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Crawford plans district coffee hours

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, will sponsor open coffee hours this month to enable his constituents to meet with him and address current issues regarding state government from 2-3:30 p.m.



Monday, Feb. 27 at the Coffee Beanery located at 49348 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. All are welcome to hear a legislative update and discuss topics of interest. No appointment is necessary.

Those unable to attend may contact Crawford by e-mail at HughCrawford@house.mi.gov or call his office at (517) 373-0827.

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Former Sen. Rick Santorum greets the Oakland County Republican Party at its Feb. 16 dinner in Novi.

Santorum: Michigan primary can be a 'game changer'

Lincoln Day Dinner draws record crowd in Novi

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Declaring Michigan is in "a high stake place" in the November elections, Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum fired up an already energized crowd of 1,400 at the annual Oakland County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner last Thursday in Novi.

The former U.S. Senator criticized the current admin-

istration and outlined his vision for a United States that is "built on the concepts that made America great."

Held at the Suburban Collection Showplace, the event reportedly drew record numbers, dwarfing the typical attendance of some 500 seen at past years' Lincoln Day dinners.

Santorum, the final speaker in a lineup that included Gov. Rick Snyder, Ann Romney and Rev. C.L. Bry-

ant, outlined a conservative agenda that embraces "foundational freedoms," economic opportunity for all and limited government — buoyed by solid family values. This, he said, is the key to once again making America "the model for the world."

Calling President Barack Obama "divider in chief" and describing the current Congress as "horribly

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Business survey shows climate is stabilizing

Owners have high expectations for 2012

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Director of Economic Development Ara Topouzian is hearing it in his interactions with business owners, and a recent survey confirmed his assumption: Businesses in Novi are starting to get comfortable again.

A business climate survey was conducted in January, with 40 business owners chiming in on

a variety of questions. The general consensus was that things are starting to stabilize, and business owners are optimistic about the future.

"It seems like 2012 is going to be a much better year in general," Topouzian said. "I'm not hearing about the woes of before of layoffs and people with slow payments and so forth. I think it's a big difference."

A year from now, 58.6 percent of those surveyed expect conditions for their business to be better, while 3.4 percent said worse. The majority, 51.7 percent, said

"I'm not hearing about the woes of before of layoffs and people with slow payments and so forth. I think it's a big difference."



ARA TOPOUZIAN
director, city of Novi Economic Development

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Finding a home for foam

Students' goal is to expand recycling program throughout community

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It started out as an idea to enter into the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge for a chance to win college scholarships and prizes.

But for the group of four Novi High School students, the idea of encouraging people to recycle polystyrene foam has grown into a passion that goes beyond the competition.

The students have been working on their project since late last year

and are in the process of implementing it in the high school and community at-large.

Yash Sathe, a sophomore, said most people don't recycle foam because it's not done curbside and people don't know it can actually be recycled.

"People think they don't think they get any benefit from recycling," Sathe said. "At least they think they don't."

He noted that foam takes up a large vol-

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Novi High School students have initiated a plan to recycle the cafeteria's expanded polystyrene foam trays. From left are Asawari Kanitkar, Dhivya Sridar, Shashank Chitta and Yash Sathe. All are sophomores except Sridar. The plan is to eventually get the hundreds of foam trays used each day back to Dart Container Corp. in Mason — the only facility in Michigan capable of recycling the material.



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County commissioners celebrate civil rights hero

Viola Liuzzo's daughter Sally given proclamation in Novi

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Sally Liuzzo-Prado clutched the proclamation plaque in her hands and couldn't take her eyes off it.

Her mother's name "Viola Liuzzo" stretched across the top in all capital letters and memories of her filled Liuzzo-Prado's head.

The proclamation, presented to her by Oakland County Commissioners Kathy Crawford and Mattie Hatchett on Monday, was in honor of her mother who was killed on March 25, 1965, by Ku Klux Klan members after she was seen driving a black man to his home down Highway 80 in Alabama.

Liuzzo, the only white woman honored at the Montgomery Civil Rights Memorial, left her husband and five children in



Oakland County Commissioners Mattie Hatchett, left, and Kathy Crawford, right, bring a proclamation to the home of Novi resident Sally Liuzzo-Prado honoring her mother Viola Liuzzo's civil rights efforts.

Michigan to drive by herself to Alabama to participate in the Selma-to-Montgomery marches to take a stand against segregation just days prior. Liuzzo-Prado, who was 6 years old when her mom was killed, said her mom knew about the dangers of her trip, but her passion for the cause was too strong.

"I think it was her destiny," she said. "She was put here for a reason."

The honor from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners also was extra special for the Novi resident because it is the first award she has received since her home burned down in 1995 and everything was lost.

"This is all I have left," she said. "I am so excited to have this."

Hatchett said she was proud to present the proclamation because so many people in today's

world don't know about the sacrifices people like Liuzzo made.

of people who don't know what folks did for them to enjoy some of the privileges they have because of these people," she said.

Crawford, who was 23 and living in Novi at the time of Liuzzo's

death, said her name has remained in her head for the last 47 years.

She said she still remembers feeling guilty because her family was from the south and she did not want everyone thinking that her family was hateful because that is where the Ku Klux Klan originated.

"Her actions changed a lot of thinking," she said.

A film titled "Home of the Brave" was released in 2004 at the Sundance Film Festival documenting Liuzzo's life, and according to Liuzzo-Prado, brought to light the smear campaign against her mother.

The film talks about the four men who were arrested in Liuzzo's death, including FBI informant Gary Rowe, and the attack that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover

began on Liuzzo's character, thus protecting Rowe. Rowe was eventually granted immunity despite testimony from two of the other men arrested that he shot her, a story the family also believes.

And Liuzzo's story is one her family hopes to carry on.

Liuzzo-Prado was planning on going to Louisiana this week to celebrate the opening of a play titled "The Marker: Reflections of Viola Gregg Liuzzo," and hopes to continue to share her mom's story at schools and other places in the metro Detroit area.

She also is getting a street named after Liuzzo in Detroit this spring.

"My life has been so enriched because of who she was," Liuzzo-Prado said. "So we made it our life mission to teach about mom."

Novi business uses success to give back

Shazaaam! thriving as businesses willing to take risks

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Success comes from results. And Adrienne Lenhoff and her marketing communications and public relations firm Shazaaam! are seeing a lot of both lately.

Lenhoff, who started the business 10 years ago and moved it to Novi two years ago, said "it's not business as usual anymore, and that is where we excel."

"Businesses are willing to take risks because there is a bigger reward," she said. "The old isn't working anymore."

It seems like everything has been working for Shazaaam! as



Lenhoff

her employees is giving back to others. The business has always made it a point to offer pro bono services over the years, but to celebrate 10 years in business, they held a Million Dollar Challenge to give 10 charities \$100,000 each in pro bono services.

Lenhoff said she expected about two dozen non-profits to enter, but more than 100 put their names in the mix. The 10 winning charities were selected in late January, and all the other charities that entered also are being provided with free seminars on various topics.

"I'm a firm believer that what you put out there is what you ultimately get back," she said. "It would have been easy to plan a party and bring tents to our offices in Novi or host a part somewhere and have a good time and it would be over. But I felt like I wanted something more, and my employees wanted something that had much more permanence to it."

The Novi Chamber of Commerce was not one of the top 10 winners but did take advantage of the free seminars.

Linda Daly, executive director of the chamber, said the discussion, led by Lenhoff,

revolved around marketing challenges.

"She is a very creative person and out-of-the-box thinker," Daly said. "It was great to have that opportunity to pick her brain."

And Lenhoff hopes there are plenty more opportunities like that on the horizon and the business continues to excel and hire new employees.

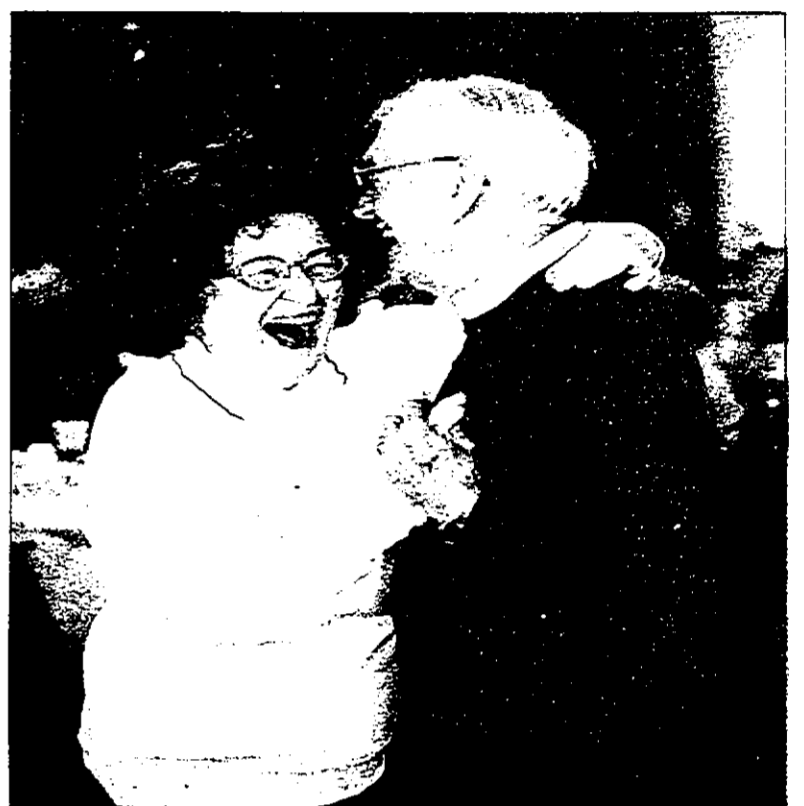
"We have been extremely fortunate because we have been able to grow during this economy," she said. "Our clients took our horns for us because when people see good work they want to know who did that work."

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Cupid's day



Entertainer Sharon Pope (above) sings some standards to the Feb. 14 Valentine's Day luncheon at the Novi Senior Center. George and Caroline Giese (right) enjoy a dance and a laugh together.



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Preparation key to student success in Novi

By Steve Matthews
 Guest Columnist



Super Talk
 Steve Matthews

This week I had the opportunity to listen to someone who played basketball for the UCLA Bruins in the early 1970s.

Along with playing basketball, this speaker was also a double-major in chemistry and geology. Occasionally he was torn during practice because he knew he needed to get back to his dorm and study.

The coach understood this particular student-athlete's dilemma and was supportive. But on those occasions when he needed to leave, before the coach would let him go, the student-athlete was told to run 30 wind sprints and then shoot and make his free throws.

