sharing and keeping the cottage in the family for use currently and for future generations will be one of the seminars offered by experts at the Cottage Living Stage. Challenges and opportunities of "Waterfront Design," "Buying & Selling Waterfront Property in Michigan," "Nature Photography at Your Cottage," and "Birds of Prey: What You Probably Didn't Know about Your Neighbors" will be among the other Cottage Living Stage seminars.

Cottage Living Center will provide the opportunity to relax and work on a community puzzle, put a pin in an oversized Michigan map to show where cottages are located or read a book selected from the 2012 Essential Cottage Reading List provided by Horizon Books of Traverse City. Patrons are able to post a cottage for sale or rent on the Community Cottage Available Board.

# Fischer makes Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 list

Novi City Councilmember Justin Fischer, 29, was named one of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 at the State of the County Address Feb. 7.

Chosen from nearly 400 nominees, every one of the Elite 40 Under 40 is excelling in his or her field while giving back to the community. Fischer was nominated for the award by Novi resident and volunteer Tim Shroyer.

"The members of my Elite 40 Under 40 represent where Oakland County is headed tomorrow: charging into the knowledge-based economy, providing strong leadership, and engaged in improving the quality of life in our region," said Patterson.



Fischer

son in his address. "These young men and women truly make a statement about the talent that abounds in Oakland County and, as far as I'm concerned, confirm a bright future for our region and our country," Patterson said. Along with his role as an elected representative for the people of Novi, Fischer is employed by Ford Motor Company, overseeing Stockholders' Equity and Share-based Compensation accounting. First elected at the age 26, Fischer is one of the youngest people ever elect-

ed to the Novi City Council, but his service to Novi and southeast Michigan did not start there. Starting at the age of 20, Fischer was appointed to the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals, and subsequently was elected to the Board of Directors of the Novi Parks Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. During college, Fischer also worked in the office of State Senator Nancy Cassis, and interned in the Office of U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers.

Fischer earned his MBA and bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University. He and his wife, Melissa, plan to raise their family in Novi, the community they both called home growing up.

## The gift of life



Shirley George donates a pint of blood at the Novi Public Library on Feb. 8 during a Red Cross blood drive.

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# Artistic accomplishments

## National honors possible for two Gold Key portfolio winners

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Laura Luo and Ashley Miller knew art was going to be a part of their future when they started honing their skills in middle school.

But they never knew how big a part.

Fast forward to high school, and the two Novi students are now up for recognition from one of the most prestigious programs in the country — the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Miller and Luo received Gold Key art portfolios, the top honor given, and now are waiting to find out if they will be chosen for national recognition and an appearance at the national exhibit at the World Financial Center.

"It means a lot to me because friends and family always tell you your art is good, but it's nice to be recognized by others," Miller said.

Miller entered the program last year and received a few individual awards, but this is the first time she has had a Gold Key portfolio. The portfolio consists of about eight different pieces of art, some paintings, mixed media, colored pencil and more. She also won two individual awards this year.

Miller said the theme is about life and the journey from start to finish.

"A lot of it is from life experiences and friends and family," she said.

Luo, who also racked up five individual awards this year, said the majority of her art is pencil sketches, and has always expressed an interest in mental disorders.

She said she was surprised to have her portfolio given a Gold Key.

"It makes me feel like I am making progress with my art and maybe I can make it part of my future," she said.

Nine other students from Novi High School also received individual awards, including Natalie Paul and Alejandro Albuera, who received Gold Keys in the ceramics category. Erin Harbar, an art teacher at the high school, said it's the first time in at least the last 10 years that a Novi student received a Gold Key in ceramics.

### A future in art

Drawing was always just a hobby for Arisa Kambe.

Now it looks to be much more than that. The senior planned on going to a regular college like many of her classmates, but there was something about art that always stuck with her. Finally she acted on it and was one of two Novi students to receive a \$44,000 scholarship to attend the College for Creative Studies.

"I love art," she said. "And when I found out I received the scholarship, I was like, 'Whoa, are you serious?'"

Kambe said what she loves about art is that it is real and that it shows others characteristics about herself.

Art teacher Jennifer Harvey raved about Kambe's development as an artist in such a short period of time.

"She has a bright future ahead of her," Harvey said. "She's a very hard worker."

Yamini Raja also received the scholarship from CCS, and also is in the running for the Walter B. Ford Scholarship, which gives out 10 full-tuition scholarships per year.

Her passion for art was always there, but didn't come out until this year.

"I loved art my whole life, but I had only taken a few art classes before (International Baccalaureate) art," she said. "IB art was what convinced me to definitely go into art and go to an art school."

She said she is still deciding between CCS and the University of Michigan School of Art and Design.

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Novi High art student Laura Lu with a colored pencil drawing from her portfolio.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)



Novi High's Ashley Miller with a color pencil drawing from her portfolio. Miller is one of two students who received "Gold Key" awards for their work in a Scholastic Arts competition.



Novi High student Arisa Kambe works on a pencil drawing in class on Feb. 8. Kambe is one of two students at Novi High who won \$40,000 competitive scholarships to Detroit's Center for Creative Studies.



Novi High's Yamini Raja works on a painting on Feb. 8. Raja won a scholarship to attend CCS in Detroit.

### Novi events

#### 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, nurturing preschool programs. Applications for fall enrollment are now being accepted.

**Contact:** Kim Richmond at (248) 349-7911 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org).

#### WEST OAKLAND DEMOCRATS TO MEET

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21

**Location:** Comfort Suites Inn at 28049 South Wixom Road, Wixom, (Wixom Road and the south side of I-96)

**Description:** Garrett Arwa, Michigan director of Organizing for American (President Obama's re-election team), will speak about getting ready for the 2012 election. The discussion is at 7. Doors open at 6 for networking. Free and open to the public. Snacks provided.

#### BLOOD DRIVES

**Time/Date:** 2-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22

**Location:** Hillside Middle School 775 N. Center, Northville

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

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#### CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B

### Writing's on the wall



Handwriting Analyst Karen Ely, left, offers an interpretation of the scribbles of Robin Shrivastava during an after school teen event at the Novi Public Library on Feb. 10. Rohin said that her writing showed that she had "lots of mood swings" and that she was able to concentrate "at home" but not out in public.

and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. The conference rooms are located immediately to the left.)

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Thursday, Feb. 23:** Controlling Hypertension

**Tuesday, March 27:** Colorectal Cancer

**Thursday, April 12:** Health Literacy

**Tuesday, May 22:** Stroke Exercise

**Details:** Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend.

**Contact:** To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the

contact information that you would like to supply.

#### BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays

**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

#### NOVI SENIOR CENTER

**Location:** 25075 Meadowbrook Road

**Contact:** (248) 347-0414; [thegin@cityofnovi.org](mailto:thegin@cityofnovi.org)

#### AARP Income Tax Preparation

**Times/Dates:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and April 5 and 12

**Details:** Tax counselors from AARP are coming to the Novi Senior Center to provide free tax preparation by appointment to

older adults 55 years and older. The counselors do not prepare taxes for small businesses or rental properties.

**Contact:** Novi Senior Center (248) 347-0414 for an appointment.

#### Business

##### NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

"Marketing on a Dime"

**Time/Date:** 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 14

**Details:** By Kym Johnson, owner of KSI Marketing Communications. Explore inexpensive and free marketing techniques to promote your business, both online and offline. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following.

**Contact:** see [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org) for registration and payment information.

### GET LISTED!

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

**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

#### NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

**Location:** Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com](http://www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com)), or SING for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

**Contact:** Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupinc.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupinc.com)

#### METRO NOVI BNI

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or [juliepaquette67@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaquette67@gmail.com); [www.metronovibni.com](http://www.metronovibni.com).

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OUR VIEWS

## Japanese businesses

### They invest in Novi

The total number of Japanese nationals residing in our state has increased 40 percent over the past decade to 10,360 — and nearly 2,500 of them live in Novi.

Now, that may or may not seem like a lot — but it's higher than any other city in Michigan. (The closest is Ann Arbor with 1,485.) What we find even more impressive, however, is the number of Japanese companies located in Novi: 67.

"Word travels fast in the Japanese business community that Novi is a welcoming city to locate, and I feel this is a positive testament to our overall economic strength," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director.

Statewide, Japanese facilities provide over 33,000 jobs in our state — and 95 percent of those are held by Michiganders.

We learned all of this last week when the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit released the results of its annual Japanese Investment Survey. Despite a slight decline in the number of Japanese facilities, 932 more local residents were employed in Michigan.

Not surprisingly, our automotive sector is where Japanese investment is heavily concentrated, with manufacturing jobs accounting for 44 percent of total employment at these facilities (which created 843 new manufacturing jobs in Michigan, a 6-percent increase in the past year).

"Japanese automakers and their suppliers are ramping up production and, as a result, have created jobs in Michigan as the business climate continues to strengthen," said Consul General Kuninori Matsuda, Japan's chief diplomat in Detroit.

The 394 facilities in southeast Michigan are primarily R&D, engineering, and sales offices, and the other 86 facilities in Michigan are mostly manufacturing facilities. Japanese investment is particularly concentrated in southeast (Northville, Farmington Hills) and southwest (Bartle Creek) Michigan.

