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Then look for your photo and/or memory in the May edition of Hometown Life Woman.

Excellent financial reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is pleased to announce the city of Novi has received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report. This is the 14th time Novi has received this honor. The CAFR was

judged by an impartial panel to have met the high standards of the program, including the demonstration of a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" that clearly communicated its financial story and motivated potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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New police pact similar to others

Novi expects considerable cost savings

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Novi police officers finally have a new contract after an arbitrator awarded them with a deal Thursday that puts them on par with the other unionized groups in the city.

Tia Gronlund-Fox, director of human resources for the city of Novi, said the city will see considerable immediate as well as long-term savings from the new contract. "I believe the award was a pos-

itive one for the city," she said. "This group is now more in line with the other union groups with regard to health care and pension and retiree health care for new hires."

The contract runs from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2013, and includes several new aspects as it pertains to pension, health care, leaves and wages.

As for the pension plan, new hires will use a hybrid program that combines a defined benefit with a defined contribution plan, which results in less legacy retiree costs. The plan for cur-rent employees now has a minimum age (at least 50) and 25 years of service requirement in order to be eligible to retire and

collect a pension. Health care changes include no more retiree health care for new hires, and active employee contribution for health insurance will be 20 percent of the premium. Both of these are in line with other groups throughout the city. The city also will save money as

training on days off will no longer be paid time and a half, and all leaves, including vacation, is at the discretion of the police chief so overtime is contained.

There are no wage increases for the contract years 2009-11, but the union was awarded a 1.5-percent wage increase that goes into effect when the contract is signed.

City Manager Clay Pearson said he felt the deal is fair to both parties and commended the

group for its work. "They have been very professional throughout the process.' he said.

The part-time paid-on-call and auxiliary firefighters is the only group without a contract, but the city is expecting the arbitrator's ruling in the next few weeks.

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Matthews gets rave reviews from school board

Personal qualities, leadership stand out

> **By Nathan Mueller** Staff Writer

Steve Matthews has been superintendent of the Novi Community School District for less than a school year, but that didn't stop the Board of Education from heaping praise upon his work thus far.

Board members, who discussed his review at their

meeting March 22, had nothing but good things to say about Mat-thews and the other administrators who work under



him. Board President



The Novi City Council chose to table the residential rezoning request for the parcel of land at the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads in Novi. Some of the problems with the plan were issues with density, and the lack of an access road to Beck Road.

Beck and 10 Mile rezone **DU**

Major issues include density, road access

By Nathan Mueller Staff Write

The approximately 75 residents who attended the Novi City Council meeting Monday regarding the proposed residential rezoning of the area on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads --- will have to wait a little longer after it was tabled for further discussion.

The proposal, brought forth by Beck Ten Land, is asking city council to rezone the property from R-1 to R-3, with a planned rezoning overlay. The difference between the R-1 and

R-3 zoning classifications is the density - R-1 is 1.65 dwelling units per net acre, while R-3 is 2.7 dwelling units per net acre. The PRO agreement acts as a zoning map amendment that allows the city and developer to agree on deviations to ordinances, use restrictions and tentative approval of a conceptual plan for development.

City council members listened to residents voice their issues with the plan for nearly 30 minutes before engaging in a 90minute discussion of their own. The unanimous decision was

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that they could not support

the plan — which calls for 38 total lots at a density of 1.77 units per acre — and plan to work with the developer before bringing the item back before council.

"In my opinion, if we can get the developer to agree to some of the conditions ... it's a win-win," Mayor Bob Gatt said. "It will put to bed forever the threat of commercial development going in there.'

Residents' thoughts

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Adherence to the city's mas-

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Bruce Bagdady

said the majority of Matthews' rankings exceeded expectations.

'To me the most important two were personal qualities and educational leadership, and those are the two categories in which you were scored the highest," Bagdady said. "It's certainly an evaluation of you. And, in a way, it's an evaluation of us because we had the opportunity not too long ago to make a very hard decision. And looking back, it was an easy call.

"The evaluation shows us we did good."

Board Treasurer Ann Glubzinski said she appreciated the fact that Matthews was intent on setting goals and getting everyone focused on the same target of student achievement.

'We are a diamond to our city, and I'm proud of that and you are

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ter plan was the platform

many residents spoke on

when addressing council,

as the smaller and narrow-

er lots and slightly higher

density do not match up.

"The property right

and that's the zoning that

was there when we pur-

chased our home," res-

ident Jill Baty said. "I

think it's important to

take into account our

Baty said she feels it

that property.

viewpoint, the people that

are actually adjacent to

will lower the value of her

an R-1 proposal because

she has yet to see one.

Council member

home, and would like to see

now has a zoning of R-1

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developer and he could

not support that, while

council member Terry

"Is it a couple hous-

es over? Yeah, but again

what I'm looking for is

can we get a quality res-

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Oommen, said he just

wants the city to be fair.

simply do not believe in

having two sets of rules

"I'm one of those who

or two sets of regulations

one for all of us who

bought property and one

for another individual, not

tor) who is trying to make

a resident, but a (specula-

money off this," he said.

there we can all be proud

of and live with?" she said

Another resident, George

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Margolis said in her mind

the density does fit with

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Ten Land, said their

objective is to "develop a

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"One thing I keep in the

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Council member Wayne

lack of access to either

Beck or 10 Mile roads.

Resident, former city

council member and Oak

land County Commission-

er Kim Capello said he was

in favor of the plan if it had

access to Beck Road.

"The reason I am in

favor of it is because I

think it's time to get that

piece developed," he said.

"It's time to put some res-

idential in there and lie to

commercial development

rest forever any type of

Gatt echoed Capello's

"For the development

to go forward, there has

to be an access road onto

Beck Road and there has

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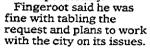
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sentiments.

Cutting edge



Milan Szkipala (above) carves an owl out of a pine tree stump during the March 7 Michigan Green Industry Association show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. Szkipala brought a variety of chainsaws to the two-day show to demonstrate his abilities. He carved this bear (below) out of a mulberry tree stump.



said. "It's a great place with a lot of great staff, great students, and it's a great community to be a part of."



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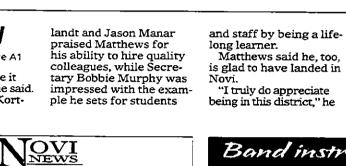
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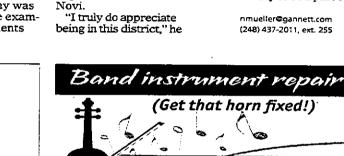
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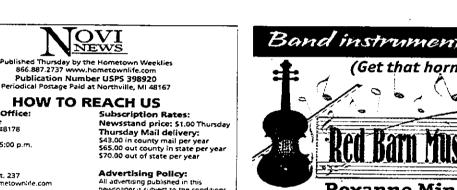
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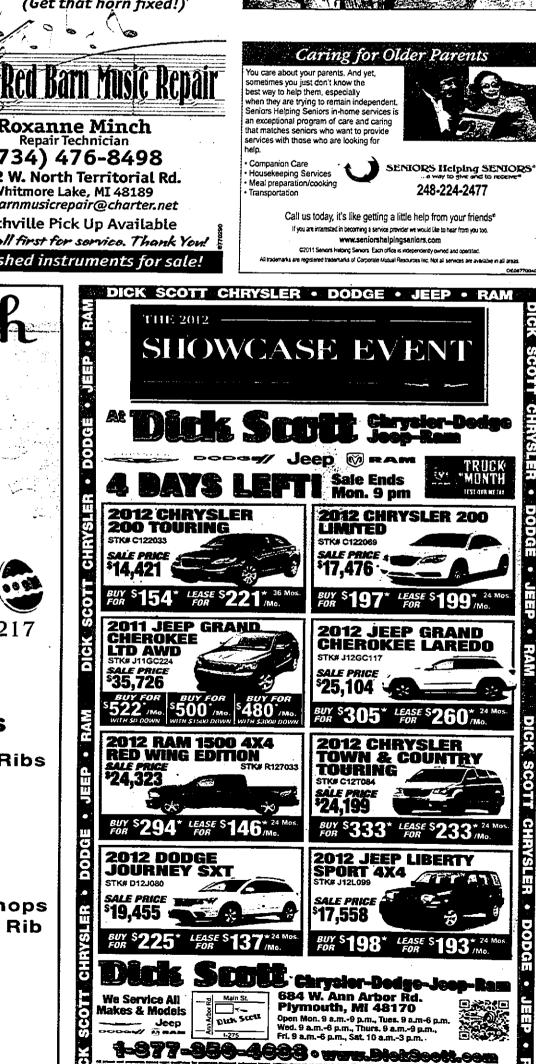






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District preparing students for every stage in life

By Steve Matthews Guest Columnist

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ecently, after submitting our passport application, my wife looked over at me and casually asked, "What did you put down for hair col-

I looked in the rearview mirror. I knew what she was after, but I refused to play along. I said,

rown.' She just smiled. While I like to think that my hair is still what it used to be, truthfully, it is probably more grey than brown. I also like to think

that I still have a full head of hair, but, if I were honest. I would have to admit that I have a lot less hair today than I did when I was in my 20s. What does it all mean?

First, I suppose, it means I am getting older. But that really is not the critical piece. More importantly, it reminds me that all of us

go through stages in life. It's true in my life and it is also true in the lives of the children in the Novi Community School District.

The students in our district start when they are young. Some come to us knowing their letters. shapes and colors, while others do not. Some students start school knowing how to count to 10, some can count to 20, and some can count as high as you would want them to

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takes seriously is to take each child where they start and help Super Talk them along to that next Steve Matthews stage

in their life. If a child needs to learn the alphabet. then we help them learn the alphabet. If a child already knows the alpha bet, then we help them learn to connect letters and build words. If a child already knows how to build words and spell, then we make sure they can read.

The process extends for many years. Our responsibility is to ensure that every child will continue to grow while they are in our care. We have held ourselves accountable by establishing a district goal that says each child will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time.

For our kindergarten students that means we make sure they have strong fundamental skills in literacy and math As students grow and enter the next stage in their life, it means we contin ue to help them develop the skills they need to succeed.

We are aware that each child is important and that children devel op in their own unique way. Our responsibility is

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to make sure we understand each child and that we then challenge them appropriately. If they can move quickly, we need to make sure that we can provide them with that challenge. If they struggle, we need to make sure we support them so when they are ready to move more quickly they will be able to do that.

No less that a year's growth in a year's time is our goal for every child. By the time the children in our district are young adults and ready to graduate from high school, our commitment is that they will be ready. At every stage in the life of children in our district our commitment is to make sure that we support, challenge, encourage, and prepare them for the next stage in their

I am not sure that I am ready for the stage in my life where my hair is completely grey.

But I am more confident that we are working to develop a system in our school district that will support every student in appropriate and challenging ways so the children in our district are ready for each stage in their life.

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

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Fourth grade Orchard Hills student Lauren Moore is off to Lansing after her poster won third place from over 1,300 posters submitted to the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness 2012 Statewide Poster Contest. She and her parents will attend an award ceremony and luncheon on April 18 in the Rotunda at the State Capitol Building in Lansing. In addition to the award, she also received a \$75 savings bond.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS Lakes Area Rotary offering

Fuerst Scholarships If you are a resident of the Novi Community School district and are attending post high school education in an undergraduate program at an accredited community college, college, university, technical or vocational school, then you may be eligible for a Fuerst Scholarship.

The Fuerst scholarship is based primar ilv on financial need and is administered through the Novi Educational Foundation Up to \$17,000 in scholarship funds are awarded annually to qualified applicants Application forms are available from the Novi High School Counseling Office, the Educational Services Building on Taft Road, or by calling (248) 449-1200. The deadline for applications is Friday,

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March 30.

University The official graduation list for the 2011 fall semester includes the following Novi stu dents: Allison Cunningham, bachelor of science; student integratny Deneau, bachelor of business administration, sales and business marketing; Stephanie Graf. bachelor of social work, social work, cum laude; and Allison Place, bachelor of science nursing, WMU's next formal commencement, the 2012 spring semester exercises, will take place Saturday, April 28.