The speaker explained that it was the coach's belief that every player had to be prepared to win the game. The coach knew that games often came down to an exhausted player trying to make free throws, and making his players run 30 sprints — down and back the length of the court — and then shoot free throws was the coach's attempt to prepare his players for success.

The speaker noted that at times he protested and the coach would remind him — no sprints, no free throws, no playing time. Preparation was not optional.

The speaker said it was a life lesson. If he wanted

to get in the game he had to do the work. He had a vision of whom and what he wanted to be. He wanted to explore the oceans and learn about our earth, and the lesson his coach taught him about preparation he applied to his studies. He knew if he wanted to accomplish his vision he needed to prepare.

He obviously learned this lesson well because he became perhaps the most famous modern-day explorer that we have known. The speaker was Dr. Robert Ballard, the ocean explorer who discovered the wreck of the Titanic.

More importantly Dr. Ballard helped discover life at the bottom of the ocean, the movement of the tectonic plates and the process of chemosynthesis. He also created the Jason Project — a science curriculum to engage middle and high school students and encourage students to learn about and love science and math.

As I listened to Dr. Ballard I was struck that every day in our schools — the schools here in Novi — we have the opportunity and the responsibility to work with students who have dreams and visions of how they want

Novi officials not putting much stock in new MEAP scores

Matthews: 'Goal is to prepare our students for the long haul'

By Nathan Mueller
 Staff Writer

Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews knows better than to get too excited or upset about the recently released 2011 MEAP scores.

That's because it only represents one piece of data used to track student progress, and Matthews would argue that it's not the most important piece of data but rather the most public.

The results from the Michigan Department of Education feature new cut scores this year that are believed to have raised the standard for student achievement, but administrators are still trying to figure out what that really means.

"We won't be satisfied until every student makes a year's growth in a year's time and achieves at a high level," he said. "Our goal isn't to do well on the MEAP test — our goal is to prepare our students for the long haul."

The new cut scores — which determine whether a student is advanced, proficient, partially proficient or non-proficient in select subjects — were changed by the MDE State Board of Education in September 2010. In the past, students could have answered as few as 40 percent of the questions correctly to be considered proficient, and now that number has jumped to an estimated 65 percent.

Nick Kalakailo, Novi's director of Student Growth and Accountability, said it must be noted that the tests have not been redesigned, but the cut scores have changed.

The MDE also went back over the last four

Grade	2008	2009	2010	2011	
3rd Grade	Math	76.3	75	70.2	71.6
	Reading	83.7	84.9	79.5	80.7
	Writing	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4th Grade	Math	73.5	79.6	77.5	75.1
	Reading	79.7	88	84.5	85.3
	Writing	n/a	n/a	77.5	79.5
5th Grade	Math	74.3	73.5	78.6	77.3
	Reading	79.4	81.9	84.5	85.7
	Science	37.6	26.6	37.6	37.5
6th Grade	Math	76.7	69.5	69.6	73.6
	Reading	82.3	78	81.80	82.9
	Science	61.5	53.9	47.1	45.5
7th Grade	Math	79.2	77.4	67.2	70
	Reading	77	77.3	76.3	76.6
	Writing	n/a	n/a	61.2	60.9
8th Grade	Math	71.4	68.9	63.3	62.9
	Reading	73	76.2	75.5	75.5
	Science	43.1	35.9	34.5	34.5
9th Grade	Math	2008	2009	2010	2011
	S.S.	67.3	67.3	63.2	58.1

Source: Michigan Department of Education

years and adjusted the data to fit the new system. Novi remains well about state averages and at the top of the country.

"The basic trajectory we have been on, our ranking in the country and our ranking in the state, those things haven't really changed based on what we are looking at," Kalakailo said.

Using the new cut scores, Novi students in third, fifth, sixth and seventh grades showed improvement in math and reading, while fourth graders improved in reading. There were no major dropoffs in any subject level at any of the schools.

RJ Webber, assistant superintendent for academic services, said what the new MEAP scores do is "underscores the urgency in Novi to build our own

system that gives us great feedback on a regular basis."

One of the issues with the MEAP test is that it is taken in October, but results aren't available until February, and Webber said many of those students have closed the gap by then.

"We want to build a system that gives parents and students accurate feedback," he said.

Matthews said he does not want his students to be judged on MEAP scores alone and for his teachers to be concerned about the results.

"We don't want our teachers to rely on just data," he said. "We want them to have personal perceptions and ask 'How does this piece of data fit in with everything else I know about this student?'"

County commission map will stand; Patterson promises appeal

By Philip Allmen
 Staff Writer

For now, the new Oakland County Commission districts drawn last year will stand.

An Ingham County Circuit Court judge issued an opinion Feb. 15 that Public Act 280 of 2011, which reduces the number of commissioners in Oakland County from 25 to 21 and turns redistricting duties to the Republican-controlled county commission, was unconstitutional.

The redrawn maps were created last year by a 5-member that favored Democrats, 3-2. Republicans challenged the district maps last year, but the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court rejected the challenge.

The Michigan state Legislature then passed the law, citing cost savings to Oakland County. Gov. Rick Snyder's spokesperson said at the time it created

greater transparency to the redistricting process. The law only affects Oakland County.

The reasons
 Judge William Collette based his opinion on three issues:

- a need for a two-thirds majority vote for approval, because it dealt with a local matter;
- limited time for county voters to request a judicial review of a new apportionment; and
- a violation of the Headline Amendment as it relates to unfunded mandate.

"We are glad that Judge Collette saw the 'Republican Powergrab Bill,' for what it was — an outrageous attempt by Republicans to change the law, just for Oakland County, for Republican political gain," stated Frank Houston, chairman of the Oakland County Apportionment Commission, in a release. He was one of the plaintiffs in the case.

"Judge Collette's decision allows candidates and voters to begin a conversation about how to move state and county forward instead of worrying about (Oakland County Executive) Brooks Patterson's trying to cheat democracy for personal political advantage," Houston added.

Challenge likely
 Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he expects Collette's opinion won't stand.

"Ingham County Circuit Court has a long record of ruling in favor of Democrats, only to be overturned by higher courts," he stated in a release. "This matter will be settled in the Michigan Supreme Court."

If it were to stand, he said it can create major financial woes for the City of Detroit. The Legislature changed population-based funding statutes to benefit Detroit following

major decreases in the last census. Those changes were not passed with a two-third majority, he said.

"How can the law be one thing for Democratic areas and something else for the rest of the state?," he stated.

No surprise
 Commissioner Bob Hoffman, R-Highland, said he wasn't surprised at last week's ruling, although he favors the law. "It would actually save taxpayers money," he said.

The timing of the law, isn't surprising, either. Asked if partisan politics played a role in the legislature's passing of the law, Hoffman said "I think that's a fair assessment. It's a lot about politics on both sides."

Commissioner Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, said the five-member committee in place to redistrict commission boundaries promotes dissidence between the political parties.

"When you have the chair of the Democrats and the chair of the Republicans on the committee what do you think they are going to do?," she said. "That is the way it is right now, they are going to be very partisan."

"For someone who doesn't think this isn't partisan is very naive."

She said she will wait to see what Collette's final ruling will be, since last week's news was his opinion on the case.

The Republican caucus' legal counsel explained the judge still wanted to study it and there hasn't been a final ruling yet, she said, noting she expects the issue to advance to the state Supreme Court.

"I think it's just a wait-and-see thing. I really don't know what is going to happen with it."

Nathan Mueller contributed to this report.

SURVEY

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compared to a year ago conditions for their business are the same, while 37.9 percent said better.

Those surveyed also feel that general business conditions overall will be better a year from now, with 55.2 percent casting their vote in that direction.

Topuzian said what he takes from the survey is that business owners weathered the storm of 2011 better than he thought and it "tells us we are on the right path."

Jeff Wilk, owner of Carrabba's Italian Grill, said he believes there is a "feeling of relief in

the air" as his business is coming off its best year in 2011, and 2012 has started off even better. He said its location in Novi helped the eatery fare better than other similar franchises throughout the state.

"We feel pretty fortunate that even though times our tough, our customers keep coming in," he said, "and we work awful hard to deliver for them."

The survey also showed that some businesses will be hiring this year (41.4 percent) and some (34.5 percent) saw an increase in employees compared to last year's total.

Adrienne Lenhoff, owner of Shazaam! marketing communications and

public relations firm, said people are realizing now is the best time for them to get out there and secure their brand and market share.

"The knee-jerk reaction for most people in this economy is to cut marketing and advertising," she said. "But the businesses that are smart are actually turning around and saying, 'We need to increase our marketing and be more intelligent on how those dollars are spent.'"

"The competition's reaction is to cut, cut, but — but they have a chance to be heard in a more noisy marketplace."

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ume in landfills, where it takes up to 500 years to degrade and can emit chemicals that can contaminate soil and water.

The Novi Community School District as a whole uses more than 2,600 foam trays per day, including nearly 1,000 at the high school alone.

Divhya Sridar, another student in the group, said she thinks the reason high school students don't recycle is because of "laziness."

"No one knows the negative impact of foam — and we use it every day," she said.

Some schools in Novi already have foam recycling in place, but not the high school. One bin has been put in the cafeteria since the project started, and the group is starting to see some people take the initiative and not just throw their trays in the garbage.

The group, which also includes Shashank Chitka and Asawari Kanitkar, said the best way to get more people involved is by raising awareness. The group has put signs around the school and presented its idea to the Novi City Council in early February to see how it could get the city on board. The students are

also trying to reach out to local businesses and hospitals.

They are working with Dart Container Corp. in Mason, Mich., which is the world's largest manufacturer of foam cups and containers, to get the foam to its warehouse so it can be recycled.

Chitka said the foam trays are the largest portion of school waste the group could think of, and its goal is to get the whole community on board with its idea.

Said Sathe: "Our hope is to get 25 percent of the EPS foam in Novi recycled."

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Lakes Area Rotary offering scholarships

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100th day



Kindergartner Logan Passeggiato celebrated the 100th Day of School at Deerfield Elementary on Feb. 14 by stringing 100 Fruit Loops for a unique necklace.

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Here's a shot from this past summer of Novi's Will Siembar in the Grand Canyon. "It was taken on the banks of the Colorado River while I was undertaking my second single-day rim to rim hike of the canyon — a 12-hour, 24-mile adventure I would highly recommend!" he said.

Chamber helping job seekers look their best

Threads of Power event enters 13th year

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Novi Chamber of Commerce director Linda Daly said her members know the importance of first impressions during job interviews.

So for the 13th consecutive year, the chamber is hosting its Threads of Power Charity Breakfast at the Nordstrom Bistro. At the event on Feb. 29, the chamber will be collecting gently-used men's and women's business attire to give to people who are in the workforce or reentering who don't have appropriate clothing.