The relationship goes back to the 1970s, which marked the first phase of major Japanese investment in Michigan and Ohio. But it wasn't until 1993 that the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit was established to support over 18,000 Japanese residents in its two-state jurisdiction, promoting trade and business development between Japan and the U.S., and nurturing strong bilateral relations through various educational and cultural activities.

And this long-term commitment of capital and human resources has proven to be a win-win over the years both economically and culturally. These companies benefit from Novi's dynamic economy, fine educational institutions, convenient workplaces, plethora of retail and restaurants, and attractive residential communities. In turn, Japanese companies boost our economy through job creation, capital investment and tax contributions while adding to the cultural diversity of the greater Novi area.

### JAPANESE COMPANIES IN NOVI

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COMMUNITY VOICE

## Are you OK with the lack of winter weather so far this year?



"No because I like the cold and I'm a hockey player so I am used to it."

Lizzy Malear  
Novi



"It doesn't bother me either way. I just don't like when it snows and then gets warm and everything is gross."

Eric Mann  
Novi



"It's weird because last year there was a lot of snow and this year not so much. But I like it because I like to ski."

Mayuko Iwata  
Novi



"I don't like the snow so I'm happy. Plus I run track, and the less snow, the better I think our season will be."

Janee Hood  
Novi

LETTERS

### Seven Mile park plan an albatross

Something is amiss. In 2009, Northville Township bonded \$21.5 million for the purchase of the property along Seven Mile Road. The intent of this property was to be used as a park.

It is now 2012. At its Jan. 26 special meeting, the township presented the Master Plan for the property with an estimated total cost of \$82 million. But there is one thing missing: The 20 dilapidated, abandoned, condemned buildings still stand, and with all their ugliness welcome the visitor to Northville. With each passing day, this site becomes more unsightly and more dangerous. The intent is to demolish the buildings and clean up the site, but this is estimated to cost an additional \$7-10 million!

Let's see: \$21.5 million plus \$82 million plus \$10 million equals \$113.2 million — for a park. A wise investment?

Before any portion of the Master Plan is initiated, the site must be environmentally correct; thus, the \$10 million has to be spent. The question is when will this be accomplished and how is it funded. The answer given is "as soon as we can." What?

The township received a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which must be matched with \$40,000 from the township. The township states that this \$240,000 will then be used this summer to demolish and clean up the power house, and if there are sufficient funds, the maintenance building as well.

Let's see: 20 buildings minus 2 buildings equals 18 buildings left standing. Now what?

The entire site has been designated a "brownfield," a clever governmental term that means the property is blighted, functionally obsolete and has abandoned buildings. With this designation, the township has the authority to "capture" the taxes on any redevelopment on the property. The township's plan is to capture these taxes and use them to cover the cost to demolish the remaining 18 buildings!

Let's see: \$10 million minus \$240,000 EPA grant equals \$9,760,000 of captured taxes. Are you kidding me? How does the township expect to capture taxes on a site that is predominantly public (non-taxable) land?

It is obvious that this site will remain as is for a long time, only it will get worse and worse. I wonder, if this site was privately owned, how long would it take before the township would demand that these buildings be removed? The reality of a park — it's a joke. Perhaps my grandchildren's children will enjoy it.

The simple fact of the matter is that this entire property acquisition and current situation is nothing more than the proverbial albatross, only this albatross is around each and every one of our

necks.

James M. Koster  
Northville

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### Support fuel standards

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The Obama administration wants to know what citizens think about the new standards, and they're holding a public comment period through Feb. 13 to find out. I urge citizens to make their voices heard by submitting a public comment to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov (include "Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799" in the subject line) in support of strong clean car standards.

Sheelagh McCarthy  
Environment Michigan

### Looking for a Model T

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What I am asking is that each of you help us by keeping your eyes and ears open for a car. We don't require a working engine, or even a perfect body and tires. This car will be cleaned up and painted and used as a hands on display in the museum. We do have some money, but we are also a 501(c)3 and are happy to accept donations.

Please feel free to contact me either via e-mail at don@don-nicholson.net. Have a great day motoring and preserving the history!

Don Nicholson  
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Diane Trombley  
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Right to Life-LIFESPAN

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Brazen & Wright**  
 Nick Brazen and Angie Wright, both of Royal Oak, are engaged to be married.

The groom-elect is the son of Ed and Cindi Brazen, of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School (2001) and Western Michigan University, and he works for Astellas Pharmaceutical.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gaby Wright, of Clinton Township, and Tony and Kathleen Wright, of Fremont, Ohio. She is also a graduate of WMU and is employed at Brose in Auburn Hills.

A June 3 wedding is planned at Mill Race in Northville with a reception at The Inn at St. John in Plymouth.



## Driving America

(From left) Novi residents Rita and Lance Leonelli and Kate and Dennis Parrott check out the 1951 Studebaker Champion Starlight coupe now on display with 130 cars as part of the new Driving America exhibit at The Henry Ford. Over 750 guests attended the Exhibition Preview Party on Jan. 28. The permanent exhibit spans 80,000 square feet and features 60 artifact cases and 18 42-inch interactive touch screens. In addition to Driving America, The Henry Ford is celebrating Black History with musical and dramatic performances throughout February.

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Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortion in the United States and while the scientific link between early abortion and breast cancer is debated, the inconsistency of an organization dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer — Komen — donating to an organization determined to ignore this possible link — Planned Parenthood — is profound.

Komen has indicated that their sharing of donations with Planned Parenthood will cease because Planned Parenthood is under federal investigation for a number of issues and Komen's new partnering criteria prohibits donations to organizations under such investigation. Last year, such donations amounted to \$680,000.

We are hopeful that such monies can now be used for finding the cause, and the cure, for breast cancer. This is a day of victory for women and their health.

**Diane Trombley**  
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times, 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. 23.

**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 please.

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

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

**Sunday Worship:**

Worship - Held in the Chapel 9 a.m.  
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**Sunday School:**

Nursery - 8 a.m.  
Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.  
Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0565

**Sundays**

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

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**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or [churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.

**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service

**Alzheimer's Support Group**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

**LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Location:** 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake  
**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://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, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

**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 Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship

**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 / Children

**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

**10:15 a.m.:** Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m.:** (cafe@)

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**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)

**Sunday Worship**

**Time:** 9:45 a.m.

**Healing Service and Holy Communion**

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

**Peace Vigil**

**Time/Date:** Noon, first Sunday of every month

**Location:** In front of the church

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

**Advent Service**

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. Sunday

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org)

**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

**ReNew Life Group Ministries**

**Time/Date:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

**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 Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.

**Contact:** (248) 912-0043; <http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html>

**Women's Life Groups Ministries**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

**Men's Life Groups Ministries**

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

**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road  
**Contact:** Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5655

**Preschool/Kids Choir**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

**Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

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**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Contact:** (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

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**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2621 or [olvnorthville.org](http://olvnorthville.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, Plymouth  
**Contact:** Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

**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 48375  
**Contact:** (248) 697-8158 or visit [www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org)

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**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org)

**PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 748-3898

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**Location:** 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**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

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**Weekend of Centennial Celebration**

**Gala Dinner Dance**  
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**The Centennial Festival Eucharist**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.

**Details:** Service to celebrate official centennial anniversary with Bishop Wendell Gibbs joining for a combined service. Staff is busy with plans for this service includ-

ing special music, and it will be the first use of the banners created by the women and men of the parish. After the service, join the celebration reception and enjoy fellowship with the people of St. John's.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 474-0584 or visit [stjohnlutheran.com](http://stjohnlutheran.com)

**Saturday Worship**

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday School**

**Time:** 9, 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday School**

**Time:** 10:15 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Location:** 201 Elm Street, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3140

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON**

**Location:** 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)

**Youth Interfaith Journey**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

**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.

**Lifelong Learning Forum**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

**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 the class that interests you most.

**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 will 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.

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

**Speeding driver caught with weed**

1 Novi police arrested a man for possession of marijuana on Feb. 11 after he was initially stopped for speeding on M-5 south of 12 Mile Road.

According to the police report, the driver was going 81 miles per hour in a 70 mph zone before he was stopped. When the officer approached the car he could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside. The suspect said a friend of his, who had a medical marijuana card, was smoking in his car earlier in the day.

He admitted to smoking the drug and had some under the driver's seat. There also was a pipe and grinder in the car.

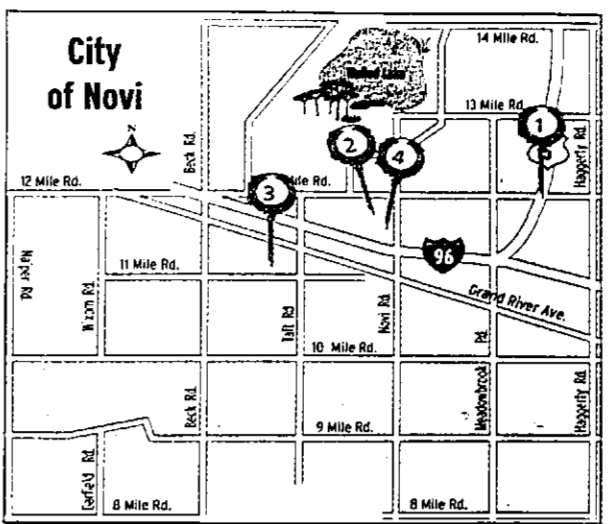
The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

**Woman has wallet snatched**

2 A woman shopping at David's Bridal in West Oaks had her wallet stolen on Feb. 11 while she was helping her cousin with her wedding dress.