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scholarships The Lakes Area Rotary Club is accepting scholarship applications from Walled Lake High School students. A minimum of three \$1,250.00 scholarships will be awarded. Eligible students will have maintained a B (3.0) average, be in good standing with the school and have actively participated in community service during their high school years. Application deadline is April 1. Applications can be secured at www.lakesarearota-

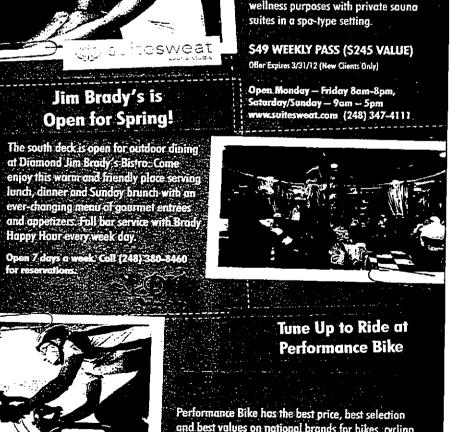
ry.org (follow down on the right to the bottom of the page for a download) or by contacting Rotarian, Lorrie McVey at (248) 390-8572.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATE

show begins at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets are available in person at the Bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596

This very special production of Shakespeare's famous "Romeo and Juliet" has been edited by James R. Hartman, professor of theatre at Schoolcraft College, for more accessibility and ease of understanding.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads; at the Radcliff Center in Garden City; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

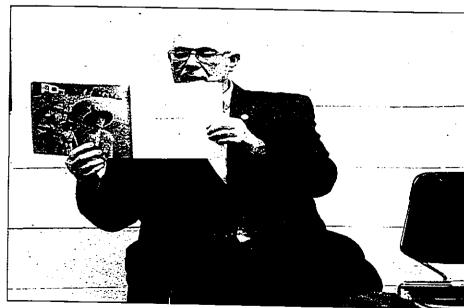


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State Rep. Hugh Crawford read to Village Oaks Elementary students March 12 as part of the school's Let's Read S'More Books!, March is Reading Month celebration. "This is the fun part of my job as state representative," Crawford told the students. "I enjoy coming into the community and schools and meeting with my constituents, which are all of you.

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer The Novi Chamber of

Commerce wants to do more for its businesses in the area. And the organization hopes to meet their needs by stepping into the social media world through Facebook and Twitter to better promote its members and all they have to offer. Lindsay MacDougall, who was hired as the chamber's member ship coordinator in Jan-

uary, is heading up the social media efforts. She believes utilizing social media outlets like Facebook. Twitter and You-Tube will help businesses reach more people. "We are really excited about this," she said

By Julie Brown

Val McFarland decided to form a foundation when her son, Callahan. was diagnosed as autistic and did well with early treatment. "Fortunately, he was diagnosed at 2" and received excellent treatment, she said of Callah an, now 8 and enrolled at Autism Center of Michigan in Novi. "We've been very lucky.'

Celebrities Against Autism will present "Honoring Autism Heroes and Autism Ambassadors: Children Making a Difference' Saturday, April 28. The





p.m. with dinner served in the VisTaTech Center followed by the performance at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus in Livonia. Tickets for the dinner theatre performance are \$23 per person.

Tickets for the theatre performances are \$12 per person and the

Schoolcraft College's

performances of "Romeo

and Juliet" on March 30-

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Novi chamber makes move into world of social media

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plans to put a short vid-

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be displayed on the cham-

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Novi High School grad-

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chamber can have a larg-

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Gary Cole and other hon-

Northville historic home

book page will have a

uate said she gets the

majority of her news

media avenues.

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MacDougall filmed por

MacDougall also said businesses can help themselves by creating their own Facebook pages and Twitter accounts. A

chamber Twitter account is coming shortly, Mac-Dougall said "If any business is not

using social media they are doing themselves a disservice." she said. She even is offering to help businesses owners to get their pages off the ground if they are

unsure of how to properlv use it. People can check out or post to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Face book page by going to the chamber's website at www.novichamber.com or through Facebook at www.facebook.com/novi-

chamber. "We really expect it to take off in the next month," MacDougall said.

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'Autism Heroes, Ambassadors' will be honored April 28

from throughout southeast Michigan to attend. The Commerce Township and former North ville resident is a co-chair with Melissa Sampey and Kimberly Petros. The deadline is March 31 to nominate an "Autism Hero or Autism Ambassador." That can be done by visiting www.celebritiesagainstautism.org. April 28 will feature

strolling gourmet appetizers, desserts, martinis and wine. There will be a silent auction and art for autism.

VIP tickets at \$75 include a champagne reception and meet and greet. General admission tickets are \$50.

You can buy tickets online at http://www.neptix.com/events/3552/. McFarland said nominating someone as a "Hero" or "Ambassador" for autism is quick and easy

online. She can be reached at (248) 515-7423 for additional information

Learn landscape design tips at the Spring Home & Garden Show, March 30-April 1 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi

Home & Garden Show hits Novi

DETAILS

Garden Show, March 30-April 1 at the Suburban Collection Show place in Novi, will feature a variety of entertaining and informative seminars in landscaping and gardening.

The Spring Home &

The "Backyard Theatre" area will provide a wide range of seminars on various landscaping and gardening topics presented by Jeremy Christianson of Michigan Landscape Design Services. Also in this area will be the "Bloomsday Preppers show hosted by Bryan Mitnik, which will provide an entertainng and animated twist to learning about economic gardening. Grilling gurus Mad Dog & Merrill will also perform their zany grill ing antics and share their masterful barbecuing talents through humor and recipes. Vis it novihomeshow.com for detailed information on each seminar, including scheduled times and speakers. Seminar topics

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Event: Spring Home & Garden Show

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace (north side of Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads, Novi) Date: March 30-April 1

Times: 2-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Sunday Details: Walk through 25,000 square feet of landscaped gardens and browse hundreds of home improvement booths and exhibits. Talk to local home improvement specialists and designers to see the latest in indoor and

outdoor design and get inspired: Cost: \$8 for adults (ages 13 and up); \$7 for seniors (ages 60 and up); free for children ages 12 and under. Discount \$1 off coupons are available at www.novihomeshow. com, Home Depot stores in Brighton, Northville and Novi, Metro-Detroit Emagine Theatres, in the Indoor/ Outdoor magazine and in area newspapers. Each family that purchases an admission ticket will receive a 1-year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens magazine. Sponsor: Building Industry Association of Southeaster Michigan.

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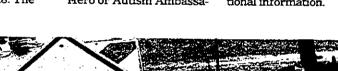
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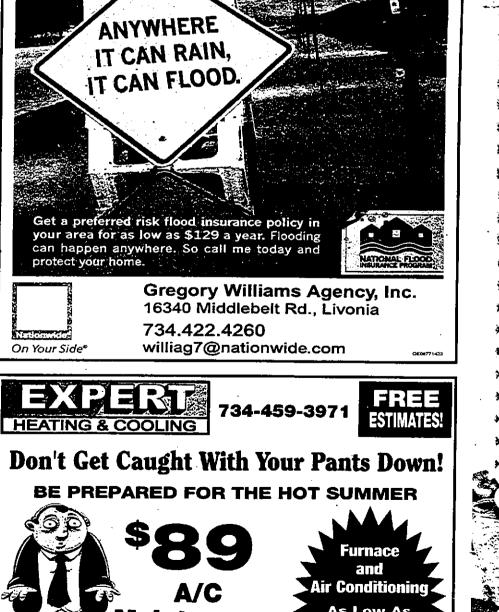
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SANDRA ARMBRUSTER Glenn Garownski describes how he felt following surgery for colon cancer. With him is Ila Onofrio, another patient of Dr. Amir Damadi. Those two along with Julie Moore spoke about the disease during Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

Cancer diagnosis surprised these three

By Sandra Armbruster ccentric Staff Writer

SOUTHFIELD - Julie Moore figured being tired was no big deal. After all, she said, she has two teenage sons. But her doctor thought differ-

"I thank God she did." Moore said. It turned out that Moore was extremely anemic, she said, and a colonoscopy was ordered. "It all happened so

fast," she added. "I have a very strong faith." Indeed, Dr. Amir Damadi, who was perform-

ing a procedure in a room adjacent to where Moore's colonoscopy was being performed, was called in to consult. Damadi is a co-originator of the colorectal center for excellence at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He removed a section of her colon through minimally invasive procedure called a laproscopic surgery that, he said, gets patients out of the hospital sooner

LEARN MORE What: Dr. Amir Dimadi will be giving a lecture on colon cancer When: 6:30 p.m. March

Where: Providence Park Hospital, 47601 W. Grand River, Novi Use the Heart Institute entrance. Refreshments will be provided.

and "lets them live a normal life." Moore, 45, was one of three patients who, along with Damadi, spoke with the South Oakland Eccentric in Southfield's Providence Hospital at the start of colon awareness

month in March The other two — Glenn Garownski and Ila Onofrio — joined Moore in expressing their appreciation for the doctor during what was a trying time.

"You do think about your children," said Moore, whose sons are

ages 13 and 14. "We didn't

kind of sugar coat it." At Stage 2 for colon cancer, Moore is now going through chemotherapy. "She's going to have a wonderful outcome," Damadi said.

know how to really tell

them. We didn't want

to scare them, but they

need to know that life is

not always (rosy). We did

The situation, and surgical outcome, was somewhat different for Garownski, who had not-

ed some blood in his stool. Damadi explained that he knew something wasn't right with Garownski's situation, but didn't say anything immediately. Usually a CT scan and other tests are performed before surgery, he said. "In Glenn's case, the

(lesion) was very close to the end of the rectum ... In situations like that, I have to remove the entire area," he said. That meant that

Garownski would have

a permanent colostomy bag, something that Damadi said is pretty tough to talk with patients about. "It was a shocker,"

Garownski admitted, "I had limited understanding of the situation, but (I knew there would be) substantial changes in

your plumbing. "Boy, that's not what I wanted to have. It's like having a diaper for a 63year-old."

That was a year ago, and Garownski just had a check up with another CT scan and is awaiting the results

Ila Onofrio, 49, had noticed that she just didn't "go" as much as she used to. She was 47 at the time. A lesion was found, requiring what Damadi said was more aggressive treatment

"I went after everything I could," the doctor said. Onofrio has had both chemotherapy and radiation. "You do what you have to do." Onofrio said. "I

didn't feel terrible.'

In the year 1912, more than 3,000 flowering cherry trees were sent from Japan to the United States as a

symbol of the friendship between the countries. In celebration of this 100th anniversary of the Gift of Trees the Embassy of Japan has been working with several partner organizations to reinforce this symbolism of friendship. Together with the Japanese Consulates in the U.S., the Embassy has taken the initiative to promote the planting of flowering cherry trees in a number of cities across the United States, with the hope that these plantings of beautiful cherry blossoms will further deepen Japan-U.S. friendship.

The City of Novi will be taking part in this initia-tive with an event-filled week of plantings and programming celebrating the Japanese culture beginning May 12. The celebration will culminate with an official planting ceremony at the Novi Civic Center on May 19, which will include entertainment by such local Japanese groups as the White Pine Glee Club, Trillium Women's Choir and Raion Taiko. Additional plantings and events will take place at St. John Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Public Library and Novi Meadows Middle School/Ringo Kai Japanese Saturday School.

As the city with the largest population of Japanese residents in the state of Michigan, and host of an annual Japan Festival, the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is delighted Novi is among the initial 36 cities in the US where plantings have been planned. The young trees to be planted in this initiative have

been provided by the nonprofit conservation organiza tion American Forests. The initiative has been funded by the support from the private sector.