"It's extremely important," Daly said. "The more confident you feel about the way you look it



Daly

will help you feel more confident in a job interview."

Chamber members were able to fill

a truck from Two Men And A Truck last year, and Daly hopes they can do the same again this year. The clothing will be donated to Church of the Holy Family and the Women's Center of South-eastern Michigan.

This will be the third year the event is being hosted at the Nordstrom Bistro, and the public also is invited to attend. There also will be a men's and women's fashion presentation by Nordstrom.

"As business owners, our members are excited and very willing to help other people in the business world," Daly said. "The event is always well attended, and our members feel good about helping other people who are working."

The event, which includes breakfast, starts at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 29, and the cost is \$15. People are asked to pre-register online at www.novichamber.com. The presenting sponsors of the event are Telcom Credit Union, Twelve Oaks, Two Men And A Truck, David M. Shepherd MD PC Ophthalmology and Jennifer J. Shaba OD Optometry.

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NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Saturdays Super for seniors

The Novi Senior Center is planning a series of 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 clock!" March 24: South of the Border — "It's fiesta time!" May 5: Derby Day — "Race Day, Novi Senior Center style!" Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org.

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. 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 events

CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B 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 Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent 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; thesign@cityofnovi.org

AARP Income Tax Preparation Time/Date: 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 KJ Marketing

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Snow day



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

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

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

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.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; www.metrobninovi.com.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

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

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmas-

ters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.toastmasters.org.

Contact: Linda Kreuter at LR@novi.toastmasters.org or call (248) 349-3743

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

13TH ANNUAL THREADS OF POWER CHARITY BREAKFAST Time/Date: 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29

Location: Nordstrom, 12 Oaks Mall, Novi

Details: Each year gently used men's and women's business attire is collected to help those in need by participating in this philanthropic breakfast event. \$15 pre-registration required.

NOVI ROTARY CLUB Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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

FAMILY SPAGHETTI COOK-OFF DINNER Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. March 14

Location: Novi United Methodist Church

Details: With celebrity judges Mayor Bob Gatt, Maria Paciocco from Maria's Italian Bakery; and Lou Martin, St. John Providence, Public Relations. Entertainment by Joseph David the Magician. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please register to help organizers determine the amount of food needed. Everyone is welcome to enter their favorite sauce.

Prizes will be awarded for the top sauces. Register at www.novirotary.org. Any donations will go to the Novi Rotary Foundation. Contact: Joe Carrier cbalaw@gmail.com or Ginger Barrons reliable@cdnet.net or (248) 348-5244.

NOVI LIONS CLUB Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving locally, in Michigan and worldwide as there is the need.

Contact: Lion President Ron Martin, (248) 473-1156 or Lion Secretary Ed Kramer, (248) 348-2747

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website. Contact: (248) 349-0720

Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

Knit Zgether Knitting Circle Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 23 and March 1

Details: If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handcrafts Knit Zgether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. No instructor; no registration, and of course, attendance is free.

Novi Historical Commission Meeting Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24

Details: Rescheduled. Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission.

Fabulous Friday Flick Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24

Details: No school today. Take advantage of the extra time by joining us for a fabulous movie for all ages. We'll provide the snacks if you'll provide us with your company. Great way to spend a few hours laughing at the humor of "Gnomeo and Juliet."

Novi Writers' Group Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25

Details: Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world and to get critiques that will improve your skills as a writer. Come to the library for an inspirational environment where you can create and share ideas. This group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mutch.

Book Discussion Group Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays

Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.

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MEIER, MARY LOU

Age 92, of South Lyon, passed away Feb. 17, 2012. A private family service was held Phillips Funeral Home...

MELONE, MARION C.

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NOEL, PAULINE L.

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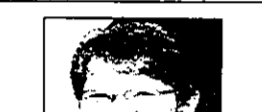
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Age 81, of Livonia, passed away February 13, 2012. Mickey is survived by his beloved wife Marilyn...

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Age 78, of Wilcom, passed away February 13, 2012. She was born on June 19, 1933, in Northville...



EBERSOLE, CAMILLE A. Passed away February 16, 2012 at the age of 66...

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Age 91, of Plymouth, previously of Northville, passed away peacefully February 8, 2012 in Northville...

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Age 64, of South Lyon, passed away Monday, February 20, 2012. He was a lifelong resident of Canton...

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Age 68, passed away Feb. 20, 2012. Visitation Feb. 23, Thurs., 6-9pm. Funeral Feb. 24, Fri. 10am...

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Meadowbrook Commons resident Ted Ross celebrated his 100th birthday on Feb. 22. Here, Ross, born in 1912, takes a look at the giant birthday card signed by his friends at the senior center during his party on Monday.

Meadowbrook Commons resident turns 100

Ross 'feels great,' shows few signs of slowing. By Nathan Mueller. Staff Writer. Spend 15 minutes with Ted Ross and it's hard to believe he turned 100 years old on Wednesday...

Historical events in 1912. Titanic sinks after hitting an iceberg. Navin Field opens at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. Golf greets Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Byron Nelson...

Design the cooling system for the first nuclear reactor Fermi-1. He has been retired for nearly 40 years, spending many of those years with his wife of 60 years, Ellenore. He took care of her the last year of her life before she died in May 2011...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McGaffigan and Schram. Megan Elizabeth McGaffigan of Jackson and James Patrick Schram of Novi are engaged to be married June 2 at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Timothy and Lillian McGaffigan of Jackson...

Umlauf-Stahl. Lindsey Umlauf and David Stahl, both of Novi, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Charron Umlauf of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., graduated from the University of Florida. She is employed as center operations director for Concentra Medical Center in Romulus. Her fiancé, son of Michael and Marie Stahl of Farmington Hills, graduated from Michigan State University and is employed as a senior financial planner at Plante Moran Financial Advisors in Southfield. A June 2012 wedding is planned in Gainesville, Fla.

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OUR VIEWS

Prevent heart disease

Make healthy choices — and encourage others to do the same

February is American Heart Month, and the designation serves as an important reminder of the devastating effects of heart disease and what we can do about it.

Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States.

Every day, 2,200 people die from heart disease and stroke. That is one in every three deaths — about the same number as those who die from cancer, lower respiratory diseases and accidents combined.

Heart disease is one of the most costly health problems facing the United States today, accounting for more than \$444 billion in health care expenditures and lost productivity in 2010.

Heart disease is one of the most preventable causes of death. All Americans should be aware of the risk factors that can lead to heart disease, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity, tobacco use and family history.

These risk factors can be reduced by eating a balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, limiting sodium intake, exercising regularly, avoiding tobacco and moderating alcohol use.

The Department of Health and Human Services launched an initiative in September aimed at preventing one million heart attacks and strokes in the United States over the next five years.

Called Million Hearts, the public-private partnership is co-led by the Center for Disease Control and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The initiative's goals include empowering Americans to make healthy choices. You can do that by:

- Taking the Million Hearts pledge at www.millionhearts.hhs.gov and encouraging your friends and family members to do the same.
- Being physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week.
- Knowing your ABCS — Ask your doctor if you should take an aspirin every day; find out if you have high blood pressure or cholesterol; and if you do, get effective treatment; and if you smoke, get help to quit.
- Eating a heart-healthy diet high in fresh fruits and vegetables and low in sodium and trans fat.
- Following your doctor's prescription instructions.

You can also learn more about heart health by attending "Controlling Hypertension" with Dr. Susan Steigerwalt at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be served. To register, please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so that we can anticipate the number of attendees. The Conversations in Health series takes place in conference rooms A, B & C in the Outpatient Center on the Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue).

Heart disease and stroke affect all of us. Everyone of us knows someone who has died of heart disease or stroke, depriving their families of someone they love.

But, at the same time, everyone of us can do something to keep heart disease and stroke from taking so many lives — starting with our own.

Commit to living a more heart-healthy lifestyle. Do it today, and encourage those you love to do the same.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan on voting in the Feb. 28 Michigan primary?



"I will absolutely be voting. I vote in every election and always have since I began voting."
Willy Mena
Novi



"You betcha. I wouldn't miss it."
George Kortlandt
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"Yes. See I'm the treasurer of the Oakland County Party — plus it's our responsibility to vote."
Dave Staudt
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"Oh my gosh, yes. I've already voted by absentee ballot."
Kathy Crawford
Novi

LETTERS

Romney's right to work stance

I am a retired blue collar worker/tradesman and Vietnam veteran. Over a period of 40-plus years, I have worked in union and non-union jobs, being lucky enough to realize home ownership and pretty much live comfortably providing for my family. During my career I took part in providing quality products and services to this area and beyond. My preparation and training and emphasis on high quality and worker safety was provided by the union I originally belonged to. It set the standard for high-quality manufacturing and service in the metro area and all over Michigan.

For a "native son" Republican candidate to have the nerve to even come to this great state after he betrayed the auto industry and even mentions his aim toward a right to work state is outrageous. I hope Michigan residents won't stand still for this, especially my fellow blue collar workers whose fathers and mothers shed their blood to form Michigan unions. This area played a huge part in the support of our service men and women during World War 11 when it was desperately needed. Let's not forget who we are.

John A. Thomson
Novi

Costs of Obama's health care mandate

Putting aside religious and constitutional issues, are you ready to use your money to pay for the president's HHS mandate? Politicians say insurance companies or employers will pay for birth control, sterilization, or abortion-inducing drugs, with no cost to the employee. In fact, however, neither the insurance company nor the employer will be paying for these services. We will.

Companies will simply get back the money they spend for these free services by increasing prices on whatever they produce or sell. Costs will go up for things like gas, food, utilities, clothing, etc.

So as you consider this health care mandate, ask yourself: Am I willing to spend my money so that someone else can get free birth control, free sterilization or free abortion-inducing drugs? Remember what your mom said: "There is no such thing as a free lunch." ... or free health care.

Barbara Pichan
Northville

Poor choices in Republican field

In light of President Obama's lack of effectiveness, I would likely have voted Republican but for the poor quality of the candidates. What can one say about Mitt Romney's mealy-mouthed back-tracking of his Marie Antoinette-type of comment: "Let Detroit Declare Bankruptcy."

Then there is Santorum. With him as president, ladies, you will want to keep your whale-bone corsets and aspirin handy. I hope that Santorum is enjoying driving his Audi A6, which is not made in America.

Finally, there's Newt whose colleagues, after sanctioning him \$300,000, won't support him. More worrisome is knowing that

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Newt has his finger on the bomb, a questionable temper and a lack of ethics. With Newt, the nation would elect Dr. Strangelove.