According to the police report, the woman had her purse on a chair and walked away from it when she went to help her cousin. The unknown suspect took the Coach wallet from inside, but not the entire purse. The wallet contained two credit cards and other miscellaneous items.

Cameras did not catch the suspect, and the cred-



**Mandalay Circle hit with lawn jobs**

3 A unknown suspect tore up the lawns of 12 homes and a commons area in Mandalay Circle in the early morning of Feb. 12.

According to the police report, the suspect drove over the sidewalk and onto the lawns of the homes, tearing up the sod and damaging sprinkler heads and landscaping.

One of the victims said this is the second time it has happened to him in the last two weeks.

Police have no suspects at this time.

**Man caught taking clothes from Kohl's**

4 An 18-year-old Milford man was

arrested for larceny after he was caught stealing \$160 worth of clothes from Kohl's on Feb. 13.

According to the police report, the suspect was seen going into a fitting room with items and leaving with them concealed under his clothes. He tried to leave the store, and was stopped by the loss prevention officer outside.

The man initially said he didn't do anything wrong. But, after being told the police were on the way, he turned over his driver's license.

He told police he took the clothes because he needed to get a job and didn't have nice pants to wear.

Police transported him to the police station where he was issued a citation for retail fraud. He was released after posting bond.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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### NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

#### Winter fun for all ages

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#### Enter The Art Institute's competition

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but for contestants in The Art Institute's 2012 Storytellers Photography Contest, a picture can be worth much more. Enter today by submitting six original photographs that tell a visual story and showcase your creativity and unique point of view. You could earn up to a \$40,000 tuition scholarship to The Art Institute of Michigan.

Along with the photos, entrants must submit a 500-800 word artist statement 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/photo>.

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 country.

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/photo> or contact Jeanita Bright, [jbright@ail.edu](mailto:jbright@ail.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 addresses:

- 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](http://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](http://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](http://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."

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Wildcat Anna Laush, left.

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## Party crashers Novi spoils Spartans' title hopes

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

The old saying, "It's not how you start, but how you finish" held true Friday night for the Novi girls basketball team. The Wildcats fell into a 13-1 hole during the second quarter, only to roar back and outscore visiting Livonia Stevenson 37-13 over the final 21 minutes the

game and claim their third consecutive KLAAC Central Division title.

Point guard Kerri McMahan was the catalyst in the victory, scoring eight of her game-high 12 points in the third quarter as Novi bounced back from a 15-12 halftime deficit with a 14-3 run. The Wildcats, now 13-3 overall, capture the KLAAC Central outright at 8-2, while Stevenson

falls to 11-4 and 7-3.

McMahan didn't start because of Senior Night, but the 5-foot-9 guard made an immediate presence when she was inserted into the game during the opening quarter.

She made the Wildcats' first field goal with 3:45 remaining in the first half after Novi had

Please see **GIRLS, B2**

## Shamrocks continue wrestling dominance Squad wins team district, advances 13 in individual tournament

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Shamrocks wrestling team, as expected, isn't having any trouble making their presence felt in both the individual and the team wrestling state tournaments.

The team, coached by Mitch Hancock, collected a team district title with wins over Novi and Walled Lake Western last week and advanced 13 individuals to the regional tournament as well.

A large part of the Shamrocks' success has to do with the programs' decision to focus four years ago on creating one of the best senior classes to ever compete for the school. Fast forward to today and the Catholic Central grapplers have more than 15 wrestlers in the senior class and they know both the bitter taste of defeat—having lost in 2009 to Lake Orion in the team quarterfinals—and the sweetness of victory—earning a 2010 state title over Rockford, their first team title in 22 years. Last year, the team was upset by Oxford by one point in the state championship.

This year, the seniors are looking to end their careers with a title.

"This senior class is amazing," said

Hancock. "These guys have been through a lot. They have reached the ultimate high of winning a title and suffered the ultimate low of losing by one point in the finals. Our seniors continue to contribute every weekend, whether they're with the white or blue, and that says something about the level of commitment and dedication these guys have for CC. They're not done yet."

The seniors on this year's team are: Alec Mooradian, TJ Fagan, Kevin Beazley, Nick Mason, Andrew Thompson, Casey Hagan, Zack Colone, Joey Vollmer, Steve Schmitt, Alex Goings, Nick Trojaniak, Beau Bloomfield, Anthony Jabbar, Palmer Pawlusiak, Jay Edillo, Josh Carolyn, Tony Roosen and Clayton Dewitt.

Their successes can be easily seen this year. Last week, the team had 13 wrestlers earn a trip to the individual regional tournament. Nine of them, it so happens, are No. 1 seeds after winning their district titles in their respective weight classes.

Seniors Fagan, Mooradian and Beazley all earned individual district titles, as did Trevor Zaleski, Ken Badé, Logan Marcicki, Nick Mason,

Please see **CC, B2**

## Jocz dominates boards, but 'Cats unable to win

Novi finishes season sixth in division, prepares for post-season play

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With Novi's cagers losing both contests last week, it was the individual feats that stood out most.

The Wildcats (4-11, 4-6 KLAAC Central) dropped a 62-51 decision at home Feb. 7 against the Central Division champion Rocks from Plymouth Salem (14-2, 8-2 Central) and visited Livonia Stevenson (9-5, 5-5 Central) last Friday, but came home with a 49-38 loss.

Novi senior Michael Jocz was again consistently impressive for the Wildcats, pulling in 25 rebounds over the course of the two games. He also added six points against Salem and three points and three steals against Stevenson in a heavy defensive effort.

"Mike Jocz is playing his best basketball and is our most effective player right now," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "His hard work and attitude have allowed him to get better every day."

Both losses occurred despite the Wildcats' efforts to win the rebound battles. Novi held a 33-23 advantage over Salem and 29-28 edge on Stevenson.

However, the squad continued to struggle on offense, hitting 29 of 98 shots (29.6 percent) last week. Against Salem, the 'Cats actually shot better for three (8-for-20, 40 percent) than inside the arch (8-for-32, 25 percent).

Against Salem, the bulk of the long-range performance was from senior Kyle Clemmons (15 points on 5-for-10 three-point shooting) and sophomore Nelson Cagle (11 points, five rebounds, 3-for-4 for three). The Rocks led 34-21 at halftime.

"Clemmons was getting open off of a couple screens and had a hot hand. He and Cagle were shooting well," Tass said. "We played a pretty good game against Salem, just not enough critical stops on defense and a few untimely turnovers that cost us."

Also chipping in against

#### ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball squad (4-11, 4-6 KLAAC Central) was scheduled to host Wayne Memorial (6-7, 4-6 South) two nights ago before KLAAC consolidation games bring Livonia Churchill (6-9, 3-7 South) to town Friday and send the 'Cats to Livonia Franklin (2-13, 1-9 South) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m. "We did not make the KLAAC tournament, so we play against other non-qualifiers," Novi coach Brian Tass said.

the Rocks was senior Alex King (eight points), junior Charles McKinney (six points on 2-for-11 shooting, seven rebounds), junior The Cadwell (three points) and senior Ganon Mathis (two points, four rebounds).

"McKinney had a tough night shooting, but made up for it defensively and showed a few good attacks to the basket that we wanted to see," Tass said.

Things didn't fall so readily against the Spartans. Cagle led Novi with eight points, shooting 2-for-17 (11.8 percent) from the field.

"We didn't shoot it well at Stevenson," Tass said. "Cagle was getting to the rim but not finishing."

Novi only trailed 21-20 at halftime, but the Spartans pulled away with a 28-18 second-half advantage. Eight more Wildcats scored, but none had more than five points. Chipping in were senior Scott Kempa (five points), four points apiece each for McKinney, Clemmons, King and Mathis, as well as three points apiece for Cadwell and senior Ignas Bernotas.

"We also played fairly well at Stevenson. They shot well in the first half, we didn't," Tass said. "Clemmons went down early in the fourth quarter and we turned it over a lot after that. He really controls our offense."



Novi junior Dan DeNova grapples with Livonia Franklin's Jack Nawa during a 14-3 major decision in the 103 pound weight class. DeNova won Feb. 1 at the KLAAC team meet and won the rematch 15-0 Feb. 4 at the KLAAC individual meet.

## Four Wildcats advance to wrestling Regionals

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Although Detroit Catholic Central ended Novi's shot at Regionals by winning a Feb. 9 team district meet, the Wildcats qualified four individuals for Regionals during last Saturday's individual districts.

Novi's grapplers (16-10) headed south to Canton last weekend with hopes of getting several wrestlers into the top

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#### ON TAP

Although the team competitions are done, four Wildcat wrestlers will head to Saline Saturday for regional action against qualifiers from the Temperance-Bedford district. Those with a shot to advance to the state championship March 1-3 at the Palace of Auburn Hills are seniors Jimi Keller (heavyweight), Jake Dobras (171 pounds) and juniors Dan DeNova (103) and Zach Roush (189).



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**Lady bowlers earn program's all-time best record**  
**Plymouth gets revenge on fellow Wildcats**

**By Chris Jackett**  
 Correspondent

The final week of the regular season was not a highlight for much of the Novi bowling program, but there was one bright point.