Easter Bunny hops into 12 Oaks Mall All signs point to spring at Twelve Oaks Mall as the Easter Bunny hops into the lush, colorful Central Park

Garden display. Photos with the Easter Bunny are available for purchase, and each child who visits receives a free gift. Central Park Garden is located in the Lower Level

Center Court. A new feature this year: the Easter Bunny has made some new furry friends. All customers can stop by the Easter Set and purchase a DVD and BLU-RAY copy of the popular Alvin and the Chipmunks: series. And each Easter photo package includes a promotional certificate for a free 8x11 photo book from Snapfish. The Easter Bunny remains at Twelve Oaks Mall through Saturday, April 7. Photo operation hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. The Easter Bunny takes brief carrot breaks

throughout the day. A complete list of photo packages and prices is available on www.shoptwelveoaks.com. Gleaners Smart Bites

Huntington National Bank and Emagine Theaters are teaming up all through March to support Glean-

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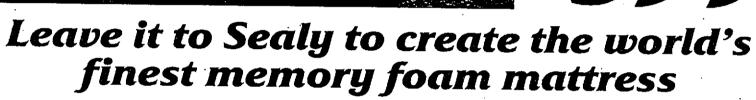
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NOVI MEETING

Novi looks to increase funding for road fixes

Council to discuss ballot language in May for millage adjustment

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the city has been making the most of the money it has to fix local roads over the But if changes are

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not made to the funding structure, sustaining current conditions will be next to impossible. Using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system, Novi's average PASER rating in 2011 was 6.25. The scale ranges from 1 to 10, with 1

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being pavement in failed condition and 10 being new pavement in excel lent condition. The current funding level is \$3.2 million, but studies show if that is not increased then the qualitv of roads will decrease.

"We aren't satisfied with where we are at right now," Pearson said. "But it's going to get worse as time goes on."

Pearson said the Department of Public Services has done a good job getting outside money to complete projects, but there are local needs

coming that can only be met with local dollars. His proposal, which will go before council in May, is to put an item on the August ballot to allow voters to decide whether or not they-want to amend the city charter

BRIEFS

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ers Community Food Bank of

Southeastern Michigan's Smart

Bites program. The community is

encouraged to make a contribution

to increase the local road fund maximum from 1 mill to 1.5 mills. The change would not result in an increased

millage for residents, as the city would adjust other millages, such as the drain millage, that do not get tapped much. "Going to 1.5 mills gets

us to a level Novi residents are expecting day in and day out when it comes to the roads," he Rob Hayes, Department

of Public Services director, said realistically he would like to get to a PAS-ER average of more than seven, meaning no structural problems with the roadway. He said that is possible in the next 10 years if the budget were

increased to \$5 million. The city currently manages approximately 172

may apply)

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION The orange barrels are coming out of winter hibernation as the construction season gets under way in the comina weeks. The rehabilitation of Grand River Avenue between

Novi and Haggerty Roads, overseen by the Road Commission for Oakland County, started Monday. It also includes a city project modernizing the signal at Grand River and Meadowbrook to include mast arms.

Other upcoming projects include: rehabilitation of Nine Mile from Beck to Taft, select streets in the West Oaks II shopping area and the annual neighborhood road work. DPS crews also will be working on the sidewalk segments on 10 Mile Road from Catherine to Myrtle; on Meadowbrook from Cherry Hill to Grand River and Taft from 11 Mile to Grand River. Hayes said he expects everything to be "buttoned up"

by October.

miles of road, and of that are some of the most number, 19 miles are in traveled roads in the city poor condition (PASER 1-3), 98 miles in fair (PAS-ER 4-5) and 55 miles very good (PASER 6-10). "I think our roads are fair," he said. "But the

ones that are really bad stand out because they

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Theater location in Novi, Canton, Woodhaven, Royal Oak or Roches ter Hills. "When a child is hungry at school, they have difficulty concentrating and learning," said Gleaners President W. DeWayne Wells. "Studies show hungry children experience lower academic achieve ment. Gleaners is working to make sure all children in our community reach their full potential."

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.

Hayes said it has been difficult keeping up with the road work, but an increase in funding would make things easier. nueller@gannett.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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)

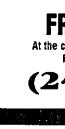
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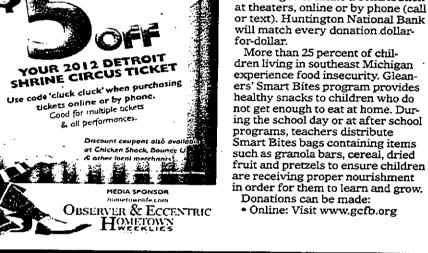
Avenue, Novi) Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12 Details: Everyone is invited to particinity.asp#EmergencyRun. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assarian







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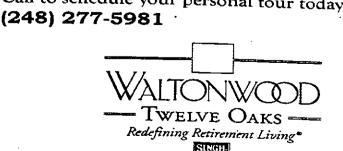


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Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. The conference rooms are located immediately to the left.) Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-

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 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

GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE &

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W.

Details: The topic "What's Up With our Feathered Companions in the Garden?" by Ed and Pam Kammann from Wild Birds Unimited. Guest are welcome and don't need to make a reservation. (Also, the Gardeners will have their semiannual Garden Walk on Saturday, June 16, featuring four gardens in Northville and four in Novi.)

Contact: Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457 or Connie Marcangelo at (248) 380-0500 Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 473-7777

Dates: March 29-30 and April 1

Details: Bobby Valli singing a tribute to his brother, Frankie Valli and The Jersey Boys, with special guest Bette Midler Tribute from Las Vegas. Special two dinners, two show tickets and two soft drinks \$69.95. Free photo opportunity and meet-and-greet

THIRD ANNUAL 5K EMERGENCY RUN AND 1-MILE STROKE WALK Location: Providence Park campus

(southwest corner of Beck and Grand River

pate - please share this information with your family and friends! The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ ParksAndRec/Programs/SenseOfCommuometown Weeklies | Thursday, March 29, 2012

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRA Summit Sports Fidel Carino sells the unique features of a Hobie Cat kayak to a customer at the Spring Boating Expo at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace on March 16. The show, which took over the center's entire main hall with hundreds of power boats, ran until March 18.

Cancer Center. 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; theglin@cityofnovi.ora

Business

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@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.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 Metre 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

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com,

nvited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepa quette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni

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

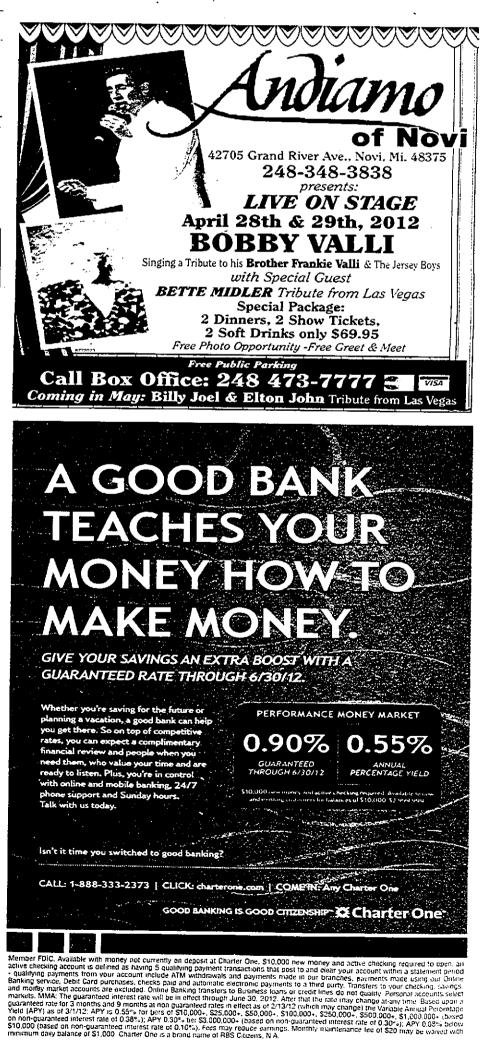
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi Details: Novi Toastmasters is a communitybased club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excelence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us. Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freeto-

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743 **NOVI ROTARY CLUB**

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors

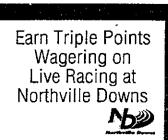
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welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

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

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Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake Contact: (248) 624-3772

HUD Counseling Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclo-

sure. Learn how to work with your lender. to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled. **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-

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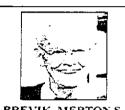
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BLASCHAK, MARY M. (nee Comer) February 26, 1924- March 14, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivantumeralhome.com



BREVIK, MERTON S. Age 95, March 20, 2012. Born on the 21st of July 1916 in Calumet. Merror

1916 in Calumet, Merion is survived by his loving children Joan Ward, John (Jeannette) Brevik and his sister Annette Waters, Merton attended Calumet Schools and was part of the class of 1953. He was a favorite thin of both baseball and hockey. Merton was part of the Laurium Red Wings hockey team that won the championship in 1932-1953 and was part of the American League baseball team in the early '30s. In 1935 he moved to Detroit where he would later meet his wife Cecelia Hiltunen. In 1943 he joined the Navy and was a Torpedoman's Mate 3rd class. Merion is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, Christina Kennedy, Lirica Brevik, and Eric Brevik, He was also blessed with 3 great-grandchildren, Meagan Kennedy, Nicholas Kennedy, and Maia Brevik, Funeral Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. (VFW Service at 7 p.m.) at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, Memorials suggested to the VFW Post 4012 at vfw4012.org. www.Thaver-Rock.com

BURGER, MARGARET February 7, 1952- March 18, 2012. Online condolences:

CONN, HAROLD Age 79, passed away March 24, 2012, A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

COPEMAN.

APRIL MARYA Age 28, of New Hudson, died March 20, 2012. Services were held Monday, March 26, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton. April was born April 23, 1983 in Flint. Surviving are: hus-band. Ted; children. Christian and Cameron; mother, Sabrina Spencer; sister, Carrie McArdle; nenhew. John Austin Traverse several aunts, uncles and cousins She was preceded in death by he father, John Spencer; grandpar-ents, Wayne and Isolde Ferris, Online condolences may be post-ed on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

Age 89, of South Lyon, passed away March 25th, 2012. She was born on February 3rd, 1923, in Detroit, daughter of the late Richard and Annie Hamilton. Agnes enjoyed hearing about the active lives of her family members over a good family meal. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, friend and was happiest when she was in the presence of her family and her circle of friends in South Lyon. She is survived by her loving daughter Linda K. Poirier; her grandson Terry (Kelly) Poirier; and her great grandchildren: Kendall and Leo. She is also survived by her sister in-law Haze Hamilton and her nephew Rick Hamilton. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 28th from on Wednesday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In memory of Agnes, contributions may be made to the Humane Society, P.O. Box 7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, M1 48107, Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

FILIPEK, ROBERT Age 61, of South Lyon, passed away March 23, 2012. Memorial service 3/29/2012 at 11a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home.

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ISAACSON, JULAINE

"Julie"

SD. She worked at Starting Gate in Northville for many years. She is survived by her loving siblings, Stephen (Terri) Isaacson, Earlee (Tom) Walter, and Pam (Larry) Hein; and her sister-in-law Cind saacson. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Randy Isaacson. Private family services were held and at Julaine's request her body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. Contributions to Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or charity of the givers choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MILLER, MARY LOUISE December 13, 1920- March 13, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

RICE, BETTY J. 3/20/2012. Wife of the late Wes Interment Greenwood Cemeters Memorials to Heifer Internation or Community Sharing. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SCHIMECK. LAWRENCE J. mber 18, 1916- March 13. 2012. Online condolences ullivanfuneralhome.com

WELCH, GERTRUDE April 14, 1933- March 18, 2012. Online condolences: ine cond ences: obriensullivantuneralhome.com

ZAPF, RUTH B.

Age 98, passed away March 19, 2012. She was born on December 31, 1913. In Detroit, to the late Frederick and Johanna (Stienke) Brauer. Ruth is survived by her sisters: Leona (James) Bey. Annamae Seccombe: brother Lorne (Erlene) Brauer; 20 nieces, nerbhuw and menu error icites nephews and many great-nieces and nephews, and loving friends. Visitation was held on March 22, and a funeral service was held on March 23, Friday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty St., South Lyon, MI 48178 or Grace Hospice. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Contact: (248) 349-0720 Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details Knit 2gether Knitting Circle Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, March

29 and April 5 Details: If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handcrafts Knit 2gether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. No instructor, no registration, and of course, attendance is free.