John Bullington
Northville

Red Kettle kudos

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps would like to thank the following groups and people for their help in nearly reaching its ambitious goal in the Red Kettle Campaign — \$211,295 was collected in the kettles this season and an additional amount was mailed in, bringing the total to over \$309,951. Our goal was \$315,000. The Kettle at the Northville Hillers, once again, collected the most money in the six community service areas. Thank you to all who gave their time and money.

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Judy Kohl
Northville Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign coordinator

Seven Mile Park a fraud

Every day I drive past our Seven Mile Road "park" and gaze upon the towering hulk of the former state psychiatric hospital, and wonder: "How many more years will this contaminated property will grace my neighborhood?" Frequently, I recall the personal assurances from the enthusiastic leader of the \$21.5 million bond campaign in 2009 to purchase the land, who told me that, "Making this property into a park will cost the residents of Northville next to nothing."

Three years after this dubious promise we find out the real price tag — \$82 million on top of the \$21.5 million we've already spent to purchase the land. My family is already paying \$300 a year toward the purchase price of this "park" that we cannot set foot upon. Now we learn that it's going to take another \$82 million to realize the vision of completing this park.

Let's see — \$300 per year from my family's budget to buy the land and \$82 million to realize the dream of Mark Abbo and our township trustees to complete this park. At that price, we will need to contribute another \$1,200 per year for 20 years from our family budget to get the job done.

Fifteen-hundred dollars year for me and my family? I don't think so. We have better uses for our money. At that price, I would rather continue driving past that hulking derelict collection of buildings for years to come. At least it will serve as a constant reminder to never again allow ourselves to be sold a bill of goods by politicians who are out to cover their blunders.

I notice that the CEO of REIS (the company that sold us this lovely property), Robert Schostak, is now the chairman of the Michigan Republican Party. I wonder what he and Abbo have to say to one another about this whole deal. Let's see: 1) Schostak got stuck with a property that could not be developed in the real estate meltdown of 2008-9; 2) Abbo fumbles the negotiations with Schostak and company; 3) REIS threatens to sue the township of Northville; 4) A plan is developed to bail out Schostak and REIS; 5) Northville voters hand over \$21.5 million to Schostak and REIS.

I'm sure when Abbo and Schostak have their Republican get-togethers they all have a big chuckle over these dealings.

Wallet picked from pocket

A Portland woman had her wallet taken from the pocket of her jacket on Feb. 17 while she was shopping at Forever 21 in Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the woman was getting ready to leave when she could not find her wallet. She asked the front desk, and they had her wallet, but \$100 cash was missing.

Police are awaiting pictures from cameras inside the store but do not have suspects at this time.

Drunk caught running red light

Novi police arrested a man for drunk driving on Feb. 18 after he was stopped on Novi Road and I-96 after he was caught running a blinking red light.

The driver initially denied drinking but later said he had one 40-ounce beer. The suspect

failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond and when sober.

Tools taken from truck

A Milford man had a Dewalt charger and four batters valued at \$450 stolen from the bed of his truck while it was parked in the parking lot at Home Depot on Feb. 12.

According to the police report, the man said he ran into Home Depot earlier in the day, but did not know the items were missing until he got home.

Drunk caught driving for third time

A 57-year-old man was arrested for drunk driving for the third time on Feb. 19 after he was stopped for speeding on

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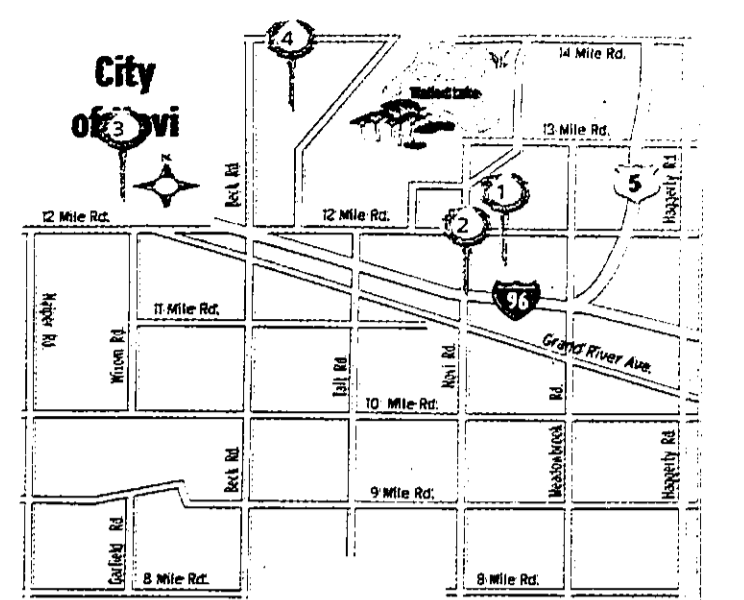
Pontiac Trail and Beck roads. According to the police report, when the officer approached the car he smelled a strong odor of intoxicants. The man did not have his driver's license on him and admitted to drinking.

He failed field sobriety tests, and a preliminary blood test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

While inventorying his property the officer also found a marijuana cigarette.

During the initial stop, the passenger in the car was attempting to exit. The officer told him to remain in the car, but when the officer went to get his information in the computer, the driver got out and walked into the gas station, leaving out another exit. Novi police were able to locate the man, and he was arrested for obstruction and on a warrant out of Livonia.

— Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller



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Romney talks business in Farmington Hills

Candidate in area as primary approaches

By Stacy Jenkins
Staff Writer

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said all the right words to a crowd of more than 500 Feb. 16 in Farmington Hills.

"I liked how he talked how important Michigan is, and about bringing businesses back to Michigan," said Mark LaBerge, an ambassador with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, which co-hosted a lunch event with the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce. His son, Andy LaBerge, of Livonia, who is 22, said he was impressed by Romney's words — and his spirit.

"I think he truly believes in America," he said. "My generation is looking for jobs — and for the president himself to hold to his promises. That's the biggest thing that's caused anger and disapproval in our current president, in my generation."

The longtime businessman and former Massachusetts governor made a strategic stop on the campaign trail, just hours before key opponent Rick Santorum was scheduled to speak at the Oakland County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner in neighboring Novi.

The Republican presidential primary in Michigan is Feb. 28. Romney was joined by family members and Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder at the event, held

at the Farmington Hills Manor. Snyder publicly endorsed Romney and offered words of support before Romney took the stage.

He means business
Snyder pointed out Michigan "had been at the bottom, for a decade, of all 50 states," but is now repositioned as a leader in a fiscal turnaround that has erased a \$1.5 billion debt and eliminated \$5.6 billion in long-term liability.

He also touted the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax and Michigan's recent climb from 49th to seventh best in the nation for corporate taxation.

"We are now becoming a role model for the rest of the United States in what success is all about and what teamwork is all about," he said. Opponents of the corporate tax, however, say it's unfair to only tax a small portion of businesses that are C-corps, and not the majority that are structured otherwise. And, they say the budget hole left by the MBT elimination was filled on the backs of seniors and families.

Change in D.C.
Snyder said Washington D.C. is holding the state back.

"Washington is a divided place and the job is not getting done," he said. "We need the leadership in Washington to get that job done. To do that, we need the right peo-



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Mitt Romney detailed for a crowd of about 500 last week how his business experience translates well to government. He also said he's been watching Gov. Rick Snyder's action in Michigan, and he's impressed.

ple, leading the charge. We have a person in Gov. Romney who has that background. He has a great combination of private sector experience — and being the chief executive of a state."

Romney echoed his experience in the private sector as being essential in knowing the nuances of how to run a government.

"In the private sector that you all live in, you're either fiscally conservative or you're out of business," he told the audience filled with chamber of commerce members. "You can't borrow money year after year and spend more than you take in, or you'll go bankrupt. And, if you don't balance your budget, you'll kill your enterprise."

"But, we're doing that to Washington. Our federal government keeps spending more than they take in, and they're just killing the nation." Romney said many of the actions of the Obama administration have made it harder for businesses to succeed. He said this is because President Barack Obama doesn't come from a business background. He cited "Obamacare," increased regulations; Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform; and cap and trade policies that are "making it harder for the economy to recover."

What he would do
Romney said if he's elected, he will end "crony capitalism" that plays favorites and decimates

free enterprise. He would keep taxes low; take advantage of all natural resources for energy, including installing the Keystone Pipeline; and amend free trade to hold China accountable for stealing U.S. patents and devaluing their currency. "We will not let China continue to steal jobs from the United States of America," he said. On the auto industry, Romney, who was criticized for his anti-bailout statements last year, said he believes the American auto industry will "continue to lead the world." He said he believes in the vision of America's founding fathers, that everyone is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. "That government

would not guide our lives — we would guide our lives," he said. "I don't want government to take a larger role... I want to give people more freedom and have government as a partner."

Inspiring
Debra Williams of Livonia, vice president of operations at Garden City Hospital, said Romney's speech was "very fruitful and insightful."

"He is a man who can hopefully lead the American people in the right direction," she said.

Nancy Bates, Farmington Hills mayor pro tem, said she was impressed by the event. She was proud of Hills Mayor Barry Brickner, a Democrat, who offered welcoming words with a good dose of humor.

"I was proud of our mayor for his tact and his humor," she said.

"Gov. Romney knew his audience and was heavy with business, but I think he said some things that they needed to hear. It wasn't a cheerleader speech, it was a plan. I was impressed."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said Romney's speech was so spot-on and succinct, he told him afterward, that he should make audio copies and distribute it all over the country. He liked that Romney explained his private sector background and why it's important in government — and how he would make it work.

"It was one of his most effective presentations," said Kirksey. "I thought both governors gave outstanding speeches."

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Attendees of the Lincoln Day Dinner sit down to their meal.

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SANTORUM

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unpopular." Santorum said "we don't have the leadership to remind us what brought us together, what made us great."

America, he said, "is a great country because we believe in a great society being built from the ground up, a great society that trusts free people."

"Obamacare," redistribution of wealth, unnecessary restrictions on offshore drilling and blocking the Keystone Pipeline project are some policies of the current administration that hamper progress and promote dependency on the government, Santorum said.

He also spoke out against Obama's "over-reaching and over-burdening regulation" that he said is thwarting free enterprise and job growth. "It's crushing and destroying the goose that laid the golden egg," he said.

Santorum said Obama "is a president that doesn't believe in you." "You need someone who can paint a picture of an America that puts people to work, not make them dependent," he said.

Noting that his relatives emigrated to the United States knowing they would find opportunity and freedom, Santorum said people "need to elect someone who understands the heart and soul of America's values, to go out and talk to the American people, to remind us who we are and what brings us together."

This is a "time of great consequence," Santorum added. "And Michigan, Michigan is in the center. You have an opportunity to be a game changer in the primary. You have an opportunity to be a game changer in the general election."