The boys team were outscored 58-2 in two matches to fall to 4-13 (3-9 KLA Central), while the girls had their five-match winning streak snapped, but recovered to close out the season with a win to finish 10-7 (7-5 Central), the best record in the girls programs history. The guys finished sixth and the girls fourth in their respective seven-team divisions.

The past week began Feb. 6 with both squads dropping matches to Plymouth, who each had defeated just five days prior.

"All bowlers were the same, but the site was different," Novi coach Jon Osborne said. "Last week, the match was at Westland Bowl where we usually bowl above average, and yesterday was at Super Bowl, where we struggle and it's their home lanes. Last week's win was an upset win for us and a wake-up call for Plymouth."

The boys lost 30-0 to Plymouth (5-9, 4-8 Central), who won the two baker games 174-173 and 250-183, and then both regular games 1,072-881 and 1,040-863. Andrew Thorwall led Novi with games of 200 and 204.

"They shoot over a 1,000 per game on a regular basis, where we have only done it twice this year," Osborne said. "Our only chances to score were one-pin losses in two singles matches and a baker game."

The girls dropped an 18-12 decision to Plymouth (5-8, 5-7 Central) after losing both baker games 157-126 and 169-167, as well as the

**GIRLS**

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missed its first 14 attempts. "She's the leader on the court, no question about that," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "She makes a lot of things happen. She can score, but she can also make all of her teammates better. It's like the Energizer Bunny went out there. That's what she does."

After Novi took a 26-17 advantage after three quarters, McMahan controlled the ball much of the fourth quarter and the Wildcats were able to close out the win.

A couple of key rebound put-backs from senior Anna Lausch during the final 2:34 helped seal the win.

Those came after Stevenson had closed the gap to five on two different occasions, 28-23 and 30-25 (on a rebound basket by Katelyn Foster with 2:05 to go).

Another sophomore, 5-guard Taylor Pavlika, chipped in with nine points for Wildcats, who shot 11-of-37 from the field (29.7 percent) and 13-of-17 from the free-throw line (76.4 percent).

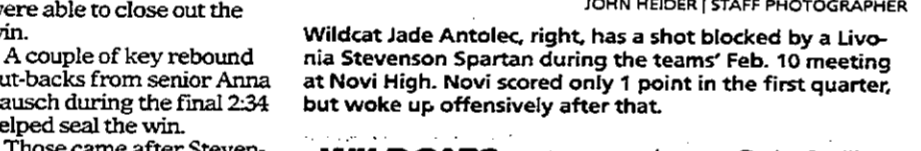
Despite the quick start, Stevenson ended up shooting only 9-of-37 from the field (24.3 percent) and committed 17 turnovers (to Novi's 12).

Senior guards Molly Knoph and Jordan York tallied 10 and nine points, respectively, to pace the Spartans.

"They (Stevenson) are a great team," Kelp said. "The point guard (Molly Knoph), I'm a great fan of, and the (Jordan) York girl. Hopefully a part of it was wearing them down and do it as the game wore on. We wanted to be patient in that zone (defense) and look for the weak side dump-down, but they (Stevenson) came out in 'man' the second half."

The Spartans, meanwhile, simply couldn't control McMahan defensively.

"Everything goes through her and every team that plays against them knows that," Stevenson coach Jen



Wildcat Jade Antolec, right, has a shot blocked by a Livonia Stevenson Spartan during the teams' Feb. 10 meeting at Novi High. Novi scored only 1 point in the first quarter, but woke up offensively after that.

**WILDCATS ALSO TOP PLYMOUTH SALEM**

After falling behind 25-16 at halftime on the road at Plymouth Salem (3-13, 2-8 KLA Central) Feb. 7, Novi (13-3, 8-2 Central) used a 17-3 third-quarter run to take a 33-28 lead into the final quarter en route to a 42-37 victory. Sophomore Kerr McMahan led the Wildcats with 15 points and four assists, as senior Sam Pavlika added 13 points.

Also chipping in for the Wildcats were senior Anna Lausch (six points, five rebounds, four steals) and Antolec (six points, five rebounds, four steals) and

Knoph said. "Shut her down and their offense isn't going to be as strong. We tried to go 'man' and she broke that down a little bit. We went back into the zone. I don't know what to say. We were keying in on her at practice all week."

The Spartans started out well, but just couldn't finish.

"One of our favorite sayings is that 'It's a game of runs,' but that's not going to be it the entire game," Knoph said. "They (Novi) are a good

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Drew Garcia and Bob Coe, Malik Amine finished second, Riley Hanson was third and Myles Amis finished fourth. McAdian's performance at the individual district earned him not only his fourth district

**ON TAP**

After clinching the Central Division crown with a victory over runner-up Livonia Stevenson Friday, the 'Cats were scheduled to start their KLA A Tournament title run at Wayne Memorial (5-11, 4-6 South) two nights ago before facing the winner of Northville (10-6, 6-4 Central) and Canton (13-3, 8-2 South) 7 p.m. tonight at home and a hopeful Kensington Conference championship contest Monday.

team and they are going to keep pushing back. We knew that was going to happen.

"I think the biggest thing in the third quarter was coming out flat the way we did. We talked to the girls after the game — so many chances, so many opportunities.

"We had turnovers that weren't even under the basket. They were around half-court line — stuff like that, that we can't let happen. We'd just kind of panic and throw an errant pass."

ern in the team districts to advance in the state tournament. They competed Wednesday against Livonia Franklin in the regional (after the sports section went to print).

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

**Wildcats ski to sixth in division**  
**Novi shreds Hartland, splits with Milford in doubleheader finale**

**By Chris Jackett**  
 Correspondent

It was a quick season for Novi's ski program. Due to the warmer weather and minimal snow, their first meet wasn't until Jan. 18 and Regionals are already scheduled to take place today.

Novi's boys finished 3-6 in duals over five non-consecutive days of competition and then landed seventh at the Alpine Valley Divisional Championships last week. The girls ended up 4-5 and lost a fifth-place tiebreaker with Hartland at the division meet.

The Wildcats capped last week at the 10-team Alpine Valley Divisional Championships in White Lake. The boys finished seventh with 16 points, while the girls initially tied Hartland for fifth with 19.

The two teams combined to finish sixth in three of the four races, while the girls managed to finish fourth in the slalom category with 32 points. Senior Calla Spillane battled through a knee injury to lead the way with a 12th-place finish, while senior captain Lucia Li finished 17th. Also, Ashley Sawaya landed 23rd and Nina Li 30th for Novi among a field of 73 girls.

Finishing sixth in the boys slalom with



Novi Wildcat Lucia Li competes in a ski meet at Alpine Valley on Feb. 2.

97.5 points, half a point behind West Bloomfield, Novi was led by juniors Alex Arne (11th), Harrison Halley (15th) and Zach Johnson (25th), showing promise for next season. Jean Hadrich was the fourth Wildcat scorer, finishing 46th among the field of 80 boys.

Senior captain Josh Feight returned from injury to help the guys finish sixth in the giant slalom with 119.5 points. Feight finished 36th, while Halley led at 16th. Arne was 33rd and Johnson was 34th.

The girls team also took sixth in the giant slalom behind 115.5 points with junior Miranda Hanby leading

43.14 seconds, followed by Lucia Li (third in 44.67), Morris (fourth in 45.01) and Hanby (fifth in 45.9). Sawaya's sixth-place finish in 46.79 seconds pushed the Eagle's score up despite not contributing as a top-four score for the Wildcats.

The guys had a much tougher road to victory, managing to win without having all four scoring skiers in the top eight. Halley won the meet in 40.42 seconds, followed by Tim Lu (third in 42.83), Johnson (fifth in 43.21) and Hadrich (ninth in 48.73). Hartland took second, fourth, and sixth through eighth.

The second match of the night, against Milford, was a case of opposites. Novi's girls won by 19 points, but the boys team lost by 16.