Reference USA Training Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 29 Details: RefUSA is a business directory database offered through the Novi Public Library containing current information on more than 14 million US businesses and 89 million US residents. Learn how to use this powerful business directory to generate lists of potential customers; find suppliers; look up credit ratings; find local businesses; generate a list of potential employers; find a specific person from a national white pages listing, Registration required.

PNC Bank presents Listen @ The Library Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, April 1 Details: PNC Bank, The Chamber Music Society of Detroit, and the Novi Library proudly present this family concert. New York Philharmonic Principal Player, Nancy Allen, will join internationally renowned flutist, Carol Wincenc, as they merge their individual skills of high artistry and extraor-

dinary technical command in this wonderfu performance. **Open Office Hours in the Local History** Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, April 2

Details: On the first and third Mondays of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold office hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources. Pin it - Crafty Clothespin Concoction

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. Monday, April 2 Details: Grab some clothespins and let's make something new. Paint, decoupage, or draw on these conventional items and watch them transform to frames for a variety of objects. For grades 5-12. Please register

Monday Evening Book Discussion Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 2 Details: Join your neighbors for a discussion of Once Upon a River by Bonnie Jo Campbell

Spring Break Creature Feature Time/Date: 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, April 3 Details: Meet "Dan the Creature Man" and a bunch of his animal friends. Learn about the animals, their habitats, and history. Fun for all ages. Help for Families from OLHSA

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, April

online at hometownlife.com

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Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food, cash, foreclosure, many other human services. Please call the OLHSA office at 248-209-2686 to make an appointment. Animanga Club Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 Details: Join us as we discuss anime, talk

about manoa, and generally have fandomfun. And oh yeah, there will be snacks! For grades 5-12. Please register. Spring Break Carnival @ NPL Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 5 Details: Come on in for a carnival of fun. We will have carnival games, activities, crafts, and a snack for grades K-4. Please

register. **Kiddie Crafts**

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, April 7 Details: Toddlers and preschoolers (ages 18 months-4 years) will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required. ESL - Joy of Reading Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, April

Details: Fun and interactive program for the High Beginning to Low Intermediate English speaker. This is part of a 6-week series. Registration is required. Books and materials will be provided. Free.

Snack Tales Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 9 Details: Each time we meet you will get a chance to listen to some great stories and

cook up a tasty snack. For grades K-4. Registration required. English Conversation Group Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 10

Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register. Starlight Story Time

Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 Details: One of your favorite NPL Youth Librarians will combine stories, music, and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time. Wear you pajamas and you'll be all ready for bed when you aet home.

Internet Instruction for Seniors Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, April

Details: Personal instruction by a Librarian on Internet basics such as navigating the task bar, searching with known addresses and keyword searching. Registration required.

Booked for Lunch Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, April

Details: Join your neighbors for a discussion of Please Look After Mom by Kyung-

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Sook Shin. Feel free to bring a snack.

Food for thought



Nearly 100 church members, friends and community volunteers assembled and packed 10,000 meals on March 25 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church as part of Kids Against Hunger's efforts to support local and global hunger relief. Both children and adults gathered to assemble ingredients (a combination of rice, soy and vegetables), weigh, seal and box food packets. Local distribution was designated to Northville Civic Concern, which currently is facing a dire shortage of food donations. Other distribution will be to global areas in crisis. Meadowbrook Congregational Church provided volunteers with a soup lunch immediately following the packing. Partnering with Kids Against Hunger for the event was Bridgepointe, a nonprofit charitable organization that promotes city and suburban partnerships in the Detroit area.

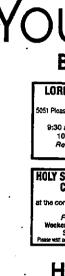
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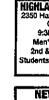
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or by appointment Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Lenten events Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays Details: stations of the cross south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. meadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Mass Schedule















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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamily-

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and

Details: "Catholicism" DVD discussion

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road,

Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional

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and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. **Destiny Worship Center**

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit

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FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Book of Revelation Study** Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today. Faith Journeys

Date: Third Sundays Details: Following worship and fellowship. someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that has made.

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Location: 217 N. Wing

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

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

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

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.: fourth Sunday of every month FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8

Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnaza-

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

Have a New Kid by Friday! Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April

18-May 23 Details: A new parenting series by Dr. Kevin Leman. Join for dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. (\$5 per person), followed by

the series at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please see EVENTS, A13

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What are your plans for spring break?

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Republican control

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OUR VIEWS

Beyond the presidency

Filing deadline approaching for variety of other races

While the Michigan primary is over, there are still many months left before voters throughout the country decide who will serve as U.S. president for the next four years.

But the decisions made at the ballot box won't be limited to the person who will sit in the Oval Office. Positions for U.S. Congress and various courts as well as candidates for the state House of Representatives and Wayne and Oakland county commissions have terms expiring at the end of the year

There are always strong turnouts at the polls for presidential elections, but the local races have a far greater impact on families and businesses. It is state lawmakers who passed sweeping changes last year, cutting business taxes and taxing pensions. State elected officials decide how much money goes toward schools, prisons, recreation and more. Local government manages such things as the library, police and fire services, senior center and land use.

As the region works its way out of its economic slump, these next few years will be key in setting the communities up for the future. Who we elect to make the decisions is important.

Our hope is that strong, serious, community-minded folks willing to take a more active role in their community will get involved and seek office.

For those interested in any of these fulltime elected positions, we urge them to start the process now. The filing deadline for partisan and nonpartisan candidates in state races is May 15 for the Aug. 7 primary. Candidates without party affiliation must file by July 19 for the November 6 general election. Public office is a big commitment, and one we don't want to see people make on the eve of the filing deadline. Take the time to do your research and then decide. The last thing we need is people who are candidates in name only.

Must read

March is reading month, and school children in Novi, as well as around the country, have been busy flipping pages, feeding their brains so they can grow. March has been selected as Reading Month in part because of the birthday of author Theodor Geisel, an American writer, poet, and cartoonist most widely known for his children's books written under the pen name of Dr. Seuss. Many a youngster has grown up with his Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham and The Foot Book. Many of his stories have become movies like Horton Hears a Who and The Lorax.

In today's world, doing well depends on being able to read. It is the backbone of life. Reading is important because it develops the mind. It also is important because it is how we discover new things.

Reading also is important because words spoken and written — are the building blocks of life. Words we have heard or read help us become the persons we are. People, families, relationships and even nations are built from words.

Reading needs to be celebrated beyond March, it needs to be celebrated every month. It needs to be celebrated by those who can read and pursued by those who want to read. Those of us who can read need to help those who can't. Reading is lifelong. It's a skill we must

have, a skill we must make certain everyone has. It's not just a case of need. It's case

of we must make every month Reading Month. So while reading month wraps up this weekend, we hope you — and your children — decide not to put that book down.

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be that voters are switching to Democrats as they see Republicans more concerned with party control

than following the voters' wishes. If the Michigan Supreme Court proves to also be politically partisan, let's hope voters and the press remember in November.

For those who think this is just politics and the Democrats got out-

foxed, I suggest reading comments made by some of those in on the Power Grab on the Democrat club

county website, www.OCDP.org. Chuck Tindall Novi

Health care law vital

Many myths exist regarding one of President Obama's signature accomplishments — the 2010 health reform act. in 2011, several lawsuits questioned the constitutionality of the ACA, especially the key provision called the individual mandate. Those legal challenges were thrown out. Most law experts and judges, including conservative judges, agree the mandate is constitutional.

The individual mandate places responsibility on all adults to obtain health insurance either through their employers or buying it themselves. There will be subsidies for those who cannot afford insurance All people need health care during their lifetime, whether they buy it or not. Otherwise taxpayers pay the

Basics of the ACA are: 32 million more Americans will be insured. The quality of health care will improve. Costs for all will be controlled. The act does not harm seniors. Medicare is more sustainable and more affordable for seniors. A national movement titled Doctors for America supports the ACA.

The Supreme Court was to devote three days (March 26-28) to hearing testimonies for and against the ACA. Rarely has this much time been given for an issue. Recently, two new conservative Republican judges replaced two moderate judges on the highest court in the land. Since then, this Supreme Court has revised its precedents on such issues as race, abortion and campaign finance reform. Recall the Citizens' United Ruling which said corporations are people and



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could donate unlimited amounts of

money to candidates. Being aware of how the Supreme Court rules on the health care reform, a Republican president would likely nominate another conservative judge. President Obama must be re-elected so that he and his

administration can perfect the ACA by making needed changes, additions and corrections. To know the real truth about this

landmark act, go to www.healthcare.gov Hannah Provence Donigan

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Stunned

The demands of anti-big-government groups befuddle me. They obviously resent government meddling in health care, environment protection, transportation safety, etc., but they persist in their almost fanatical demands that women procreate whether they want to or not; that an individual's sperm or eggs should be governed by law; that one's beliefs regarding creationism vs. evolution had better adhere to their own beliefs, and children should be indoctrinated accordingly. Who are these people (other than Santorum)? Where did they come from? Were they born and raised in this country? Unbelievable!

Patrick Downey Novi

Observing downtown business

l went for a walk through downtown Northville last Thursday. I was surprised at how few people were on the streets. It was almost like a ghost town except for The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro. Immediately, I was concerned about the businesses.

As Mr. Riffle pointed out in your article, vehicle traffic is low and, also, Northville is a destination. The events, festivals and activities are the best way to bring people here. I enjoy the Friday nights music event; the streets are full of people. However, I have noticed that most of the businesses are closed on these Friday nights. So, people can



"Going to Costa Rica on the school Spanish trip. I have never been out of the country so I'm pretty excited."

only window shop and not buy.

on Friday nights in the summer

business is open. Just an observa-

Are cyber schools good

The Michigan Legislature is

poised to pass SB-619, which will

allow virtually unlimited expan-

sion of cyber schools in the state.

Before we hand over \$7,000+ of

Our taxpayers' hard-earned money

for every student who signs up

for a cyber school, shouldn't we

examine the success and failure of

We can learn from the experi-

ences of other states. Investigative

reports from Colorado, Florida

and Pennsylvania and elsewhere

raise serious concerns about the

effectiveness of private for-profit

companies, like K 12 Inc that are

running cyber schools in Michi-

gan. These findings are detailed

in Education Week (Oct. 5, 2011

About Colorado Virtual Schools)

and in the New York Times (Dec.

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12, 2011 — Profits and Questions

Half of online students end up

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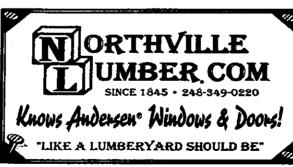
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Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

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

Date: March 29 Details: Cards & Games Night. Enjoy playing euchre, Mexican train and other games. Also honoring those of who have had birthdays in the months of February and March. Birthday cake and snacks will be provided; \$5 donation please

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gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10

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Time: 9:45 a.m.

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

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Contact: (248) 912-0043; http://www.oak-

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

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning

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Time: 5 p.m Healing Service and Holy Communion Sunday Worship Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. **OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN** CHURCH Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Details: Members of the congregation and Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. the community will stand united in prayer Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

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Mass Schedule Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday

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Weekend of Centennial Celebration The Centennial Festival Eucharist Time/Date: 10 a.m.