Among those attending the event was Bill Belcher of Farmington Hills, who called the program "fantastic." "I didn't believe they'd



Novi resident and current Michigan state Rep. Hugh Crawford attends the Feb. 16 Oakland Co. Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The dinner featured speeches Rick Santorum and Anne Romney.



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder addresses the Feb. 16 Oakland County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner in Novi.

get near this amount of people," said Belcher, who co-chairs the 9th district Republican Party. "(Santorum) shared his family values and his distinct differences from Barack Obama."

As for who he'll vote for in the primary election, Belcher said he's "still

tossing it around." "But it helps to listen to all of them," he said, noting that he's been to a couple of rallies for Romney as well as Santorum. "I'll probably back one of them. They believe in what I believe in, (which is) small government, we got to get rid of our enormous debt and live within our means."

Susan Corey of Southfield described the event as "great." "It's helping me understand (Santorum's) platform and his vision," she said.

Also in the crowd were several Milford High School students, who said they were selected for the event by their advanced placement government teacher.

"I am a conservative, but I still haven't picked a candidate," said 18-year-old William Schoenle, a senior.

Fellow student Chris Orr said he wanted to attend "just to get involved in government."

"And to keep my options open," he said.

Novi resident Jack Donnelly said he was "here for great government."

"I just want to hear what they have to say. I haven't totally made up my mind (for the primary), but I will."

"And I think it's inspiring to see all the young people here," Donnelly said. "It's very encouraging."

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Presidential primary this Tuesday

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

VOTE!

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. To find out where you vote and to confirm you are registered, visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

Registered voters can head to the polls Tuesday to help decide which Republican candidate will challenge President Barack Obama this November.

According to the Secretary of State's office, there are 11 Republican candidates and one Democratic candidate on the primary election ballots.

Voters in Tuesday's primary need to select a political party before voting. For Democrats, only Obama is listed on the ballot. For Republicans, candidates include: Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Fred Karger, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Buddy Roemer, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum.

Bachmann, Cain, Huntsman and Perry have dropped out of the race since that list was set in December.

Voters will fill out an application when they arrive at the polls. On that application, one can request the Republican

or Democrat ballot. The Democrats plan a May 5 caucus to elect their candidate, so votes on the Democrat ballot will not be used.

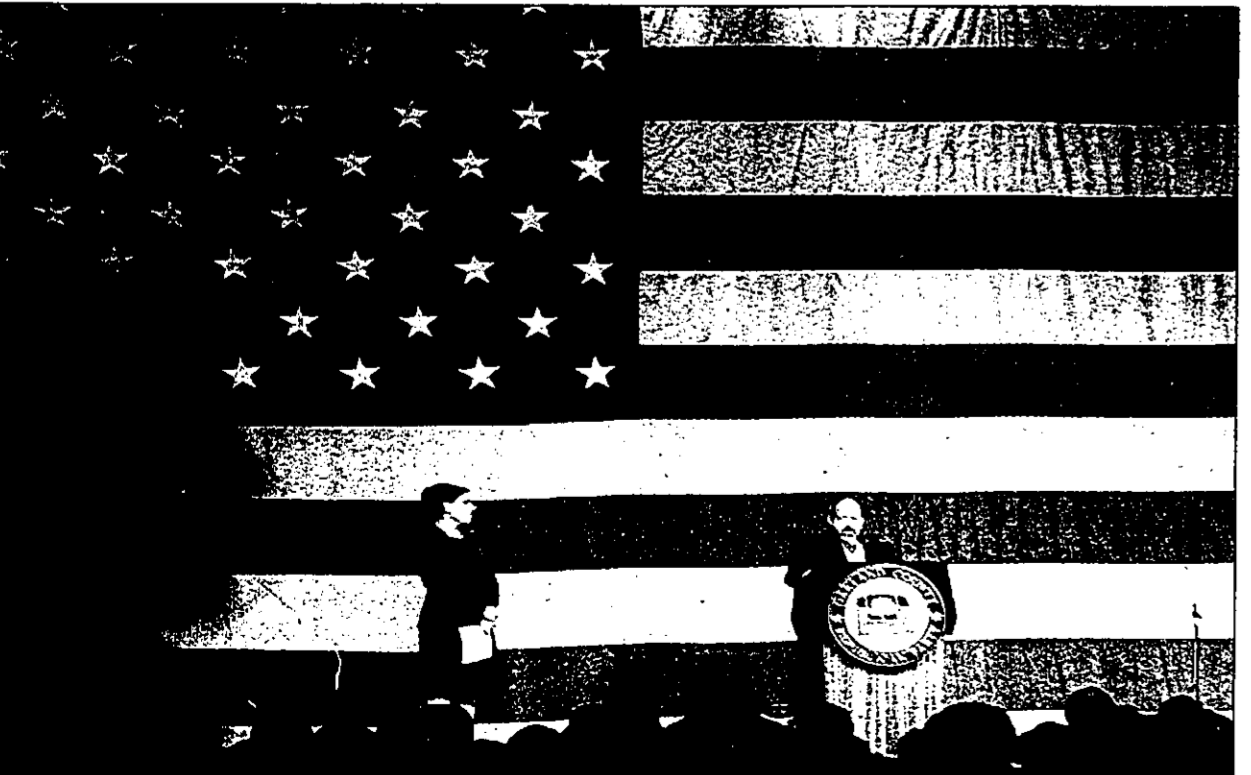
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Michigan Republicans will get 42 delegates to select their party's nominee based on the results within the state's 14 congressional districts and another 14 at-large. Only 30 will be able to vote at the national convention because Michigan violated GOP rules by moving its primary to an earlier date. The 14 at-large delegates will be apportioned proportionately based on the statewide vote.

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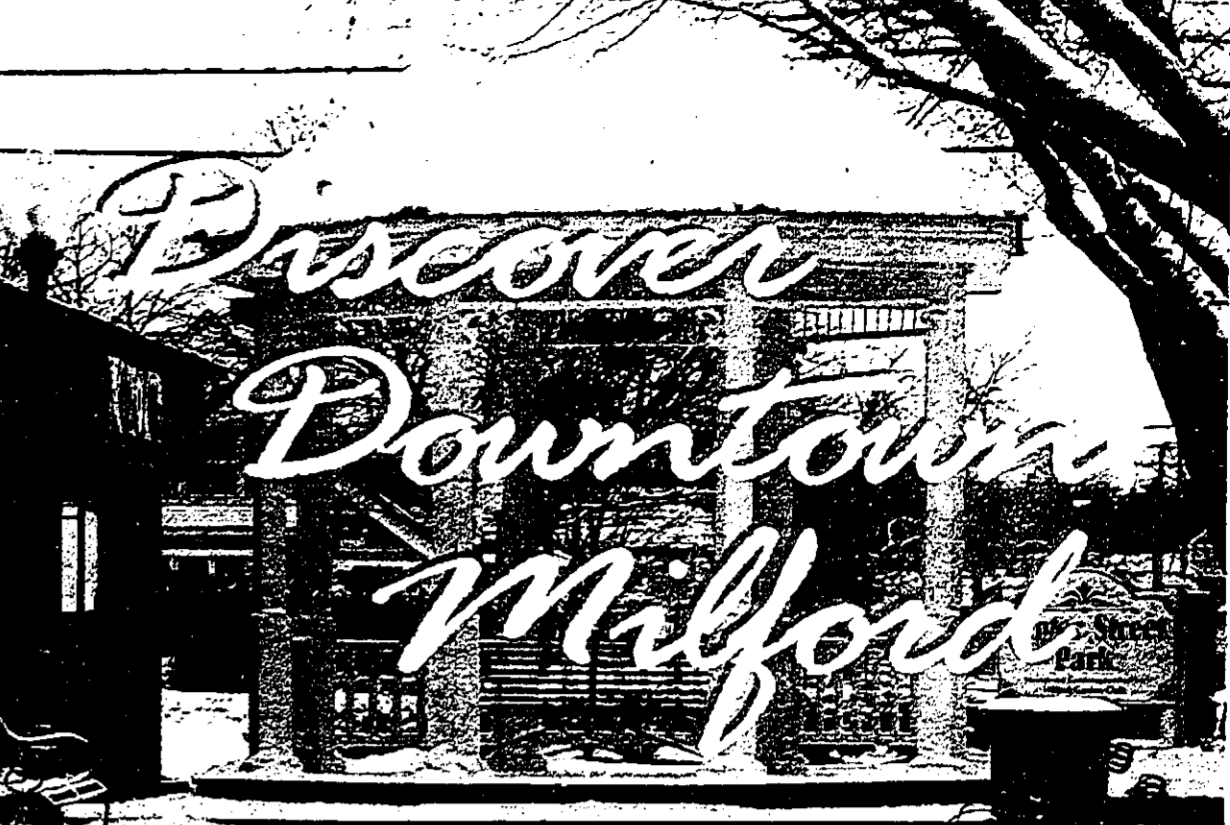
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Though Mother Nature has gone relatively easy on us this winter, that isn't stopping people from anxiously waiting to welcome the warm, sunnier weather we especially hunger for this time of year.

As the unpredictable thermometer teases us with the highs and sometimes slaps us with the lows, downtown Milford offers plenty to help us endure the last days of winter and transition into the next season.

"I've noticed everybody is getting new spring merchandise, and with the warmer weather (this winter) we're already seeing lots of foot traffic. People come to shop and then stay downtown for lunch and dinner," said Wendi Skolnik, owner of Nana's Niche and Corner gift shop. "I say, 'bring on spring.'"

One of the new arrivals Skolnik is particularly excited about is Pick Up Sticks — interchangeable jewelry featuring a variety of tiles and charms that are easily clipped onto chains. Customize your look by choosing from pieces with special sayings and pictures, created by several artists.

"There's something for everyone — for all ages — from your 8-year-old daughter to your great grandma," Skolnik said.

Traci Goodnough, owner of For Feets Sake, agrees that spring is in the air, or soon will be.

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"It's a new brand we just brought in for spring and they are already selling quite well," Goodnough said.

Coming soon to For Feets Sake are "Earth Sandals," featuring the negative heel popularized in the 1970s with the "Earth Shoe." And bargain hunters won't want to miss the store's first-ever kids clearance in March, which Goodnough describes as "an indoor sidewalk sale."

"We'll have tons of stuff," she said. If spending time outdoors is your thing, Milford's Central Park can be a great place for strolling along the Huron River, checking out the Powerhouse or — if conditions are right — ice skating, a game of pickup ice hockey or snowman building. Afterward, hit one of Main Street's many restaurants. You'll find everything from artisan teas, specialty coffees, hot toddies, lighter fare such as pizza, sandwiches, burgers, Mexican meals and salads. Or make it an extra-special event, dress up a bit and enjoy a signature meal at one of the downtown's chichi spots.