Novi's top five girls all finished in the top six during a 11-30 win over the Mavericks. Spillane led again in 44.52 seconds, followed by Morris (second in 44.97), Lucia Li (third in 45.18) and

**ALL-AREA SWIMMING**  
**South Lyon's Bonin leads talented team**

**ALL-AREA SWIMMING**  
**By Jeff Theisen**  
 Sports writer

**Swimmer of the Year**  
 Chanel Bonin, South Lyon

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Rachel Green, South Lyon  
 Corinne Caldwell, South Lyon  
 Dee Gerke, South Lyon  
 Erin McCurry, South Lyon  
 Stormy Malarik, South Lyon  
 Andrea VanderMey, Novi  
 Maranda Buha, Novi  
 Mallory Buha, Novi  
 Catherine Cui, Northville  
 Mattison Boucha, Northville  
 Maddy Kipke, Northville  
 Shannon Lohman, Northville  
 Andrea Meister, Northville  
 Lia Nagata, Northville  
 Briana Schoenke, Northville

**SECOND TEAM**  
 Rachel Eckler, South Lyon  
 Kallie Krueger, South Lyon  
 Autumn Smith, South Lyon  
 Kara Berg, Novi  
 Rachel Aepelbacher, Novi  
 Jessica Porter, Lakeland  
 Reagan Dehnbestel, Lakeland  
 Alicia Stowe, Milford  
 Leah Erlandson, Northville  
 Sarah Lohman, Northville  
 Emily Butler, Northville

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Northville — Leann Dimitroff (Sr), Maria Gutowski (So), Emily Iverson (Jr), Shelby Mroz (Jr), Maeve Nichols (Jr), Madison Schulz (Jr), Erin Aquino (So), Megan Conner (Jr), Sarah Garrity (Sr), Lauren Jarzembowski (So), Grace LaFreniere (Jr), Susan Morris (Sr), Claire Ostrowski (So), Jessica Yan (Fr) Milford — Morgan McGinnis, Jolene Little, Kiyomi Irvine Lakeland — Grace Collins (Fr), Mollie Vivian, Valerie Morell (Jr), Kelsey Danley (Sr), Devyn Cope (Jr), Hannah Porter (Fr) South Lyon — Caitlyn Thelen (Jr), Kaitlyn Wagner (Jr), Emily Harris (Sr), Meg Darrow (So), Lucy Garamitaro (Sr), Emma Bauer (Fr), Monica Houck (So), Heidi Surdyk (Fr), Rachel Smith (So), Sara Phohetski (Fr), Alyssa Sawyer (Fr), Alyssa Stark (Sr), Andrea Monk (So), Kayla Marquardt (Jr) Madison Canadi (Fr)

"A new Corinn came to swim this year," said Burch. "She has always been a very good swimmer. This year she really took it to the next level in both practice and meets. It was great to see her score in an individual event for the first time ever this year."

Dee Gerke, South Lyon

Another All-Stater in three events for South Lyon, and also in all three relays. Gerke, just a sophomore, also qualified for the 500 freestyle and placed 19th.

"Dee had one of the best taper swims I have ever seen when she dropped five seconds to smash the state cut in the 200 freestyle at the conference meet," said Burch.

Erin McCurry, South Lyon

The senior swimmer earned All-State honors as part of the medley relay. She also competed in the 100 breaststroke (22nd) and the 200 IM (25th).

"Erin was one of our captains this year, and her leadership is one of the reasons we were able to win the conference meet this year," said Burch. She brought the right mix of competitiveness, experience and dedication to the pool."

Stormy Malarik, South Lyon

The sophomore helped propel the 200 free relay to All-State honors. She also competed in the 50 free (29th) and 100 free (24th) at the State Finals.

"Stormy is a very competitive swimmer and a great relay anchor," said Burch. "I look forward to seeing what she can do next season."

Andrea VanderMey, Novi

The junior Novi swimmer made a huge push for Swimmer of the Year with a strong showing at the State Finals. She earned All-State in the 200 IM and 100 back. She is a three-year Oakland County champ in the 100 back.

"Team leader and committed athlete — exemplifies what the sport requires to be successful riding out all of the ups and downs with a smile and determination and a positive attitude," said coach Annette VanderMey.

Maranda Buha, Novi

Buha earned All-State honors in the 50 freestyle. "Maranda's sprint power

scores points at all levels and is a huge benefit to any relay she is on," said coach VanderMey. "Maranda is an incredible team member, making sacrifices above and beyond expectations."

Mallory Buha, Novi

The freshman made quite a splash with an All-State performance in the 100 backstroke.

"As a freshman impacted immediately with her backstroke and all-around ability to score in any event where needed," said coach VanderMey.

Catherine Cui, Northville

The junior showed incredible versatility for the Mustangs this year. She broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke, set the conference record in the 200 IM (2:10.28) and the 100 breast (1:06.25). She finished All-State in the 200 IM with an eight-place finish. Cui was also part of the 200 free relay to finish 13th and the 400 free relay which placed 14th at state.

"She was someone that I could always count on to not only win a race, but always give us her best effort," said coach Brian McNeff. "She was the anchor on both of the free relays and the ultimate teammate. Even though she was our fastest breaststroker, she never complained about not being on the medley relay. She knew that we needed her on the others, even though it meant giving up more medals and breaking a school record."

Mattison Boucha, Northville

The sophomore diver set a new school record in the six-diver event with 239.55. Boucha finished fourth at the KLA A Conference meet and went on to place 12th at the State Finals.

"She made huge improvements considering she did not even make it to regionals last year," said McNeff.

Maddy Kipke, Northville

The junior helped set the school record in the medley relay and also helped the relay finish second at the KLA A Conference meet. She also placed fourth in the 100 back and sixth in the 200 free at the conference meet.

Kipke went on to place 11th as part of the medley relay and 11th in the 100 back at the State Finals.

"Maddy proved again that she is one of the most talented backstrokers in the state," said McNeff. "She is a very hard worker and is very driven to be the best."

Shannon Lohman, Northville

The senior finished 11th as part of the medley relay, 15th in the 100 butterfly and qualified for the 100 backstroke at the State Finals. At the KLA A Conference meet, the medley relay finished second, she was second in the 100 fly, sixth in the 100 back and third as part of the 200 free relay.

"Shannon scored at the state meet for the fourth year in a row which is a huge accomplishment that has not been done in Northville since 1990," said McNeff. "She served as captain of the team this year and was a huge part of the success that we have had for the last four years."

Andrea Meister, Northville

The senior diver set an 11-diver team record with 434.10 and also won the KLA A Conference meet. Meister went on to place 11th at the State Finals.

"Andrea is a great diver and a great person to have on our team," said McNeff. "It was a real plus knowing that we were going to win diving every meet we went into."

Lia Nagata, Northville

The junior swimmer scored points on the 200 free relay (13th) and 400 free relay (14th) at the State Finals. She also qualified individually in the 200 free and 100 fly for state. At the conference meet, she placed third on both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, claimed fifth in the 200 free and 10th in the 100 fly.

"She was someone that I could rely on all year long for any relay and to score us points in a meet," said McNeff. "She is probably the toughest swimmer on our team and works extremely hard in practice."

Briana Schoenke, Northville

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### NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

#### Pompon finishes second at EMU

A three-peat of state championships wasn't in the cards for Novi's pompon squad last weekend at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

After winning the state title during their past two trips to the Mid-American Pompon-sponsored event, the Wildcats finished second of 12 teams in Class A Division I with 599.5 points, just a few behind new champion Garden City's 508 points.

"States went well," Novi coach Erin Bartos said. "Unfortunately, varsity had an 'off' day with a dropped pom and a mistake in the routine. But the girls still wowed the crowd with the routine and receive second place. Very proud of our placement."

Although the varsity squad failed to capture another state title, the junior varsity program did so successfully behind 489 points, beating out Heritage's 477.5 points.

"It is the third year in a row that JV has won; however, with JV it is a brand new group of girls each year," Bartos said.

The Novi Middle School team finished sixth of 11 schools in the finals of their division during the team's first-ever trip to the state meet.

#### Competitive cheer wraps up season

After finishing the season 1-3 and fourth in a five-team KLA A Central Division, Novi's competitive cheer squad finished 16th in the association out of the 21 teams competing. Milford and Walled Lake Central, who both finished 0-5 during the season, did not compete at the association meet.

The Cats earned 692.7944 points in the silver pool, which Wayne Memorial won with 722.1288 points to finish 13th overall. The Zebras' score would've landed them sixth in the association had they advanced to the championship pool by not finishing 1-4 in the South Division. Hartland won the KLA A crown with 789.4984 points, nearly 27 points better than runner-up Livonia Stevenson.

Novi's girls got to their final score with 209.9 first-round points, followed by performances of 203.4944 and 279.4 points in the final two rounds.



SUE SUBJECT

Novi varsity volleyball players (front row from left to right) Emily Robb, Brooke Laney, Anna Lu, Lesley Harrington, Molly Marzonia, Carrie Subject, (back row) Victoria Rose, Emma Rinck, Katie Enright, Hannah Mouch, Aly Ryan and Belle Glancy pose after coaching several teams of Novi Meadows students and families during the school's Family Volleyball Night Feb. 3.

#### Wildcat icers win pair

Capping an eight-game winning streak since a Jan. 8 loss in Marquette, Novi's icers (15-6-1, 7-3-1 KLA A Kensington) won both of their games at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase last week at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

Ranked No. 10 in the state, the Cats started with a 3-0 victory over No. 17 Howell (14-5-3, 9-1-1 Lakes) Feb. 7 and followed it with a 4-1 victory over No. 23 Lake Orion (11-7-2) Feb. 10.

The Wildcats defeated visiting No. 18 South Lyon (10-8-1, 4-6-0 Kensington) 1-0 in overtime Feb. 3.

After a pair of 1-0 victories and five shutouts during a six-game winning streak, Novi hopes to keep it up with week at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase.

The Wildcats looked to wrap up the regular season against No. 21 Livonia Stevenson (11-10-0, 6-3-0-1 Kensington) last night before an undetermined KLA A crossover Saturday to lead into a Feb. 27 regional quarterfinal at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

#### Ten commit on signing day

Last week's national signing day was a big one for Novi student-athletes. Ten signed on to take their athletic skills to the collegiate level during a Feb. 1 gathering at Novi High School. Leading the senior class are four

girls from the two-time state champion girls soccer team, including Kelli Timar (Michigan State), Jessica Javris (Bowling Green), Samantha Pavlika (IPFW) and Maddie Haustein (Ferris State).