Details: Service to celebrate official centennial anniversary with Bishop Wendell Gibbs joining for a combined service. Staff is busy with plans for this service including special music and it will be the first use of the banners created by the women and men of the parish. After the service, join the celebration reception and enjoy fellowship with the people of

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Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.con Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY Location: 41355 6 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for

Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in wor-

ship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

8:45-10:30 a.m.: (cafe) Wednesday Family Night

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

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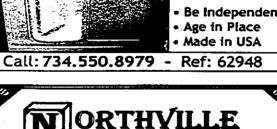
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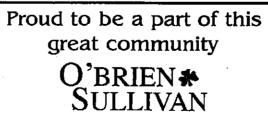
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Drunk driver stopped with weed

 A Northville wom an was arrested on March 22 for drunk driving, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after she was stopped at the intersection of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. According to the

police report, the officer stopped behind the driver at Main and Grand River when the driver did not turn on a green light, instead waiting for another cycle of the light. The officer followed the driver for a bit before stop-

ping her. The woman admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

During inventory of the vehicle, the officer also found a bag of marijuana in the center console and a pipe in her purse. She admitted to the items being hers.

She was issued citations on the three charges and released after posting bond and when sober.

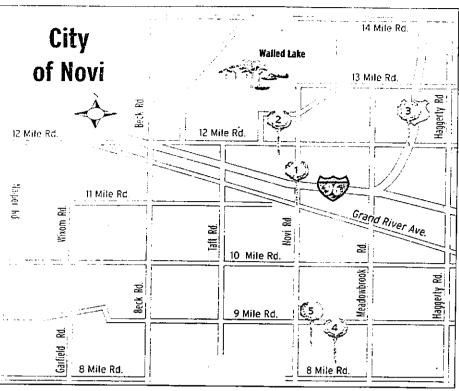
Women caught stealing from Kohl's

A pair of women were arrested for retail fraud after they were caught concealing items in their purses and cart at Kohl's on March 25.

According to the police report, the store manager and loss prevention officer observed the women switching items in shoe boxes and hiding them in the cart and also in a purse.

The two exited the store and fled when police arrived. Police were able

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to catch both women, who admitted to taking the items but tried to take blame for each other. Both were issued citations for retail fraud and released after posting bond. The total value of the items taken was estimated at \$180.

Two arrested after accident

Novi police arrest-I ed two men after the vehicle they were driving went off the road into a drainage ditch on M-5 and 12 Mile Road.

According to the police report, one man was out of the vehicle when officers arrived and neither would say who was driving. Police were eventually able to determine who the driver was, and he admitted to drinking. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .095 percent. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended, while the passenger was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Wayne County.

Seat taken off motorcycle

A 52-year-old Novi man had his seat and side bags taken off his 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle while it was parked at the Woodland Glen apartments sometime between March 22-24.

According to the police report, the motorcycle was covered and in the car port when the larcenv occurred. The victim said the cover was on the bike when he noticed the items miss-

Police have no suspects.

Jewelry missing from Novi home

5 A Novi couple recent-bly noticed that sever-

al pieces of jewelry were missing from their home on Ashbury Drive. According to the police report, the wife went into their bedroom on March 21 and noticed that the drawers containing the jewelry were in disarray. Included in the theft was her wedding ring and band, a woman's watch. necklace and bracelet set, cuff links and her husband's watch he received when he retired from the Detroit Fire Department.

She said the last time she saw the items was on Feb. 18. Police collected evidence and fingerprints at the scene but have no sus-

pects at this time. By Nathan Muelle online at hometownlife.com

Lindberg leaving to become chief of police in Milford

Novi restructuring its department to fill vacancy

By Nathan Mueller

Staff Writer

Tom Lindberg's 26-year career as a Novi police officer could soon be coming to an end as he has accepted the job to become Milford's next police chief.

The hiring was not made official as of press time Tuesday as the background check was not complete, but Lindberg said he anticipates every thing to go smoothly and

hopes to start April 2. Lindberg said the decision to leave Novi was one of the most difficult decisions he has had to make in his life, but this was the next step in his law enforce-

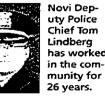
ment career. "(Milford) was always a community I have been interested in, and I have spent a lot of time out there and know quite a bit about it." he said. "It's a community that, as much as I will miss Novi, is one I'm pretty excited about

working in." Lindberg, who has served as Novi's deputy chief since 2007, is filling the position made vacant when former Milford Police Chief Tom Callahan retired in January, Lt. Mike Lauridsen has been serving as interim police chief

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Mollov said the move was a natural progression for Lindberg, calling him a leader and

"He has the knowledge. skill, ability and leadership know-how to step into a CEO role," he said.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson called Lind-



berg a "mainstay" in the Novi Police Department and one of the standouts

"He has obviously risen up because of his talents and dedication, and we are going to miss him," he said. "But we are glad he is staying in the area."

Looking ahead Lindberg said he has already started talking to Molloy about how the two departments can work together.

"Whether it's training opportunities or commu nity partnerships, there is no doubt I'm going to maintain close contact with not only chief Mollov but with the whole public safety team," he said.

With Lindberg's departure, Molloy said they are going to restructure the department, eliminating the deputy chief position and employing two assistant police chiefs. One will oversee operations and the other support services.

Victor Lauria is currently one of the assistant chiefs, while Molloy hopes to fill the other spot with an internal hire. The other vacancies would then be filled accordingly.

"The goal would be to get an officer back from layoff," Molloy said.

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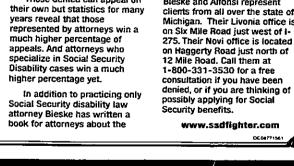
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Talented!

IB students raise funds for Doctors Without Borders

Novi High School's second annual IB International Talent Show was held on March 17, and it raised \$2,537 for the nternational organization Doctors Without Borders. Over 300 people attended the event held in Fuerst

Auditorium.

The show featured 20 student acts representing various countries. The program included several dances (Irish, Greek, Indian and Latin American), many songs including one sung in Chinese and another in Latin, instrumental pieces from German and French composers, as well as a Jap-

anese traditional drum team performance. The production was

organized by Novi's IB

diploma candidates from the junior and senior classes under the supervision of their Volunteer CAS Coordinator Barbara Clift. The candidates from the junior class worked as emcees, prepared the programs and tickets, recruited and advertised for the show. The senior candidates organized the Interna tional Food Court. During the intermission the audience was able to sample food from several different countries at the 10 tables set up. In addition, many juniors and seniors

were performers in the

dents were able to orga-

nize and pull off another

successful show. The stu-

"I am so pleased the stu-

dents worked really hard preparing for the event and should be proud of all the money they were able

to raise for Doctors Without Borders" said Clift. Doctors Without Borders is an international medical humanitarian organization created by doctors and journalists in France in 1971. Today it provides aid in nearly 60 countries to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe, primarily due to armed conflicts. epidemics, malnutrition. exclusion from health care, and natural disasters. It provides indepen dent impartial assistance to those most in need and received the Nobel Peace

Prize in 1999.



Vedant Ram, Tushar Verma, and Jay Shah in the Indian Bollywood Dance.



Melisa Ramirez and Aranza Ramirez doing a Latin American Dance.



Akaya Shimaya is part of the Japanese



Rubini Naidu doing the Indian Bollywood dance.





Ambawalage Dulanji Silva and Ambawalage Dhananji Silva doing a drama.



Melisa Ramirez doing a French dan



Rachna Chhaya doing an Indian Bollywood dance.



Apoorva Malladi doing an Indian Dance.



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Karla Ayala singing a Mexican song.

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Taylor Mosley doing a Colombian

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Work it out



The third annual Evening Out for Work It Out, founded by Danialle Karmanos, was a sell-out this year at Goodnite Gracies and D'Amato's in downtown Royal Oak. The venues hosted the event pro bono which included creative appetizer and Grey Goose Vodka pairings. About 150 people attended the evening and helped raised over \$20,000 to support DKWIO-DMC in fighting the epidemic of childhood obesity. DKWIO is a non-profit organization that teaches yoga and healthy-living to underprivileged kids in Detroit. Pictured (from left) are Bob and Terri Lessnau of Bloomfield Hills and Bob Paul of Novi



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- Township and Barbara Solak of Poland. Great-grandmother is Aurilla B. Steele of Plymouth

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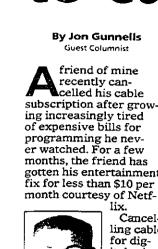
Outstanding Allstate service As business leaders and involved citizens in the Novi area, Allstate Insurance Company is recognizing local

Allstate agency owners who have earned the designation of Allstate Premier Service Agent for 2012. Bestowed upon less than one-third of Allstate's agen-cy force, this designation was presented to the agency owners Bruce Faber and William Harb for their commitment to putting the customer at the center of their

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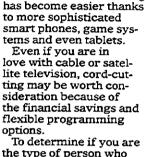
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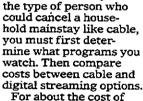






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Hulu Plus

Hulu Plus also offers instant streaming of movies and television shows for \$7.99 with no commitments. Just like Netflix, there is no need for a cable box, new remote, or digital receiver. All you need is a supported portable device, computer or game system.

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Amazon Prime is more of a newcomer to the digital streaming game, but they too offer an extensive library of instant streaming video.

But what if you don't have an Internet ready television or game system and don't feel like watching the newest action thriller on a tiny phone or tablet screen? Don't worry; a number of electronic visionaries have you covered.

Roku offers digital devices that connect wirelessly to any TV and stream content for as low as \$49 per month. Roku is compatible with your Netflix, Hulu and Amazon subscrip tions and also offers 350 channels worth of programming including the 24 Wall Street Journal channel and other unique programming you can't get through a cable or satellite television provider.

Roku players Roku players also have HD capabilities and connect seamlessly with applications you may have on your phone or

ra, Spotify, Angry Birds or Facebook. One of the drawbacks to cord cutting is the inability to watch sports at an economical price. Sure there are streaming services available to catch every NHL, NBA or NFL game. But those packages

per season. And while there are a number of sports channels including the SEC work is not available to stream through any ser-

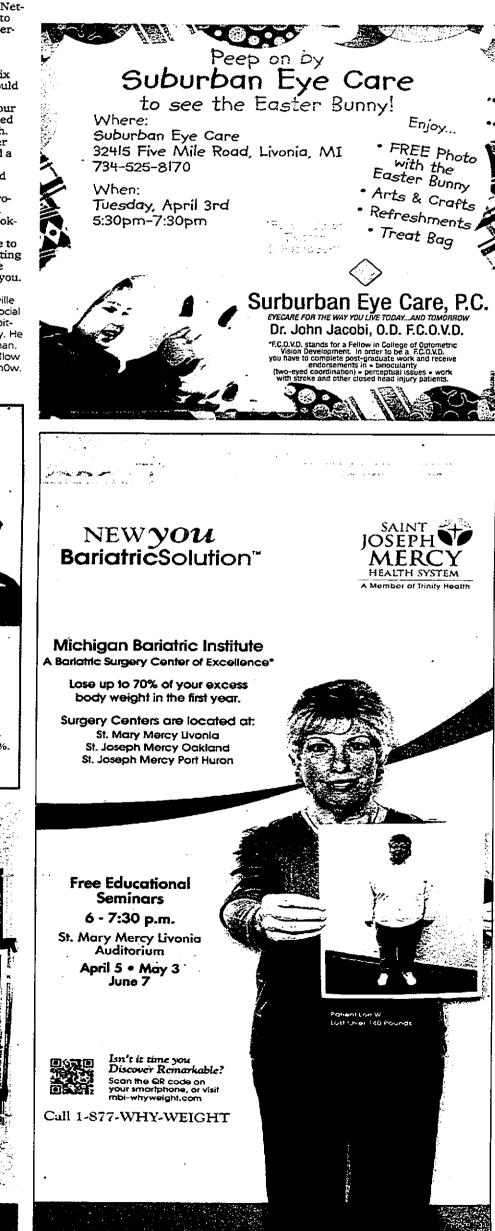
vice at any cost. If you aren't a big sports fan however, a combination of NetFlix and a Roku player would cost about \$39-\$70 up front depending on your chosen device, followed by about \$8 per month. That's around \$150 per year, or about one and a half months of cable.

As you can see, cord cutting savings are astounding and the programming is vast and growing. If you are looking to save money or become less of a slave to your TV, consider cutting the cord yourself. The results may surprise you.