"The winter months bring out the best in the downtown Milford area," said Ann Barnette, executive director of the Milford Downtown Development Authority. "We welcome residents and visitors alike with an array of activities, wonderful destination restaurants and shops worth wandering — no matter what the weather looks like outside."

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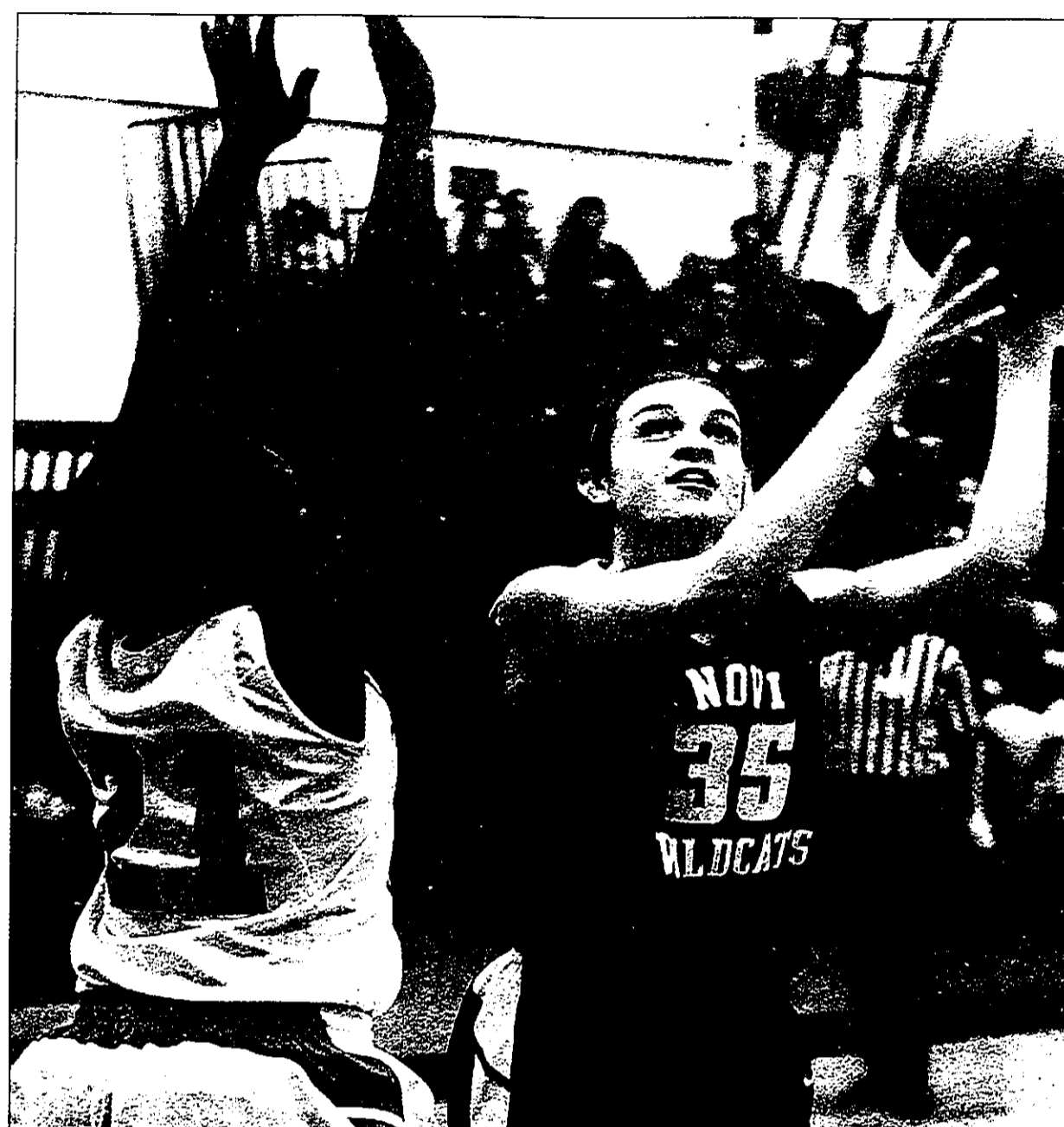
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Novi senior forward Anna Lausch (35) goes in for two of her eight points against Glenn defender Joslyn Massey (21) during Monday's Kensington Conference championship game. Glenn won, 60-40.

Wildcats cruise past Zebras, nick Chiefs

Pavlikas connect for buzzer beater over Canton

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball squad (15-4, 8-2 KLA Central) was scheduled to play at Hartland (16-3, 9-1 West) for third place in the KLA last night. Next is playoff time, as Novi hosts Plymouth Salem (5-13, 2-8 Central) 7 p.m. Monday in a district quarterfinal. The 'Cats defeated Salem 38-30 Jan. 17 and 42-37 Feb. 7. A victory would mean a rematch 7 p.m. Wednesday against Canton (14-4, 8-2 South). "We can only hope that it helps and that we also get the opportunity to play again because that means we won the first-round game, which won't be easy because it's tough to beat anybody, let alone someone three times," Novi coach Bill Kelp said.

The two victories by Novi's girls basketball squad last week couldn't have been much more different from one another if they tried. The Wildcats (15-4, 8-2 KLA Central) defeated Wayne Memorial (5-13, 4-6 South) on the road Feb. 14 and Canton (14-4, 8-2 South) at home Feb. 16, but the manners both KLA tournament victories came were complete contrasts. Against the Zebras, the 'Cats raced out to a 37-6 halftime lead before slowing the pace and letting the reserves maintain a 21-20 second-half advantage in a 58-26 victory. The pace was so fast early on that the two teams combined for 118 shots, 20 steals and 55 turnovers by the end of the night. "It was in the first half. Our press caused them some problems. Our goal was also to push the basketball and keep the tempo high," Novi coach Bill Kelp said, who noted the second half changes. "We pulled off the press and turned the ball over too much. Everyone played. It was good to see some of the younger girls make some real nice plays." Sophomore Kerri McMahan led the way with 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists, three steals and even a block for good measure as Novi shot 27-for-66 (40.9 percent) from the field and won the battle on the boards 47-23. The Zebras shot 10-for-52 (19.2 percent) and, with 35, had 15 more turnovers than the Wildcats.

Westland John Glenn drops Novi hoop girls

By Brad Emmons
 Observer Staff Writer

The 17-2 Westland John Glenn Rockets, coming off a KLA Division title, wrapped up their first girls conference crown since 1984 with a convincing 60-40 triumph Monday night at home over Novi, the KLA Central Division champ. The victory puts Glenn into the Association championship game 7 p.m. Wednesday night at 18-1 Waterford Kettering in a battle of state-ranked teams. Glenn dominated the backboards and used a 15-4 second-quarter run to subdue the Wildcats, who fell to 15-4 overall. "They (Glenn) are very athletic - we didn't get a body on people," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "If you're not going to get a body on athletes, then you're not going to get rebounds. They got a lot of rebounds and we fouled a lot. They shot a ton of free throws on us. They shot 30 free throws and hit 23."

Senior forward Erica Coville, who scored Glenn's first eight points, finished with a game-high 20. Senior center Joslyn Massey and ShaKeya Graves each added 11, while Kaira Barnes finished with 10. The Rockets led 30-16 at halftime before Novi cut the deficit to eight, 36-28, with 49.2 seconds left on a basket by sophomore point-guard Kerri McMahan. But Graves converted an old-fashioned layup to give Glenn a 39-28 lead with 1:15 left. "We were just trying to get the ball in the hoop," said Glenn coach Mike Graves. "We were just trying to get the ball in the hoop." Please see HOOPS, B4

Two Wildcats wrestle way to States

Keller, Dobras extend senior campaigns

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

With four wrestlers headed to the individual regional wrestling meet, Novi's program had a pretty good success rate last weekend as 50 percent advanced to the state meet.

Seniors Jimi Keller (heavyweight) and Jake Dobras (171 pounds) both finished in the top four of their weight class last Saturday in Saline, earning a trip to The Palace of Auburn Hills next week. Keller took third in the heavyweight division after starting the day with a pin fall victory 3:05 into the second period of a match against Westland John Glenn's Dylan Morantes. However, this victory put Keller face to face with No. 1-ranked Logan Rimmer of Temperance Bedford.

Rimmer proved to be too much to handle and pinned Keller in the first round. Now in the consolation bracket, Keller pinned Southgate-Anderson's David Velez 45 seconds into the "blood round" match, putting Keller into the third-place match where he defeated Livonia Churchill's Manny Haddad in a 5-2 decision for the bronze. As the Wildcats' other state qualifier, Dobras started his day in the 171-pound weight class with a 6-3 decision over Monroe's Leo Antrassian. However, like Keller, Dobras had a tough foe in the semifinals and lost an 11-3 major decision to Detroit Catholic Central's Drew Garcia, who was the district champion.



Novi junior Dan DeNova (right) attempts to gain position in his 103-pound matchup Feb. 18 with Temperance Bedford's Tyler Rogainer. DeNova lost the regional match 8-4.



Novi seniors Jimi Keller (left) and Jake Dobras are the two lone Wildcats who advanced to the state meet next month. Keller was third in his regional heavyweight class and Dobras was fourth in the 171-pound weight class.

ON TAP

Novi seniors Jimi Keller and Jake Dobras are the last two Wildcats standing. Keller finished third in his regional heavyweight division, while Dobras took fourth in the 171-pound weight class. Both continue their seasons March 1-3 at the state meet, hosted by The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Please see WRESTLE, B5

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Wildcats hockey ranked 10th in state

Extending their winning streak to 10 games, Novi's ice hockey team (17-6-1, 7-3-1 KLAAs Kensington), ranked No. 10 in the state, defeated No. 22 Livonia Stevenson 4-1 at home Feb. 15 and then beat No. 59 Grand Blanc 5-1 on the road Saturday in a KLAAs crossover. The Spartans are (12-11-0, 6-4-1 Kensington) and the Bobcats are (15-5-2, 5-3-2-1 Lakes).

KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament Feb. 17 at 300 Bowl in Waterford, but neither team qualified for the eight-team bracket finals.

Top performers included Andrew Thorwall with games of 234 and 227 for the boys, and Calle Wright with a game of 204 for the girls. Sara Schulz was named to the All-KLAAs girls team for having a top-21.

The 'Cats will take to Westland Lakes Friday and Saturday for Regionals.