From the boys side of the coach Brian O'Leary's two soccer programs, Chase Jabbori (Michigan) and Sean Hazen (Western Michigan) settled on their schools of choice.

Signing on to play collegiate football were Alex King (Northwood) and Derek Cingel (Michigan Tech), while track stars Jasmine Ward (Grand Valley) and Kelly McClellan (Michigan State) also signed to take their skills to the collegiate level.

#### Volleyball holds Family Night

Novi Meadows held its annual Family Volleyball Night Feb. 3 with more than 130 participants taking the court for some volleyball action. Fifth and sixth graders, along with their families, played a round robin series of games and finished the night with ice cream sundaes.

Many Novi High School varsity volleyball players served as coaches for the 14 teams of students and families, while also providing a friendly demonstration of competitive volleyball for the enthusiastic patrons.

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### SWIM

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The junior swimmer part of all three point-scoring relays at the State Finals — medley (11th), 200 free (13th) and 400 free (14th). At the conference meet, she placed second on the 200 medley relay, fifth in the 50 free, ninth in the 100 free and third on the 400 free relay.

"Briana was our main sprinter all year long, and she really improved in that area from last year," said McNeff. "She ended the season with some amazing times."

#### SECOND TEAM

**Rachel Eckler, South Lyon**  
The senior just missed qualifying at the state meet in diving, finishing 17th. She was the KLA A Conference runner up as well.

**Kallie Krueger, South Lyon**  
The junior qualified for the State Finals in the 100 breaststroke, finishing 32nd. She was fourth in the conference meet in the same event.

**Autumn Smith, South Lyon**  
The sophomore finished a point away from qualifying for the State Finals with a 13th-place finish at regionals.

**Kara Berg, Novi**  
The Novi junior won the KLA A Conference title in the 200 freestyle.

**Rachel Aepelbacher, Novi**  
The junior diver placed eighth at regionals to advance to the State Finals.

**Jessica Porter, Lakeland**  
The Lakeland junior earned All-Conference honors in the 50 free (25.4) and 100 free (55.04). She qualified for the State Finals in the 100 free and placed 15th at the Oakland County meet in the same event.

**Reagan Dehnhostel, Lakeland**  
The freshman broke onto the scene with All-Conference honors in the 500 free (5:20.36) and finished top-eight in the 200 free at the Lakes Conference meet. She qualified for the State Finals in the 500 free.

**Alicia Stowe, Milford**  
The senior qualified individually for the State Finals in the 50 and 100 free. She was also part of the 400 free relay to qualify for state. Stowe was voted Team MVP.

**Leah Erlandson, Northville**  
The senior qualified for state in the 100 backstroke. At the KLA A Conference meet she 10th in the 100 back and 12th in the 200 free.

**Sarah Lohman, Northville**  
The sophomore helped set a school record in the 200 medley relay as well as finishing 11th at the State Finals. She also qualified for state in the 100 breast. At the conference meet, Lohman finished second on the medley relay, second in the 100 breast and 10th in the 200 IM.

**Emily Butler, Northville**  
The junior swimmer finished 13th as part of the 200 free relay and 14th on the 400 free relay at the State Finals. At the conference meet, Butler placed third on the 200 free relay, ninth in the 50 free and 11th in the 100 free.

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### CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Sam Eggleston  
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#### Shamrocks win Mt. Brighton League

Heading into the Mt. Brighton League skiing championships, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks found themselves tied with Okemos for the league title. That all changed by the end of the day last Thursday.

With some of the best snow and racing conditions of the year, the Shamrocks joined 10 other teams in competing in the slalom and giant slalom events. Damon Rotterdam led the Shamrocks in the slalom, taking first, while Ian Pierce took third. John Dooley snagged 10th and Joe Talbot was 13th—all helping the Shamrocks win the event ahead of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Okemos. In the giant slalom, the Shamrocks again followed Rotterdam, who took first, while Pierce was second, Evan Hicks was eighth and Talbot was ninth.

"The skiers are performing with strong fundamentals and focus," said coach Tom Gable. "Rotterdam is skiing in the form that won him the state

slalom title last year and Pierce is racing with the experience needed to compete at the highest level."

The Shamrocks are slated to ski at the regional tournament today at Alpine Valley. A strong finish will put the Shamrocks in the state finals.

#### Hockey team earns third wins

It really doesn't matter where you're from—the Detroit Catholic Central hockey team is likely going to be favored to beat you. The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, took wins over teams from Metro Detroit, Toronto and the Upper Peninsula last week as they maintained their No. 1 ranking in the state.

The Shamrocks defeated Grosse Pointe North, 4-1, before topping Toronto's Hill Academy in their closes game of the week, 4-3. They also took on the Copper Kings of Calumet and walked away with a 3-1 win.

Against Grosse Pointe, the Shamrocks led 3-0 before their foes even got on the board in the third period. Catholic Central snagged goals from the sticks of Steven Haydon, Lucas Linville,

Nick Michels and Charlie Green. Assists were picked up by Max Wanko, Brady Jones, Tyler VanNorman, Pete Halash, Michael Babcock, Haydon and Michels.

The Shamrocks had a tougher time against Hill Academy, even trailing 2-1 in the first period with Green's goal keeping them in the contest in the opening stanza. Halash and Matt Sorlisho assisted.

In the second period, the Shamrocks earned goals by Haydon and Sorlisho to tie the game, 3-3, with assists going to Green and Halash. The Shamrocks, and the shooting capabilities of Nolan Gluchowski, proved too much for Hill Academy as the Catholic Central skaters tallied their final goal at 6:03 in the third to earn the win. Halash and Green assisted on the play.

In their final game of the week, the Shamrocks made short work of the Calumet Copper Kings, scoring three unanswered goals in the first two periods before allowing their Yooper foes on the board in the third. The Catholic Central goals were scored by Danny Middleton, Nick Daigneau and Wanko with two assists

each to Babcock and Daigneau.

#### Swimmers have strong showing at MISCA meet

The Detroit Catholic Central swimming and diving team showcased their talent at the annual MISCA meet last week.

The non-scored competition found the Shamrocks traveling to Eastern Michigan University and turning in several outstanding performances. The 200 medley relay team of Jack Walsh, Ryan Newman, Dan Szuba and Tim Szuba took third place while Chris Vela earned a state-qualifying time in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.28 seconds.

Neil Robinson also earned a state qualifier, finishing in 56.11 seconds in the 100 backstroke, while Simon Shanks and Charles Roelant had season-best performances in the same event.

Walsh also swam a 53.78-second race in the backstroke while the team of Colin Brinkman, Walsh, Dan Szuba and Tim Szuba took fifth in the 400 freestyle relay with a season-best time of 3:17.48.

#### Bowlers finish league matches with win, tie for title

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team finished up its league conference bowling matches Monday with a win over rival University of Detroit Jesuit High School. The Shamrocks, led by coach Al Bridges, split the Baker series before winning both regular games.

In the first Baker match, the Shamrocks fell, 191-186, before coming back to win the second, 192-171. In the two regular game, Catholic Central had little trouble, securing the victory with an 888-850 showing followed by a convincing 906-836 win.

Bridges said the scoring was lower than normal "due to dry lanes" at Thunderbolt Lanes.

High scorers for the Shamrocks were Nick D'Alessandro (210), Jeff Conflitt (203) and Dan Ault (198). Eric Pavlov, a senior captain, finished as the conference leader in both averages (225) and head-to-head victories (15).

The Shamrocks finished the conference with a 9-1 record, taking the co-championship with DeLaSalle.

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four within their weight classes, which would qualify them for this weekend's regional competition.

Senior heavyweight Jimi Keller had the best performance of any Wildcat Saturday. Keller defeated top-seeded Darius Durrett from Southfield in the semifinals, but CC's Bob Coe would win the heavyweight title on a 4-2 decision after Keller failed to secure a pin fall as the final seconds ticked away.

Three other Wildcats fell one victory short of the title matches and battled for bronze instead.

Senior Jake Dobras (171 pounds) defeated Dearborn Fordson's Hussan Atteia by pin in the consolation semifinals to move into a battle for third place, where he defeated Plymouth Salem's Alex Brown in an 8-1 decision.

In the 130-pound weight class, senior Alejandro Albuerna made it to the final four by defeating Northville's Sean Wagner in "the blood round," but fell to

Plymouth's Jon Conn in a 11-1 decision during a battle for third place.

Capping off Novi's qualifiers was junior Dan DeNova (103), who had a "blood round" of his own. Advancing into the consolation semifinals, DeNova defeated Northville's Kevin Chara by pin fall to advance to the consolation finals, but Plymouth's Mohamad Youssef would take third with an 11-6 decision.

Although only four Wildcats advance to Regionals, several came within another victory or two. Junior Zach Rousch (189) was pinned by Salem's Jake McCabe and senior Justin Michalek (215) lost a 5-3 decision to Northville's Andy Boyde.

Others competing for the Wildcats, but falling short and ending their seasons, were junior Tony Levy (119), senior Giddiani Albuerna (140), sophomore Ben Wright (145), senior Farahman Khan (152) and junior Ben Landry (160).