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CC's Halash skates to top

Central

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By Chris Jackett

With 12 goals and 24 assists (for 36 points) to his credit. Detroit Catholic Central senior forward Peter Halash was the area's best hockey player this winter, earning the All-Area Player of the Year hon-or. He also earned the second-most votes among all first-team All-State "He was our leading scorer, a team captain and an inspiring lead-er," CC coach Todd Johnson said. The combination of skill and consistency was key to our Catholic (League) and MIHL champion

Curtis Herzog (Novi Sr. F) Novi senior Curtis Herzog was

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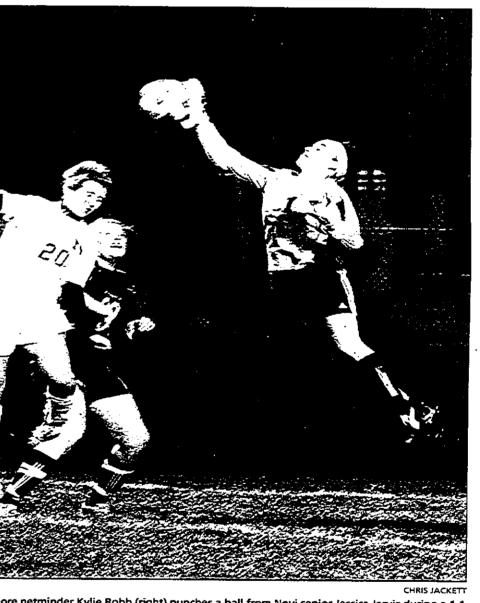
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CC's Peter Halash at Joe Louis Arena from the Catholic League Championship game that CC won against St. Mary's 5-3.



pre netminder Kylie Robb (right) punches a ball senior Jessica Jarvis during a 1-1

Sports Club of Novi: where top-ranked tennis players hone skills

By Chris Jackett

Year in and year out, the tennis programs at Novi and Northville high schools are ranked among the top in the state, regularly placing in the top 10 at the Division I meet. For the student-athletes, it's not just a recurring three month streak of luck each year, but a year-round effort ocal Wildcats and Mustangs are putting in. When the leaves fall, the temperatures drop and snow covers their courts, there is one place members of the local high school teams can be found honing their games: The

Sports Club of Novi. "I'd say a majority of the girls play year-round," said Brady Crosby, a club pro at The Sports Club of Novi who is starting his first season as

there. Not just the club, but the coaching. Whether I'm in contact or not, I know they're getting that good coaching. 'The Novi/Northville area almost seems like just one area because they play together in the offseason. As a coach, you can only do so much in the offseason, so it really falls on the girls.' Crosby has helped coach

Northville's girls coach. "It's

a real asset to have the club

some of the area's highest ranked players during the past three years. He was one of the offseason coaches for Novi alum and one singles state champion Amanda Border in 2010 and also helped coach both current Novi one singles Abby Wang and Novi three singles Sara Carlson. "Having a place to play dur-

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v Northville High School varsity tennis team coach Brady Crosby instructs his team during a March 19 practice.

Novi, Plymouth kickers open season with draw New netminders impressive in debuts

By Chris Jackett

programs that met for the Division I state title two years ago

ON TAP Novi's girls soccer team (0-0-1) was scheduled to host Ann Arbor Pioneer last night before visiting Canton 7 p.m. tonight to lead into spring break.

1-1 tie in the season opener for both squads. "She stepped up good for a first start for a sophomore Kylie did a really good job for us, made a couple really big saves, especially second half there when they started putting the pressure on us," Plymouth

coach Jeffrey Neschich said Opening night for both of us, so we all got some stuff to work out. But overall, at the end of the day, I think both teams looked pretty strong out there. Both teams had their opportunities to put that one away late going down late." After Novi's offense got a few good looks early on that either went wide or were thwarted by Robb, Plymouth picked up momentum and took a lead in the 26th minute when junior Stephanie Dillon tapped a short

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Murphy, Erin McDonough, Julia Lalain; (second row) Danielle Karr, Kendall Dillon, Ireland Whalen, Ella Duckworth, Mackenzie Kwasniewicz; (third row) Head Coach Rob Lalain and Assistant Coach Jim McDonough. Not pictured are assistant coaches Russ Karr and Sean Whalen.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

SPRING FEVER!

Pom pon clinic, tryouts Northville High School pom pon program is sponsoring a spring clinic for

girls who would like to improve their pom skills. It is open to any age and all skill levels. The cost is \$40. Clinic dates are from 6:30-8:39 n.m. Mon-

day-Wednesday April 2-4 at the high school. Participants will receive instruction from coaches and senior members of the Northville High School team. Instruction will focus on proper form and placement, along with the specific skills required for pom pon. Pom pons will be available for use each day.

Please mail your registration form and check (payable to NHS) to Karlyn Jones, 16239 Oak Forest Court, Northville, MI 48168; phone (248) 912-5645

Also, a program information night will be held at 7 p.m. April 19 at the high school. Tryouts will be Tuesday-Friday, April 24-27

Boys Cross Country

smith@hotmail.com by March 31.

for more information.

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

online at hometownlife.com

jumping saves nine minutes into the second half. The first kept Novi senior Jessica Jarvis from a header attempt and the second was off a high chip from 40 yard out about 10 seconds later that was coming in just below the crossbar if Robb's vertical lead hadn't gotten the job done.

Along with Jarvis and Dircks, junior Natalie Krygier, senior Kelli Timar and sophomore Kendall Kramer were instrumental in getting the Novi offense running.

Plymouth got deep into Novi's goal box a few more times and Timar sent a low shot wide of the left post with 22:40 to go, but neither team could break the tie.

Senior defender Alyssa Burris saved a shot just a foot in front of the goal line at her right side with a volley that went straight up & fell toward the center of the goal, but was eventually cleared after a scramble in front of the Plymouth net with 16:22 remain-

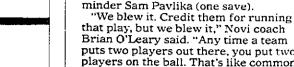
It was Lewis who would get the last chance to break the tie as she broke up the middle of the offensive third past sophomore defender Jacqui Kozlowski and curved to the left away from Kozlowski before ripping a left-footed shot wide of the right post with nine seconds remaining.

"I wasn't real happy with the way we played really," O'Leary said. "We turned the ball over way too much. There must've been 100 times that game where we had the ball at our feet and the next touch we took went right to them. Maybe because it's early in the season, but hopefully that's some-

thing we can figure out.' With two Dream Team players and four total All-State players graduating after last season, O'Leary knew replacing more than 40 goals on offense would be tough.

"We didn't have enough offense and that's going to be a tough thing for us this year," O'Leary said. "We lost a lot of goal scorers and, to replace those goals, I don't think any one person is going to do it, so everyone has to chip in and we have to finish chances when we've got them. We had chances there and we didn't finish them. When we play a good team like Plymouth, you're not going to get 20 chances to score. Last year, we might've gotten seven or eight. This year, we only got four or five and you really have to make them count and we really didn't tonight."

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Warmen La Carles

puts two players out there, you put two players on the ball. That's like common knowledge in soccer. I don't know how no one on my team knows that when they've been playing soccer for ... That's that element we're missing right now, that on-the-field leadership. If I'm out on the field out there and that happens, I'm barking for someone to get out there. For us, we kind of look around and see if someone's going to do it.

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corner kick from the right side in to

junior Madi Lewis and looped around

behind Lewis to the top right corner

of Novi's goal box. Lewis fed the ball

back to Dillon, who was without a near

by defender, and she placed a perfectly

dipping left-footed shot into the top left

corner of the goal just inside the back

post, out of the reach of Novi senior net-

We're afraid to speak up. However, it only took Novi four minutes to respond when sophomore Gabby DeLeon found junior Erin Dircks at the top of the goal box for a quick turn around a defender that led to a free shot from the penalty spot, which Dircks ripped into the right side of the net before Robb could attempt a diving save.

"I thought we did all right," Neschich said. "We did have the one breakdown they did get the goal on. We got that sorted out a little bit. Their formation threw us and we knew it was coming, but we just had the wrong match-ups on it. I think we got it sorted out at halftime and didn't give them any opportunities up the center like that again."

Tied 1-1 less than a minute later. Lewis got through the Novi defense on the left side, but Pavlika came out and deflected the ball across the goal mouth. Senior Stephanie Sheridan nearly put it in the back of the net, but got to it just after it passed the right post and put it high over the crossbar while trying to avoid the outstretched legs of two Novi defenders attempting to block it. "She's a good goalie. She's real good. She's strong," O'Leary said of Pavlika. "She's a leader back there. She's probably our best on-the-field leader right now as far as being vocal and taking charge of the play and it shows in her play. She's very decisive and that's what we need other people to start doing." With the sun gone, Robb made two



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If a coach could pick any way to start the season, they'd no doubt want to do it with a victory. And while victories-like the one Detroit Catholic Central captured in their season opener against East Grand Rapids last week-are great, it's best if they aren't blowouts. Why? Well, that way a coach can see just where his team needs to improve. The Shamrocks had pretty much the perfect season opener last week, earning a win, 15-7, over their foes. "This is a game that we play annual-

ly and is very competitive," said Detroit Catholic Central coach Dave Wilson. "This year was no different." The Shamrocks had to rely on some great saves by junior Chris Naubert between the posts as well as some great face-off play by Mike Brezezinski to



few nice surprises. The Wildcats (1-1) split the first two road games at Flint Powers (2-0) and Walled Lake Central (1-1), but discovered they had a few big offensive threats and a quality faceoff specialist, both which were areas of concern after several key players graduated last sea-

son. With four of their top six scorers at the hockey banquet, the Wildcats fell short in a 7-6 loss March 21 in Flint after tying the game 6-6. "We tied it up and they scored with about a minute left," Novi coach Nick Zoroya said. "We had a chance with about 15 seconds left, but the shot went wide of the cage. We were almost able to pull it off."

The game was close throughout, with Novi taking an early 3-2 lead before trailing 5-4 at halftime. Senior Adam Haynes led the 'Cats with three goals and an assist, while

senior Curtis Herzog added two goals and junior netminder Mitch Adams came up big with 17 saves. "The first game, he did absolutely amazing," Zoroya said of Adams. "Seventeen saves and quite a bit of shorthanded play. A lot of (the penalties) are more effort penalties. A little bit of

a check or a slash while going for the ball.' Sophomore Mark Grannam added a goal and an assist, while sophomore Chris Kennedy won eight faceoffs. However, in addition to the penalties,

Novi also gave up 32 turnovers in the season opener. "We weren't happy with the turnovers the first game," Zoroya said. With a full lineup for last Friday's game in Walled Lake, the Wildcats were rolling on all cyclinders. Up 4-2 after the first quarter, the 'Cats had a 7-2 and

8-1 advantage in each of the second and third quarters, culminating in a 23-6

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lessons and work in the juniors program over at Sports Club, it's a nice perk to have," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "The kids worked hard on their game over the winter in the past year." Club owner Mark Pinchoff said many of the local tennis student-athletes from Novi, Northville, Detroit Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy's programs have come through The Sports Club of Novi at one point

or another, whether it was as an introductory 3-yearold juniors player or high school underclassmen. "I believe over 160 girls attended tryouts for the three area schools, which is pretty impressive and speaks to the advantages of introducing tennis to hundreds of young kids each and every year since we built The Sports Club

of Novi in 1998," said Pinchoff, a former profession al tennis player, 1983 All-American and one singles state champion out of West Bloomfield in 1978. "I owe a lot to tennis." Pinchoff said the club is continuing to groom

tomorrow's high school

tennis stars on the club's

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Detroit CC gets win

By Sam Eggleston

capture the victory. Leading the way on offense for the Shamrocks was junior attackman Alec Gilhooly, who scored four goals and two assists to open the season. Senior attack Danny Meyers also had a strong performance, tallying four goals and one assist of his own in the winning effort. Nick Gingell added two goals and three assists.

Naubert had an outstanding day in goal for the Shamrocks, making eight saves against a very offensive-minded East Grand Rapids squad.