Boys Cross Country

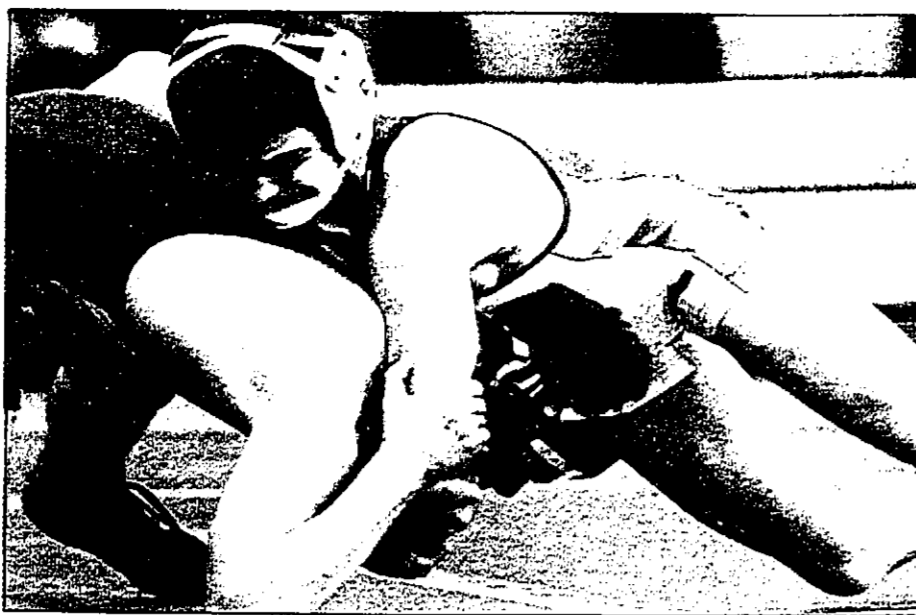
Novi High School's boys cross country team will hold tryouts Aug. 14, but those who are interested and did not run on the team last year are asked to contact coach Robert Smith by the end of March.

Potential student-athletes must have a completed MHSAA physical exam card brought to the tryout and be prepared to run a time trial to qualify for the team.

Contact Smith at crosscountrycoach-smith@hotmail.com by March 31.

Boys and Girls Bowling

Novi's bowling squads competed in the



Shamrock Evan Toth wrestles on Feb. 15.

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Shamrocks advance to state finals

Team heads to Battle Creek, 10 individuals head to Palace of Auburn Hills

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks had one goal in mind when they started this season—win a state championship as a team and qualify as many grapplers for the individual state finals as possible.

They are one step closer to the former goal after a dominating victory over Livonia Franklin, 83-0, followed by a 70-9 win over Farmington in the regional tournament.

The team will compete in the quarterfinals starting Friday at 5:30 p.m. as they begin their

quest for their second team state title in three years.

The team also qualified 10 individual wrestlers for the state finals. Seven of those 10 will be No. 1 seeds after winning their regional tournament brackets.

Sophomore Malik Amine was one of the wrestlers who earned a No. 1 seed, his coming off a big 8-6 victory over Canton's Alex Pantaleo in the finals. Also winning titles were Kevin Beazley (189-pound division), Drew Garcia (171), Alex Mooradian (152), Ken Bade (130), TJ Fagan (125) and Trevor

Zdeski (103).

Bob Coe took second place after a tough loss to Temperance Bedford's Logan Rimmer, the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the heavyweight division. The match went through four overtime periods before Coe, a junior, took the loss.

Taking third for the Shamrocks was senior Nick Mason, who wrestles at 160 pounds, while freshman Myles Amine took fourth at 112.

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

Guards catch fire as 'Cats defeat Chargers

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's offense picked the right time to start clicking. Struggling to score 50 points in a game much of the season, the Wildcats (4-12, 4-6 KLAAs Central) scored 65 or more in both games last week, including a 70-59 performance against Livonia Churchill (6-11, 3-7 South) Friday where the team shot 21-for-40 (52.5 percent) overall. They also shot 7-for-15 (46.7 percent) for three and 21-for-30 (70 percent) on free throws.

"It's nice to get a win for these guys," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "They've been working hard all season and they're not giving up."

Most of Novi's game against the Chargers was close. The Wildcats only gained one point per quarter through the first three quarters. They were up 31-29 at half and 44-41 going into the fourth after trading the lead 10 times during the first 24 minutes. Churchill never led by more than four, after a 6-0 run to start the second half, but Novi never led by more than six either.

"They had more guys hit three tonight than I've seen in scouting them and preparing for them," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Anytime you have two, three guards hitting their shots, you have a good chance to win."

Junior Charles McKinney and sophomore Nelson Cagle put the Wildcats over the top in the fourth quarter: McKinney (10 rebounds, four steals) had seven of his team-high 18 points in the final quarter, while Cagle had 10 of his 17 points, including six consecutive free throws (he was 10-for-10 on the night) in the final 54 seconds after Churchill had made it a two-shot game with a 62-56

ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball squad (4-12, 4-6 KLAAs Central) was scheduled to visit Livonia Franklin (4-13, 2-8 South) two nights ago and host White Lake Lakeland (3-14, 2-8 North) tomorrow and Hartland (3-14, 1-9 West) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m.



Novi's Gannon Mathis, left, tries to retrieve a pass before a Wayne High player gets to it on Feb. 14.

Churchill's Dwayne Scott had a game-high 23 points, while Jaylin Freeman added nine points.

"Everyone knows he's a tough player," Solak said of Scott. "They've been struggling like we've been struggling, but through it all he's maintained his level of play. He's getting stronger and he's really taken pride in rebounding from what I've seen on film and tonight."

Leading defender and rebounder Michael Jocz (five points, three rebounds) was in foul trouble early on, but fellow seniors Ignas Bernotas (six points, three rebounds) and Alex King (five points, eight rebounds) stepped in to fill the role, helping to give Novi a 32-20 advantage on the boards.

"Real nice nights for those guys. King played his butt off tonight and went hard," Tass said. "It hurt us because it takes you out of what you want to do. But, we were up, so we didn't have to play (Jocz)."

Also chipping in for Novi were senior Scott Kempa (two points), junior Bran-

Shamrocks hockey earns CHSL title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Let's see here: Joe Louis is Arena, Check. One of the toughest teams in the league? Check. A winning tradition and the ability to win the title? Check and Check.

The Detroit Red Wings, right? Nope. How about the perennial powerhouse Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks?

The Shamrocks, coached by Todd Johnson, earned the Catholic High School League championship crown last week with a win over rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The two teams squared off at Joe Louis Arena and the Shamrocks skated away with a 5-3 victory.

"The team was excited to win the CHSL, especially coming off losing in the championship game last year," said Johnson. "It was a fun atmosphere playing at Joe Louis, but also against archrival Orchard Lake St. Mary's."

The Shamrocks skated out to an early 1-0 lead in the first period as Nolan Gluchowski took a pass from Nick Daigneau and fired it home for the early score. But St. Mary's wasn't about to let the title slip away without a fight, tying it up on a shot by Sean Harrington in the second period. One of the ensuing face off, however, the Shamrocks not only got the puck but the immediate score as Joe Steele earned an unassisted goal to make it a 2-1 contest.

The score remained until

the third period when Charlie Green took assistance from Steven Hayden and Pete Halash and put his team up for good at the 2:32 mark. St. Mary's and Catholic Central skaters then exchanged goals with Cooper Anstrett scoring for Orchard Lake and Green chipping in his second goal of the period to keep his team in the lead, 4-2.

In a flurry of intense game play in the final minutes, the Shamrocks added another tally at the 11:46 mark off the stick of Max Wanko, followed by the last goal of the game two and a half minutes later as Anstrett scored for St. Mary's.

Earning assists on the final two goals for the Shamrocks were Halash, Steven Jarzynski, Daigneau and Gluchowski.

Earning the win for the Shamrocks was Spencer Wright, who stopped 11 shots on goal. Austin Julvezan took the loss, stopping 17 shots in the process.

The Shamrocks, ranked first in the state, will play against Northville in the pre-regional next week.

"The team understands the huge challenge that our pre-regional is," said Johnson. "We start ... versus Northville and we are committed to that game only. We move our thoughts to the next match-up if we earn the right for the next match-up."

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

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The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks swimming and diving team, currently ranked fifth in Division I, earned a decisive victory over Catholic High School League foe University of Detroit Jesuit High School last week, 114-64.

The Shamrocks are now 2-1 in the CHSL.

Detroit Catholic Central followed the lead of several strong swimmers, including the 200 free relay team, which finishes first, while Jack Walsh and Ryan Newman took first and second, respectively, in the 100 breaststroke.

Also turning in strong performances were Chris Vela, who took second in the 200 individual medley, while Dan Sutha took first in the 100 butterfly. The Shamrocks also found Neil Robinson taking first in the 500 freestyle, followed by Simon Shanks in third and Brandon DeFore in fifth. In diving, Alex Hallway took second while Patrick Recliant finished third.

CC tops Gabriel Richard

In a basketball match-up that simply helped prove how strong the Shamrocks are this season, Detroit Catholic Central pounded out a dominating victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 52-36.

The Shamrocks jumped out to a 14-9 lead in the first quarter and increased their advantage to 30-11 by the end of the half. By the end of the third quarter, Gabriel Richard only made a small dent in the Shamrocks' lead, 43-26.

Kyle Cooper poured in 20 points for the Shamrocks, followed by Matt Doneth and Jack Dillon, who

each had seven in the winning effort. Gabriel Richard was led by Kinari Davis with 19 points.

Several cagers earn recognition

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks earned several player awards recently as Kyle Cooper and Matt Doneth were named to the All-Catholic team. This year marks Cooper's second in earning the honor.

Richard Katkic also earned All-League honors for the Shamrocks while Chase Janer was given an All-Academic award.

Shamrocks send two skiers to state finals

The streak of four state finals appearances as a team came to an end for the Shamrocks last week, though the team was able to qualify Damon Rottermond and Ian Pierce as individual competitors.

The Shamrocks found themselves behind Walled Lake Northern throughout the regional tournament, a fact that ended with the team being squeezed out of the state finals with a third-place finish in the slalom that dropped them to fourth overall. Only the top three teams advance to the finals.

"Our team skied well but the region was stacked with very strong competitors from all of the schools so we knew it would be challenging but not impossible for us to repeat as state finalists again this year," said coach Tom Gable.

Finishing first for the boys in the regional was Brother Rice, followed by Lakeland and Walled Lake Northern. Detroit Catholic Central finished fourth out of 15 teams.