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

### NOTICE OF ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012. The polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All polling places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available at the polling places listed below:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1 and 2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 and 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 and 11	Brightmoor Christian Church	40800 West Thirteen Mile Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Institutions of Technology Center	25345 Tait Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46225 West Ten Mile Road
16, 17 and 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
19	Thorton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 and 21	Deerfield Elementary School	26500 Wixom Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: PRESIDENTIAL: President of the United States

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/vote

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **COLLEX COLLISION SITE PLAN NUMBER 12-095 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 25100 NOVI ROAD IN SECTION 23, ON THE EAST SIDE OF NOVI ROAD NORTH OF TEN MILE ROAD.** The applicant is proposing to construct a 21,600 square foot building to be used for automotive repair along with associated parking and landscaping.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Novi Planning Commission  
David Greco, Secretary  
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**CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Official Scan Voting Equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

The test will be conducted at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used and counts the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of the law.

This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK  
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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.254**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.254 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, DELETE AT ARTICLE 23, OS-2, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT TO ELIMINATE AN UNUSED DISTRICT, AMEND AT ARTICLE 12, OSC, OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ADD PERMITTED USES PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED IN ARTICLE 23, AMEND AT ARTICLE 23A, OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT TO ADD USES AND CONDITIONS PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED IN ARTICLE 23, ADD MINOR CHANGES TO PROVIDE CLARITY, AND ADD PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR A SET OF RETAIL SERVICE OVERLAY PROVISIONS FOR THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE, AMEND AT ARTICLE 24 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE OS-2 DISTRICT, AND AMEND AT ARTICLE 2, CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS, ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAPS, TO CORRECT LISTED DISTRICTS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 6, 2012 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk  
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Novi Planning Commission  
David Greco, Secretary  
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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:**

**Case No. 12-005 TJ MAXX 43175 CRESCENT BLVD**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i) of the City of Novi Sign Code to allow a 162 sq ft oversized wall sign for an existing retail use. The property is located east of Novi Rd and north of Grand River Ave. in the TC Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i) allows 1.25 sq ft of signage per linear ft of continuous public or private street frontage up to a maximum of 65 sq ft.**

**Case No. 12-006 2105 WEST LAKE DR**  
The applicant is requesting variances from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow addition of a new attached garage and partial second floor area within the required side yards of a parcel with an existing home and to allow the structure to exceed the allowable lot coverage. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of South Lake Dr. in the R-4 Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft and a minimum aggregate of side yard setbacks of at least 25 ft. The same Section of the Ordinance allows a maximum of 25% lot coverage.**

**Case No. 12-007 WALMART 26090 INGERSOLL DR**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i) of the City of Novi Sign Code to allow a 298 sq ft oversized wall sign and 28-5 (3) to allow 4 additional wall signs beyond the sign wall sign permitted for new retail use. The property is located east of Novi Road and south of Crescent Blvd in the TC Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i) allows 1.25 sq ft of signage per linear ft of continuous public or private street frontage up to a maximum of 65 sq ft.**

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Code Section 28-5(3) permits only one sign for this business.**

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## Tips for filing your 2011 taxes

By Dan Hoops  
Guest Columnist



Takin' Care of Business  
Dan Hoops

If you are in the process of preparing your 2011 Form 1040, here are a couple of tips to help get your return through the process. The first thing is keep your eye open for any tax forms sent (or e-mailed) to you and safeguard them. These would be W-2's and 1099's. You must have these when you file your return.

Gather all of your bank records, canceled checks and receipts for the year. You may have some 2011 expenditures that are eligible for deductions, such as business or medical expenses, or charitable gifts. But, if you plan to take any of these deductions, you must make sure you can verify those expenditures; so please don't throw anything away. If your return is audited, the burden is on you to prove the deduction was proper.

If you have any questions about your income tax return (and don't want to pay someone to ask), do the homework yourself. The IRS has made great strides in its customer service and you should definitely take advantage of these resources... our tax dollars pay for them. For simple questions, go to the IRS Interactive Tax Assistant at [www.irs.gov/ita/index.html?portlet=101](http://www.irs.gov/ita/index.html?portlet=101) and plug in your questions. It's free!

For people that would rather read and study the reasoning for an answer to their tax question, they should go to the search bar at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and

type in Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax". Download and print this publication. It is a comprehensive resource for individual taxpayers filing their Form 1040.

Another "free" service the IRS provides is tax preparation assistance. If you are computer-savvy with \$57,000 or less in gross income, use the IRS's "Free File" software. This is an online tax preparation program provided by the IRS for individuals at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If you made more than \$57,000, you can still take advantage of "E-file" your return. According to the IRS, 98 percent of electronic filers received their refunds with direct deposit within 14 days (if there are no problems), some as quickly as 10 days. For people that are eligible for a refund (and are in a hurry), select "direct deposit" when you file your return for a quicker refund.

For people looking for tax assistance, but may not be able to afford a commercial service, consider using a "free" volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program prepares returns for individuals whose income is \$50,000 and below. The Tax Counseling for the Elderly is for individuals aged 60 and older. The IRS has

certified these volunteers so you will be getting professional assistance. These volunteer programs are in numerous locations and you can either check the IRS's website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) or call (800) 906-9887 for a location near you. Finally, do not rush through your return. Mistakes will cause a delay in your refund and maybe even an audit. According to the IRS, the most common errors on returns are math calculations and Social Security numbers.

Good luck getting your return finalized in a timely manner. Remember, if you do not have enough time getting everything ready for April 15, consider filing for an automatic extension. I know filing your tax return is an unpleasant event every year, but staying diligent and focused is the key. procrastinating or brushing it under the rug until the last minute is not wise, it will only increase the risk of problems in the long run.

**Daniel S. Hoops** is an associate professor at Walsh Business College teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department. Hoops holds a master of laws degree in estate planning from the University of Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a bachelor of musical arts from the University of Michigan. Hoops, a 1987 graduate of Novi High School, can be reached at Walsh College at (248) 823-1334 or [dhoops@walshcollege.edu](mailto:dhoops@walshcollege.edu).

## Presidential Award



Monroe Bank & Trust (MBT) received for the fourth straight year six President's Volunteer Service Awards from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, recognizing 8,659 hours of corporate and employee volunteerism in 2011. The national awards were presented to MBT's ENLIST (Employees Now Linked in Service Together) membership on Feb. 1 at the group's meeting to kick off its 28th anniversary year. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that achieve a certain standard — measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. MBT was recognized as a leading corporate supporter of volunteerism. Individuals honored for 2011 include Pat Orr (143 hours), Amanda Reeves (174 hours), Karl Hauser (242 hours), Rebecca Roof (458 hours) and Vanita Robinson (460 hours). Shown (from left) are MBT ENLIST Coordinator Erika Hunt; MCOG Executive Director Stephanie Kasprzak; MBT President and CEO Doug Chaffin; First Step Associate Director Theresa Bizoe; and 2011 ENLIST Board Chairperson Amy Strzesinski.

## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Insurance 2012 and beyond**  
David Mostyn and Wendt Mostyn Zuprom, principals at the Mostyn Insurance Agency will hold a workshop for small- to mid-sized business owners and corporate HR professionals. It will cover ways business owners can save money and offer innovative and competitive benefits, new trends in employee contributed benefits and case studies of what small- to mid-sized businesses in our region have been doing to begin to prepare for ObamaCare.

**Bright Futures**  
Bright House Networks of Michigan's announced the 2012 Bright Futures Campaign, a two-part educational initiative that will recognize educators and students who teach and attend schools in Bright House Network service areas. • The Laptop Scholarship Program recognizes high school seniors for their leadership skills, academic achievements and community service activities with a new laptop. • The Classroom Grant Program is available to area educators in K-12 programs who demonstrate creative learning experiences utilizing advanced technology, web based instruction, and/or cable programming. All applications for the program must be complete and postmarked by March 16. Application forms have been mailed to guidance counselors at every high school in the Bright House Networks service community. Applications are also available at <http://www.bright-house.com/brightfutures>.

**Community Financial holding essay contest**  
In honor of Presidents Day, Community Financial announced an essay contest for local elementary and middle school students to have a chance to win a cash prize as well as lunch for their classmates.

Community Financial is asking area students to answer the following question: Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why? Essays will be accepted between now and Feb. 20. Essay forms are available at any of the Community Financial branch offices, including Northville and Novi, and online at [www.cfu.org/contest](http://www.cfu.org/contest). Essays will be judged by a group of Community Financial team members in two separate categories — fourth and fifth graders and sixth-eighth graders. The top essay author in each category will earn \$100 as well as lunch for their classroom with Community Financial President and CEO Bill Lawton. Each category will also have five finalists who will each receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

**Twitter for Business**  
— Introduction to Social Media Marketing

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 pro-

cess works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. Presented by: Small Business Administration (SBA) Representative, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDTC) Consultant, and Business Banker.

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

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

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

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

## Building Industry Association lauds leaders in business, government

Court mulls economic limits in case

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presented its annual Industry Leadership Awards to Immediate Past President Adorno Piccini, Walbridge, Detroit, and the other distinguished awards honorees on Feb. 15 at the Sterling Inn & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, in conjunction with the Builders & Remodelers Trade Show and BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

Award honorees include:  
• Hall of Fame to Al Kligman, Superb Homes  
• Builder of the Year to Anthony Lombardo, Lombardo Homes

• Young Builder of the Year to Tim Capaldi, CGR, Capaldi Building

• Samuel Kreis annual Award for Distinguished Service to the Building Industry to Norman Finkelstein, Norwood Homes, Ltd.