"Three of them were dandies," said Wilson of Naubert's spectacular play. Brezezinski, a senior, was nearly flawless on face-offs in the contest, too, starting his year off with a 16-for-20 performance.

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The 'Cats (1-1, ranked No. 8) are off until

April 11 when they host No. 18 Farming-

'Cats split road trip

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ton (1-0).

By Chris Jackett

Although it's only two games in. Novi's boys lacrosse team already has a

> "The kids came out hungry in the second game," Zoroya said. Of the 23 goals, Havnes and senior Kent Burnett accounted for seven apiece, scoring 14 on 19 shots. It gave Haynes a two-game total of 10 goals and three assists on 18 shots after tally-

"Last year, he didn't take too many shots. Ten shots and seven goals isn't too bad," Zoroya said of his instructions for Haynes to shoot more often. "They didn't really have an answer for Kent. At the end, he was trying to get some assists instead of shooting." Kennedy also recorded a hat trick while winning 17 faceoffs, giving him

25 wins in two games. "Chris kind of surprised us all." Zoroya said. "He's a sophomore. We didn't know what to expect. We gave him a shot at the start and he's just kept winning and winning and win-

ning With three sophomores on the varsity squad, Zoroya hopes to have added depth by the end of the season as they earn playing time.

"We decided to take a little extra youth on varsity to get them that experience," Zoroya said. "Develop them early and then, in playoffs, we'll have a little more depth than other teams.' Adding to the goal totals were two each from junior Lucas Buck and Grannam, as well as one apiece from seniors Cormac Littleton and Brandon Ramsay. "We're slowly adding more and more to the plavbook." Zoroya said.

Adams had five saves in three quarters against Central, while senior Alex Kinnamon had one save and one goal against in the fourth quarter.

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a consistent force in the Wildcats' offense all season, repeatedly lighting the lamp and causing opponents distress. He was also named firstteam All-State, earning the third most votes of any Division I forward.

Kent Burnett (Novi Sr. D)

With a rotating goalkeeper rotation, Novi's defense started and ended with senior Kent Burnett on many nights. His work on the back ice allowed the Wildcats' trio of netminders to regularly post shutouts and earned Burnett the most All-State votes among a Division I defender.

Nolan Gluchowski (CC Sr. D) While chipping in five goals and 10 assists, Detroit Catholic Central senior Nolan Gluchowski's defensive efforts kept the Shamrocks ranked as the top team in Division I the majority of the season. He was a first-team All-State student-athlete who earned the second most votes among Division I defenders. "He was our top offensive (defen-

seman) and a very physical pres-ence as well," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "He was a team captain that was our leader in preparation, commitment and passion. Charlie Green

(CC Jr. F)

The speed and stick work of Detroit Catholic Central forward Charlie Green helped the junior rack of eight goals and 14 assists while earning first-team All-State honors in Division I.

"His offensive skill was critical to our team success," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "He played in many different roles on our power play that was pivotal to key wins." Nick Ferrara

Behind 28 goals and 15 assists, Milford senior center Nick Ferrara broke onto the scene as an offensive force this season, earning first-team All-State honors in Division II.

"Nick worked hard during the offseason lifting weights and condi-tioning," Milford coach Gary Hamilton said. "As a result of his off-ice commitment. Nick improved greatly from last year. Nick was our 'go to' player in tight situations. Nick was our team leader in points and scored back-to-back overtime goals midseason. Nick has deceptive speed and excellent hands. Nick was our most valuable player." Michael Babcock

(CC Jr. F)

The high-speed play of Detroit Catholic Central junior forward Michael Babcock helped the Shamrocks boast yet another first-team All-State forward. Babcock racked up three goals and 10 assists this season

"His mix of high-end speed and relentless energy led to our team having the puck a significant amount of time when Michael was on the ice," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "He is a true leader and very passionate about CC hockey."

SECOND TEAM

Carson Gatt (CC So. D) Holding down the Detroit Catholic Central defense along with Gluchowski was sophomore Carson

> CITY OF NOVI WOODHAM ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 176

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Date: APRIL 9, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m. In the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by previous resolution adopted following a public hearing, the Novi City Council has determined to proceed with this improvement project, and has specified the properties to be included in the district to be specially assessed for the costs of the project. On Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall, 45:75 When The Mile Bard New Miler Miler of City Hall, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing comment and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed special assessment roll for this project, known as Woodham Road Water Main Extension, Special ssment District No. 176.

The proposed improvement is a water system extension project which is intended to specially benefit the properties described on attached Exhibit A, the Special Assessment District. The cost for the Project as approved by the Council following the first public hearing has not increased by five (5%) per cent or more.

A copy of the Special Assessment Roll for this Project s on file at the City Clerk's Offices, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

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tently strong breakout passes." **Travis Trainor** (Novi Sr. F) An All-State honorable mention in Division I, Novi senior Tra-

passing lanes.

vis Trainor was a speedy threat who found the right spots on the Wildcat offense. He was a key part of Novi's playoff run, tallying three goals in the first two playoff games, including the regional semifinal's overtime winner to knock Detroit Catholic Central out of the playoffs.

Gatt, who tallied two goals, seven

assists and second-team All-State

honors while cutting off offensive

"He is a shutdown style defense-

man," CC coach Todd Johnson said.

very intelligent and makes consis-

"He's very strong on his skates,

Jared Vincek (South Lyon Sr. F) The South Lyon Unified offense flowed through senior forward Jar ed Vincek, as he led his team in most offensive categories while tallying nearly two points per game.

"Led our team in points, averaging almost two per game; assists. hits, shots on goal and the intangibles of heart, character, sportsmanship and leadership," South Lyon Unified coach Bill McCreary said. "An elite varsity high school hockey player and person.

Mitch Leist (Lakeland Sr. GK)

Despite a 2.88 goals against average and 46 goals allowed, White Lake Lakeland senior netminder Mitch Leist tallied 416 saves and had a .900 save percentage through 16 games while earning secondteam All-State honors in Division II. Although his team struggled to score during the regular season, the Eagles were able to come

together and win a regional title. "Mitch had an outstanding regional playoff performance and he backstopped our team to its first regional championship in 32 years. Lakeland coach Tim Ronayne said.

AJ Bradley (Northville Sr. F)

As the Mustangs' offensive lead-er, Northville senior forward AJ Bradley tallied 15 goals, 11 assists and 30 penalty minutes in 25 games this season.

"AJ Bradley was a leader for our team on and off the ice." Northville coach Clint Robert said. "As a leader on the team, AJ's work ethic was great at games and practice. He led by example.'

Mike Pobur

(Milford Sr. D) With six goals and 15 assists, Milford senior defender Mike Pobur was a threat on both ends of the ice. taking opponents off their game while helping the Mavericks to

light the lamp. "Mike was our top defenseman and was able to contribute both offensively and defensively," Milford coach Gary Hamilton said. "Mike played a key role on both our power plays and penalty kills. Mike often quarterbacked our pow er play on the blue line, setting up scoring opportunities for our power play unit. Mike's biggest asset is his ability to play defense. His talent to clear our zone, move the puck up quickly and win the small battles is second to none."

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12 courts. "What might be even

ing the winter and take

"Tennis is alive and ward to many years of high quality teams. It kids have a smile and improve."

With nearly 60 girls trying out for Novi's girls program, both schools expect to have high-caliber teams ready for this season thanks to their indoor efforts in the off-

season. "A lot of them worked out during the winter months. Some of the senior girls got some of them together for lessons," said Hanson, who noted some Wildcats also practiced at the 10-court Farmington Tennis Club or five-court

Livonia YMCA during the winter. "It's a different game inside and out. With the weather we've gotten, we've been able to go outside some. Some kids you would never want to play inside because they've

ers who are even on private schools," Crosby said, noting players from Novi and Northville, like Kabodian, also attend private schools. "If the prilic schools would be." Crosby gained interest

in the Northville coaching job after working with many of the same girls as a club pro, where he teaches two bi-weekly group sessions and about 15 oneon-one sessions primarily

of high-level juniors. "Part of the reason I because I was already working with a lot of the made sense."

should benefit the Mustangs this spring since Doud and Mackenzie Powers are Northville's only

two seniors. "A lot of the girls we

had to cut still play yearround," said Crosby, whose lineup graduated seven players and had one transfer to Mercy since last sea-

Crosby also credited the work fellow Sports Club of Novi pros put in running local country club programs as creating such a high level of tennis student-athlete in the area. For example, club pro Jayson Torres is the ten nis director and head pro

at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon during the summer. "All the kids are playing country club and tourna-

ment tennis," Crosby said with a nod to USTA competitions. "Its up to the kids and the parents. It's a good combination of both (practicing and exhibition matches)."

For more information on programs at The Sports Club of Novi, visit www. tscnovi.com or call (248) 735-8850.

The Northville girls tennis team kicks off their season Saturday with an invitational at Canton, while Novi begins 4 p.m. March 29 against Roches-ter at Novi Middle School.

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team last week and 45, 20 which were freshmen, trying out for the Northville

for kids under 8," Pinchoff said. "Since September alone, we have introduced tennis to 377 kids under the age of 8 on these new courts with slower bouncing balls and smaller racquets. The results have been great. Kids are hav-Novi.

done tons of that." Northville's Erin Doud and Mercy's Margaux Kabodian are also products of the 20 or so club pros at The Sports Club of

"There's a lot of playvate schools weren't there, imagine how good the pub-

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wanted to take the job was girls," Crosby said. "It just

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CITY OF NOVI 2011 ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

CITY OF NOVI WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The report contains information on water quality issues Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791. and potential health effects, lists the source of our water and provides the results of water quality monitoring tests for 2011. Please be assured that if water quality is compromised, we will notify our customers immediately.

About our system

The City of Novi purchased 2,234,604,910 gallons of treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) in 2011, and currently has approximately 13,646 customers on the Novi water distribution system. DWSD withdraws source water from the Detroit River and Lake Huron. There are two intakes in the Detroit River: one at the north end near Lake Saint Clair, and one to the south near Lake Erie; and one intake at the south end of Lake Huron. Intake water is conveyed to five large water treatment plants for physical and chemical treatment. The City receives the majority of its water from DWSD's Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant located in St. Clair County near Port Huron. All DWSD treatment facilities operate year-round on a 24 hours a day, seven days a week basis. DWSD uses chlorine to disinfect source water, and adds fluoride to improve drinking water customers' dental health.

How do we know our water is safe?

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same level of public health protection. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants, but the mere presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in "source water" (untreated surface or ground water) include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals., which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges. oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. The MDEQ in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the source water's susceptibility to potential contamination. The assessment's susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from very low to very high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake that supplies most of Novi's water is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. In addition, DWSD's Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DETECTED CONTAMINATION TABLES

The tables and information contained below are based on tests conducted by DWSD and the City of Novi. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year however, only tests that detect the presence of a contaminant are shown. The State does allow monitoring for certain contaminants at a frequency of less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. For this reason, although all of the data is representative of water quality, some data sets are more than one year old.

Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant 2011 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

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The City of Novi proudly presents the 2011 Annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water In 1992, the City of Novi began testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute Quality. As detailed in the report, we have surpassed water quality standards mandated by lead and copper to the household's tap water. The results of lead and copper testing have all the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan's Department of been below EPA-prescribed action levels. Additional information is available from the Safe

Regulated Contaminent	MCL	Treatment Technique (TT) Standard	Treatment Technique (TT) Violation yes/no	Reason for violation	Action Taken	Majar Sources In Drinking Water	Health Effects
Lead	π	No more than [9] days in a six (6) month period be aw the established minimum.	no	n/a	n/a	Corrosion of household plumping system: Erosion of natural deposits.	Infants and children who dank water containing lead in excess of the action lever could experience delays in there physical or mental development. Children could show sight deficits in ditention spon and learning abs/iles. Adults who drink this water over many vears could develop kidney problems high blood pressure.
Copper	ក	No more than (9) days in a six (6) mantin period below the established minimum	no	n/a	n/a •	Corasion of housenold plumbing system: Erosion of natural deposits: Leaching form wood preservatives.	Copper is an essential nument, but sor people who atrak water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could expenence gastronteshnol distress. Some people who dirik water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult the personal doctor.