Rottermond qualified as an individual in both the giant slalom and slalom while Ian Pierce qualified with a fifth-place finish in the giant slalom and a sixth in the slalom. Other Catholic Central finishers in the giant slalom were Evan Hicks (16th place), Erik Kurecz (30), John Dooley (31) and Joe Talbot (33). Shamrocks finishers in the slalom were Hicks (24) and Dooley (34).

Shamrocks finish second in CHSL

The bowling team at Detroit Catholic Central sure made their regular season end with a flurry of excitement as they finished second in the CHSL behind Gabriel Richard.

The Shamrocks fell in the best 2-out-of-3 Baker match play finals as Gabriel Richard won the first game, 200-197, having benefited from three strikes in the 10th frame. Catholic Central came back to win the second game, 273-200, but couldn't hold on in the final game as it came down to the final frame. Gabriel Richard pulled out a close win, 183-180, once again benefiting from a three-strike 10th frame.

The Shamrocks entered match play as the No. 1 seed after preliminary round scores of 1,090, 952 and 1,024. Jeff Conflitti had a 748 series to lead everyone in the tournament, shooting a 278, 213 and 258. Eric Pavlov had a 680 series.

Earning Catholic league honors were: All-Catholic selections Jeff Conflitti and Eric Pavlov and All-League selection Ken O'Connor. Pavlov also earned All-Academic honors.

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Novi sophomore point-guard Kerri McMahan (5) tries to slip a shot past John Glenn defender Erica Coville during Monday's Kensington Conference championship game.

HOOPS

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fashion three-point play just 16 seconds later and Novi could get no closer than 11 the rest of the way.

Typically this season for Glenn it's usually been one big run during a game that has turned the tide.

Novi, which lost to Glenn early in the season, 40-27, tried two different defenses in an attempt to slow down the more athletic Rockets.

"We came out both games in a 1-2-2 (zone defense)," Kelp said. "We were a little bit more successful the first time against it. I thought we played better in man (defense) the second half. But again, it's a really tough matchup for us."

"I think in that third quarter we got a run we finally got some loose balls and we got the ball to her (McMahan) in transition. And more times than not she's going to be successful."

McMahan finished with 16 points before fouling out midway through the final quarter. Starting junior forward Jade Antolec (seven points) also fouled out with just under three minutes remaining. Senior center Anna Lausch contributed eight points.

"Novi's a good team," said Glenn's first year coach, Eric Kovatch. "They play hard. Our

girls are very good basketball players and I'm happy with where we are as a team."

Stopping McMahan's dribble penetration was the number one key to victory.

"We basically wanted to make her hit jump shots and take away the drive," Kovatch said. "Obviously she's a good ballplayer and that's her game. She was able to do that a few times, so we tried to back off her and stay in front of her. She's most effective going to the rim and drawing a foul, and shooting free throws. We tried to limit her as much as possible. She got few, but I think we caused her a lot of problems overall."

While Glenn's guard combo of Barnes and Graves had an off-night with a combined 4-of-26 shooting, Coville was able to make up the difference going 6-of-14 in field goal attempts and hitting 7-of-8 free throws.

"There's not much other to say about Erica Coville other than that she's a great basketball player," Kovatch said of the Temple University signee. "I'm going to — as the head coach — enjoy the last few games we have with her because she's the type of kid who is a once in a lifetime kid you get to coach at the high school level. I just love watching her play."

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Wildcats win five of 12 flights

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After finishing fourth in the KLAAs Central Division during the regular season, Novi's tankers won five of 12 events at division meet Feb. 17-18.

A strong 200-yard medley relay set the tone with Gucci Onimura, Jongmin Kim, Tanner Vincent and Eugene Song combined to win the event in 1:40.96. Gordy Williams Jr., Austin Reed, Dennis Kim and Andrew Ao also combined to get the Wildcats the sixth-place spot in 1:45.06.

With such strong competition in the various freestyle events, the Wildcats showed their depth with the other strokes.

Four of the top nine 100 breaststroke swimmers were Wildcats. Jongmin Kim won the event in 1:01.84, followed by Reed

ON TAP

Novi's boys swim and dive squad (2-4, 1-3 KLAAs Central) take to the pool Friday and noon Saturday for the Kensington Conference meet at South Lyon East before preparing for diving Regionals March 6 at Ann Arbor Pioneer and the state meet March 9-10 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

(third in 1:03.11), Nathan Louie (eighth in 1:07.33) and Dennis Kim (ninth in 1:07.41).

Dennis Kim also finished third in the 100 butterfly in 57.05 seconds, while Vincent won the event for Novi in 55.08 seconds.

In 200 individual medley action, Jongmin Kim won in 2:02.47, while Reed finished seventh in 2:09.11.

capped Novi's list of division champions, winning the 200 free in 1:48.73. He also finished second in the 100 free in 49.78 seconds, just 0.06 behind Northville's Andrew Westphal.

Song, who was eighth in the 100 free in 52.56 seconds, finished fifth in the 50 free in 23.25 seconds, less than one second out of first place.

Onimura was ninth in the 50 free in 23.84 seconds, but took second in the 100 back in 56.29 seconds, 2.21 seconds behind the winner from Livonia Stevenson. Williams was 10th in the event in 1:01.87.

In the 500 free, Vincent finished third in 5:02.81.

In the 1-meter dive, Derek Kim finished third with 393.70 points, behind a pair of South Lyon divers who scored 448.35 and 428.45.

The relays, normal-

ly a strength for Novi's programs, didn't end well for the 'Cats, but were rather beneficial for their baseline rivals from Northville.

In the 200 free relay, Song, John Heslop, Will Sohn and Toraki Muehata finished sixth for Novi in 1:38.95, exactly one second ahead of the Wildcats' seventh-place team of Arthur Shi, William Li, Alex Davis and Kyle Kilpomen. Northville won the event in 1:31.19.

The 400 free relay was a little closer, although the Mustangs still won in 3:18.69. Novi's Ao, Vincent, Dennis Kim and Jongmin Kim finished second in 3:18.69. Novi's Ao, Vincent, Dennis Kim and Jongmin Kim finished second in 3:23.78, but Heslop, Williams, Sohn and Li landed in 10th in 3:45.64.

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Novi skiers slide to opposite ends of KLAAs ranks

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After the girls finished sixth and the boys finished seventh in the 10-team Alpine Valley Divisional ski meet two weeks ago, expanding the field may not have seemed ideal at last week's KLAAs Championships.

But, for Novi's boys squad, the 13-team field ended with Novi in fifth place in the association after finishing seventh in both the giant slalom and slalom events. The Wildcats, who scored 109 and 105 in the two events, were consistent with the four-point gap when compared to other squads that had gaps of nearly 60 points between one type of race and the other. White Lake Lakeland won with 50 total points.

Alex Arne led the way in the giant slalom, finishing 18th overall in a two-run time of 34.95 sec-

ON TAP

Results for Novi's Feb. 16 regional skiing performance were not released by the MHSAA as of press time, but any Wildcats advancing would head to Monday's 4 p.m. state meet at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs.

He was followed by Harrison Halley (25th in 35.17), Zach Johnson (29th in 35.45) and Josh Feight (37th in 36.62). Lakeland's Taylor Janssen won the event in 32.13 seconds.

In the slalom, Halley led the 'Cats by finishing 18th in 41.50 seconds. Next was Feight (20th in 42.86), Johnson (30th in 44.85) and Tim Lu (37th in 46.23), as Walled Lake Northern's John Merchant won the event in 37.64 seconds.

Although the boys improved on their division finish, the girls hit a bit of a downhill slope with a total score of 314 to finish 11th. Walled Lake Central won with 43 points, 90 ahead of runners-up Walled Lake Northern.

Call Spillane led Novi on the giant slalom at 34th in 42.69 seconds. The team was 10th in the event with Lucia Li (38th in 43.40), Paige Morris (44th in 43.91) and Ashley Sawaya (51st in 45.40) also earning scores. Lakeland's Kelsey Griffin won the event in 37.78 seconds.

Novi's girls were also 10th in the slalom, where Morris led at 27th in 43.80 seconds, followed by Li (31st in 44.11), Sawaya (39th in 46.54) and Spillane (50th in 50.17). Walled Lake Central's Mallory Slicker won that event in 36.41 seconds.

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WILDCATS

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the game at 27-27 as the third-quarter buzzer expired when McMahan (game-high 17 points) banked home a three-pointer from 40 feet away.

"It definitely gave us a boost," Kelp said. "Not only has Kerri played great, but she also has taken on more of a leadership role. When things might not be going our way, she really knows how to motivate her team and get them fired up in a positive way. She has really grown in this area."

McMahan's momentum builder helped Novi keep the game close. The Chiefs never led by more than five and Novi never led by more than two. In the final seconds, the two squads were tied at 35-35 and Novi came out of a timeout to inbound the ball from their own end with a full-court pass from Sam Pavlika (five points, three assists) to her younger sister, Taylor Pavlika (four points), for the game-winning layup just before the buzzer.

"We called a timeout and drew up the play.

Credit the girls for running it correctly and Sam for making the right read and a great pass," Kelp said. "It's always a challenge to play Canton. They are very well coached and disciplined."

Although the game was much lower scoring, Antolec had a steady seven points and six rebounds.

"I think Jade's effort in the post is always top notch," Kelp said. "Kerri did a nice job on their point guard. And I think what people might not realize is how shots Anna effects with her length."

Lausch had one block and three rebounds against Canton, but was a nuisance for Chief shooters all night. Also chipping in for the Wildcats were seniors Abby Robinson and Katie Seelenbinder with two points apiece.

Novi shot 14-for-41 (34.2 percent), while Canton shot 11-for-40 (27.5 percent) and the two teams tied 23-23 in the rebound battle. The Wildcats had 10 more turnovers (17) and six more fouls (7) than the Chiefs.

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WRESTLE

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Dobras defeated Bedford's Jon Prajzner 3-2 to advance into the third place match. Although he secured his place at the state meet, he lost his final match in a 3-2 decision to John Glenn's Danny Croft, who won the other district championship.

The regional meet consisted of the top four finishers from each weight class at the Canton and Bedford district meets.

Novi senior Alejandro Albuerno (130) and junior Dan DeNova (103) both made it to the regional

meet, but had shortened days as both went 0-2 to end their seasons.

Albuerno faced district champion Alex Molloy of Southgate-Anderson and lost a 6-3 decision, pitting him against Woodhaven's Tito Sanchez, who also defeated Albuerno 6-3.

DeNova took on district champion Kyle Gillies of John Glenn in the first round and was pinned in the second round. He then landed on the wrong side of an 8-4 decision against Bedford's Tyler Rogaliner in the consolation round.

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How do business teams differ from sports teams?

By Rick Radners Jr.
Guest Columnist



Takin' Care of Business
Rick Radners Jr.

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By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist



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