• Distinguished Service Award to Government to Lannie Young, supervisor, Lyon Township

• Thomas Ricketts Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official to Michael Taylor, deputy director, City of Detroit, Building, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department

• Distinguished Service Award for Urban Home Building to Mark D. Lewis, Community 1st Development

• Don Maillou Memorial Award in Banking to Huntington Bank, Mike Pezzy and Deborah Herdman

• Distinguished Service to BIA's Charitable Endeavors to Richard Cherkasky, CAPS, The Richard Group Inc.

• Distinguished Service to the Housing Industry to Forrest M. Wall, CAE, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

• Distinguished Service to the Building Industry Association to Lynne Pratt, CGB, CAPS, CSP, Pratt Building Company

• Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year to Spencer Reed, Multi Drywall & Partition, LLC

• Associate of the Year to Pat Baker, Kohler Company

• Remodeler of the Year to Gordy Oliva, CGR, CAPS, Gordy Oliva Remodeling/Go Barrier Free

• Distinguished Service to the Remodeling Industry to Bob Veresan, AIA, DTE Energy

• Professional Women in Building Council Leadership to Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture

• Membership Growth Honoree to Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Custom Homes, Inc.

• Membership Connection Honoree to Cathy McLeod, The Huttenlocher Group, Inc.

Industry awards were given recently at a luncheon featuring David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., and Edsel Charles, chairman, MarketGraphics Research Group in Franklin, Tenn.



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Lyon Township Supervisor Lannie Young, Distinguished Service Award to Government

Q: We believe that our developer knowingly sold condominium units to individuals who presented a high risk of foreclosure and abandonment of their homes, provided them with financing, and really didn't give a true story of the nature of our neighborhood. Is there anything we can do against our developer?

A: In the past, I would have said you

were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held that the purchaser's decreased economic value and desirability were cognizable injuries which could be pursued against the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decrease in value and desirability in the developer's actions, they should be able to pursue the matter. This is certainly, therefore, worth something to consider and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic limitations.

Robert Meisner

Q: I am still thinking about buying a home in Naples, Fla., and I am wondering if the market has bottomed out, in your opinion?

A: As of the end of 2011, the market appears to have reached bottom as there has been a lot of activity in sales and not necessarily scavengers attempting to buy out properties at ridiculously low levels. Once again, the beachfront property has remained steady and the exorbitant appreciation which occurred for 10 years is not likely to come back for a considerable period of time.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [rmeisner-associates.com](http://rmeisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices...	47501 Raminder Ct \$435,000 41250 Southwind Dr \$52,000 49515 Taft Ln \$359,000 45192 Thornhill Rd \$270,000 47533 Vistas Circle Dr N \$185,000	18220 Mayfield St \$235,000 38807 Meeting House Ln \$180,000 14574 Melrose St \$93,000 18255 Middleton Rd \$80,000 39023 Pinetree St \$120,000 32922 Southgate St \$170,000 34993 W Chicago St \$103,000 20251 Wayne Rd \$259,000 17429 Westbrook Dr \$162,000	17247 Willow Ridge Ct \$472,000 16506 Winchester Dr \$285,000 PLYMOUTH 39663 Birchwood Dr \$151,000 40420 Newport Dr \$68,000 13928 Oakwood Ct \$384,000 51240 Plymouth Lake Cir \$473,000 364 Rice St \$187,000	23667 W Chicago \$44,000 14207 Winston \$34,000 Westland 32516 Anita Dr \$91,000 30768 Avendale St \$34,000 7305 Bison St \$24,000 35891 Booth St \$24,000 7840 Donna St \$89,000 348 Ethan Dr \$220,000 2401 Hawley Blvd \$91,000 31535 Hazelwood St \$61,000 8243 Huntington St \$11,000 29730 Julius Blvd \$28,000 2034 Minerva St \$82,000 8221 N Henry Ruff Rd \$90,000 8206 Pickering Pl \$190,000 1365 S Karle St \$21,000 7324 S Kingston Ct \$60,000 2227 Steber St \$7,000 6272 Twin Oaks \$84,000 8400 Vista Ln \$30,000 7345 Woodview St \$20,000 7360 Woodview St \$28,000
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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 24-28, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	1987 Eagle Pointe \$133,000 232 Greenleaf Ave \$105,000 1418 Inwood Ct \$660,000 1900 Lone Pine Rd \$725,000 3544 Maxwell Ct \$520,000 5859 Miller Way E \$415,000 3555 Shallow Brook Dr \$1,005,000 3330 Sunhill Ct \$230,000 4730 Tullamore Rd \$330,000 2549 Curtis Rd \$54,000 36372 Fairway Dr \$39,000 31846 Gable St \$43,000 9900 Garret St \$65,000 18454 Golfview St \$214,000 9593 Inverster Rd \$67,000	18220 Mayfield St \$235,000 38807 Meeting House Ln \$180,000 14574 Melrose St \$93,000 18255 Middleton Rd \$80,000 39023 Pinetree St \$120,000 32922 Southgate St \$170,000 34993 W Chicago St \$103,000 20251 Wayne Rd \$259,000 17429 Westbrook Dr \$162,000 28652 Westfield St \$104,000 16242 Brookwood Ct \$215,000 16145 Homestead Cir \$255,000 20465 Lexington Blvd \$119,000 17533 Treadwell St \$94,000 50676 Livingston Rd \$365,000 16109 Maplewood Ct \$342,000 15858 Portis Rd \$175,000 46992 Red Oak Dr \$443,000 39692 Rockcrest Ln \$145,000 31915 Rogers Rd \$150,000 41738 Waterfall Rd \$269,000	36571 Martel Ct \$135,000 26905 Middlebelt Rd \$90,000 29612 Nova Woods Dr \$112,000 36356 Old Homestead Dr \$180,000 29717 Pendleton Club Dr \$40,000 28016 Quail Hollow Rd \$118,000 34055 Quaker Valley Rd \$335,000 34462 Ramble Hills Dr \$410,000 38251 Remington Park \$136,000 31914 Katie Ln \$45,000 30610 W 10 Mile Rd \$45,000 32005 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 313 \$28,000 LATHRUP VILLAGE 18154 Redwood Ave \$134,000 MILFORD 1794 Bristol Dr \$311,000 590 Hill St \$123,000 2841 Katie Ln \$315,000 1714 Milford Hts \$150,000 1640 S Garner Rd \$315,000 NOVI 22728 Cortes St \$49,000 22655 Cranbrooke Dr \$75,000 26385 Crestwood Dr \$588,000 24844 Davenport Ave \$260,000 46535 Galway Dr \$385,000 26576 Glenwood Dr \$420,000 27663 Harrington Way \$45,000 26990 Maxwell Ct \$45,000	51134 Mayfair Ter \$45,000 44410 Midway Dr \$243,000 22579 Penton Rise Ct \$215,000 165 Easton Dr \$45,000 25242 Sutton Ct \$50,000 45564 Violet Ln \$352,000 SOUTH LYON 25015 Carriage Ln \$40,000 440 Chester Ct \$130,000 25596 Coach Ln \$70,000 165 Easton Dr \$235,000 569 Graefier Rd \$155,000 426 Jean Rd \$136,000 23739 Lyon Ridge Dr \$61,000 25345 Meadow \$90,000 23832 Prescott Ln E \$61,000 401 Princeton Dr \$124,000 SOUTH LYON 21560 Concord St \$70,000 30524 Fairfax St \$132,000 28466 Inkster Rd \$70,000 15638 Jeanette St \$28,000 15858 New Hampshire St \$100,000 15638 Stone Crossing Dr # D \$31,000 20515 Westhampton Ave \$25,000 WHITE LAKE 9909 Palmoor St \$59,000
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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Career Seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, Feb. 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

For more information, contact: Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or [laiello@kw.com](mailto:laiello@kw.com).

### BIA courses

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present all three courses needed for Certified Aging-in-Place designation by the National Association of Home Builders. Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of CBCS

of Michigan, LLC will be the instructor for all three courses. He will cover the technical, business management and customer service skills essential for competing in this fast growing segment of residential construction.

CAPS I, Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility will be held on Monday, March 12. CAPS II, Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility will be held on Tuesday, March 13. Business Management, the third course required by this designation, will be held on Wednesday, March 14. Each session runs from

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Registration for each course is \$195 per person for BIA members and \$225 per person for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 3.

### Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [georgia@addvaluelive.com](mailto:georgia@addvaluelive.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

### On Facebook

RE/MAX has launched a new Facebook page for customers and the public to get direct answers for their real estate questions from RE/MAX experts. The new site is a chance for the public to ASKREMAX and get clear, expert answers in real time. Visit [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

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### Finance Seminar

Learn how to finance your purchase and rehab projects in and around Detroit. Hear from an expert in the lending business, Trent Dalrymple, who has more than 25 years of experience. Real estate and investment professionals are welcome. Seating is limited so call (248) 547-3006, or sign up at [www.metro-mi.com](http://www.metro-mi.com). These free one-hour seminars will be 6-7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Metro Mortgage Investments, 26711 Woodward Ave., Suite 301, Huntington Woods.

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