If present, exverted levers of lead can cause senous health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in dinking water is primarily from materials and component; associated with service lines and nome plumaing. The City of Nov is responsible for providing high quality dinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing systems. When your water has been string for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for anniung or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, your your water tested, infamotion on lead in anniung water, lesting methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hottine or at http://www.new.rev.org.cov.file.eve.tester.eve.

City of Novi I	City of Novi Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap											
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90° Percentil e Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water				
Lead	2011	aca	0	15	0	0	na	Corrosion of household plumbing system: Erosion of natural deposits.				
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.032	0	no	Consion of household plumbing system: Erosion of natural deposits: Leaching from wood				

Key to De	tected Contaminants Tal	bles
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	 Maximum Contaminant Level Goal 	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MÇL	Maximum Contaminant	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in anning water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
ddd	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to miligrams per liter. A miligram = 1/1000 gram.
งรับ	Nepheiometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
π	Ireatment technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in dinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
рСил	picocunes per liter	a measure of radioactivity
n/a	not applicable	

As part of the 1998 Amendment to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule became effective September 1998. The CCR Rule requires all community water systems in the United States to prepare an annual water quality report and to deliver it to all of the water system's customers. The CCR Rule was published in the Federal Register August 19, 1998 and can be found at the U.S. EPA's website: http:// water.epa.gov/drink/info/ccr/regulations.cfm

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether those contaminants need to be regulated. Beginning in July of 2008 - April 2009, DWSD began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008-2009 (from the following link) were undetected in DWSD's regional water system: http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ucmr/ucmr2/basicinformation.cfm

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Special Heath Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk to infection from contaminants. These people should seek advice from their health care providers before consuming tap water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium, for example, and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing system. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

News from the Water Division

The City of Novi strives to provide quality drinking water at an affordable cost. In an effort to reduce our wholesale water rate charged by DWSD, we are asking our customers to adhere to the Lawn Watering Ordinance by watering lawns on an alternate, odd/even day basis according to the last digit of your street address. In addition, if you have an automatic programmable irrigation system, please program it to operate between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM. By doing so, you will help us decrease our "peak hour" demand (the period of maximum water use, hence the most expensive period in which to purchase water), which is one factor DWSD uses to calculate our wholesale water rate. For more information about our water rates, please visit cityofnovi.org or contact the Water and Sewer Division at (248) 347-0496.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Novi City Council frequently takes action regarding the City's water distribution system, and City Council meetings are held twice a month on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375. Contact the City Clerk's office at 248-347-0456 or visit the City's website at www.cityofnovi.org for specific Council meeting dates.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact Robert M. West, Water & Sewer Manager, (248) 735-5647 or rwest@cityofnovi.org. Additional copies of this report are available online and at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Public Library.

City of Novi Water Division (248) 347-0496 EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791

United States Environmental Protection Agency website: www.epa.gov/safewater/

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at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

This introduction to small business financial management provides an overview of accurate record keeping, report interpretation and utilization, and management of the variety of tools provided in this system. Presented by Kildal Services, LLC. Session I includes basic accounting terminology, new company file setup, customizing forms and letters and working with bank accounts. Session II includes invoicing customers, receiving payments and making deposits, entering vendor bills/paying vendor bills and using credit card accounts.

Thursday, March 29. Session I 9-11:30 a.m. Session II 12:30-3 p.m. Session One: \$40/person, Session Two: \$40/person, Both Sessions: \$75/person. Laptop highly recommended.

CEED Microloan Orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a busious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Devel-

opment (C.E.E.D.)

Wednesday, April 4, 9-11 a.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

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confidence, respect and commitment." The business is located at 41430 Grand River Avenue, Suite B (northwest corner of Meadowbrook) in Novi.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alter-

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center. 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online

QuickBooks Essentials

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to benchmark your profit margin and other measures against similar size businesses in your industry? Do you want to know about market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research will show you ways to find your ideal customers, find your competitors, perform competitive

analysis and more! Presented by Oak land County's Business Center, Market Research Division and an Oakland County Public Library business refer-

ence librarian. Wednesday, April 4, 6-9 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-regis-tration is required.

Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

Marketing is an essential of business success. All products/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Staff/SCORE counselors can guide you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers-your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC).

Wednesday, April 4, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person. No refunds

Small Business Loan Workshop

Getting a small business loan can be a challenging process. Learn the "5 C's of Credit," how to develop a winning loan proposal and what you need to know to position your business to be "bankable" before you meet with a lender. Presented by The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Oakland County Business Center.

Thursday, April 5, 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$20 per person (make hecks payable to SCORE). Include Handouts and SBA Source Book. No refunds.

Facebook for Business: Introduction to Social Media Marketing and using **Facebook for Business**

Millions of people are using Facebook and social media for fun, but it is also a powerful business tool that can connect you with your customers, potential customers and the world. Social media is a two-way marketing channel - a conversation with your customers. With social media marketing and Facebook you can leverage these conversations and relationships to: increase brand visibility and reach, be established as a thought leader and expert in your field, give real time customer service stay on top of industry trends and conduct competitive research, build brand advocates, and yes - you can see a measurable ROI - even sales. But before you jump in and start using social media. learn how to get these results with an introduction to social media marketing and Facebook for business. Tuesday, April 10, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person.

In the past two years, Planet Fitness

to The Breast Cancer Research Founda-

"We're very excited to be able to help

tion through the springtime promotion

such a terrific charity whose sole focus

is finding a cure for this awful dis-

ease," said Eric Vaden, the vice pres-

ident of marketing at Planet Fitness.

"Our network of franchisees has really

embraced this cause. We know that this

is a long battle and a lot of research has

to be done, but every little bit counts."

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Planet Fitness to donate nine-day sale. Memberships will cost just \$10 down, and then \$10 a month. **Cancer Research Foundation** gyms nationwide have donated \$583,200

For the third straight year, Planet Fitness will hold a special springtime promotion to raise money for The Breast

For every new member who signs up at a Planet Fitness gym, including Northville and Novi locations, through Wednesday, April 4, a \$10 donation will

across the country will participate in the

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By Lee Meadows Guest Columnist

spite of the volatile nature of conducting business in today's global environment, there is an inherent consistency that earmarks the start of a growth cycle. Business strives for a certain predictability that allows it to become efficient and effective at the use of its resources. The downside of such an achievement is the unintentional lack of support for new ideas. This is an ongoing irony since the very lifeblood of business is found in the support and pursuit of ideas.

All businesses go through a fractured, frenzied, chaotic, shoot-fromthe-hip, try-anything, start cycle. If it actual ly survives that phase and moves to actual market penetration, customer response and profit, a funny thing happens. The business runs the risk of becoming victimized by its own success.

As the story is often told, back in the 1950s a CEO of an airplane propeller manufacturing company was asked his opinion of jet engines. His response was, "The engines are too noisy, they burn too much fuel and. besides, we're in the airplane propeller business.' So, the fate of his com-

pany was sealed the moment he locked onto the one idea that had determined his success. It is a predictable pattern that has sedated many businesses into a comfort able coma. The ultimate awakening is the recognition that your busi-



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land Appliance?). While the understandable need for internal predictability is essential to driving the engine of any successful business, the real challenge lies in not allowing that predictability to blind the business to new ideas. Rather than rest on the supposed laurels that comes with being the best dry-cleaning business in the area or the largest software developer, business must commit itself to fostering an ongoing 'workplace of ideas' in order to reap the full bene-

fits of talented employees. Businesses such as 3M and the W.L. Gore Company have integrated the 'workplace of ideas' concept into their culture in ways that allow them to maintain their competitive edge. Sometimes the real secret lies in playing the 'What if' game to inspire creativity.

What if a department sponsored a once-amonth 'lunch, munch and hunch' session where the department springs for soup and sandwiches for its employees and during that hour, employees are asked to engage in an ideas free-for-all about any aspect of the business that can be improved?

What if company-sponsored sports teams (baseball. basketball, track, golf) were actually composed of employees from different departments so as to increase the likelihood that a cross fertilization of ideas will materialize?

What if 'passive productivity' Fridays were replaced with dedicated time to engage in an 'informal walk and talk about ideas' with employ ees beyond your cubed culture?

What if we designed our work environments so the flow of ideas is primarily inward to organizational resources instead of outward to rarely being fulfilled?

Keep in mind that an innovative idea just builds on existing ideas. The iPod/MP unit is just several iterations removed from the first portable AM/FM radio, as unlikely as that might sound. As much as the

demands of building a business can divert the use of limited resources, ideas are a resource that organizations have in abundance. During the latter half

of the 19th century, the director of the U.S. Patent Office, in what some would describe as a moment of organizational clarity, sent a memo to the president of the United States, directing him to shut down the patent office because, "All that can be invented, has been invented." In 2011. over 480,000 patent and new trademark ideas were filed. His memo was a little premature.

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Veteran policeman: Guard your home against vacation season break-ins

By Julie Brown **O&E Statf Write**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

Sgt. Pat Sullivan hasn't seen a huge number of vacation break-ins during his some 21 years with the Canton Police Department.

"It happens occasionally, like any community," said Sullivan, taking a break from recent duties at the Canton Home Expo. "It hasn't been

a big problem. The veteran policeman agreed holding mail through the post office, or having it picked up by a relative, is vital when vacation ing. That's true for your newspaper as well

Sullivan said inexpensive timers for lights should be used throughout the house "so it looks like some body's moving around the house. Those timers are available at hardware stores.

Good neighbors come in handy during vacations. "It's always a good idea to let your neighbors know," he said. A friend or relative can stop by to check on the house, including for pipes that have burst, a water leak or a hose on the washing machine flooding the basement.

Neighbors shouldn't hesitate to call if they see something unusual, Sullivan said.

"Most people when they see something suspicious they'll call us. It's always best if you're not sure to call. We would much rather be bothered on the front end than have somebody's house broken into.

Sullivan also recommends motion lights for a home's exterior. "It gives the impression that somebody's in the house," he said, a good idea even if you're just away at work or on errands. Door locks should be checked

to make sure they're effective, and windows and doors locked



for safety. Sullivan noted sliding doors in the back of a home are easy targets for thieves, especial ly in older homes. He recommends putting a sturdy stick or dowel in the track

"It makes it very difficult to get in," said Sullivan, who also recom mends keeping shrubs and trees

tunity for a thief to break in undetected. Sullivan's public safety table was among some 135 at the 11th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit on the Park. The event is sponsored by Canton Town ship, the Canton Chamber of

Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. It draws some 5,000-6,000 people each March, said John Weyer, Canton building official. "It's more family oriented." Wever said. "We do a lot of activities," including children's workshops courtesy of The Home Depot.



These are the area reside	ential real	2071 Vine Way Dr	\$60,000	8914 Parkside Dr	\$205,000	24937 Dover	\$40,000
estate closings recorded	the week	41016 Westfield Cir	\$144,000	19505 Rensellor St	\$52,000	17619 Fox	\$45,000
of Dec. 12-16, 2011, at the Wayne		44411 Westminister Way	\$132,000	16232 Riverside St	\$165,000	14116 Inkster Rd	\$14,000
County Register of Deeds office.		44119 Yorkshire Dr	\$126,000	16261 Southampton St	\$190,000	26770 Joy Rd	\$13,000
		GARDEN CITY		18018 University Park Dr	\$67,000	8911 Leverne	\$53,000
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and sales prices.		31944 Brown St	\$50,000	NORTHVILLE		12880 Leverne	\$30,000
		31507 Chester St	\$40,000	39707 Dun Rovin Dr	\$230,000	19710 Macarthur	\$50,000
CANTON		31562 Chester St	\$43,000	19818 Irongate Ct	\$93,000	19392 Negaunee	\$16,000
47290 Bayview Ct	\$160,000	30906 Dover St	\$69,000	41515 Ladywood Ct	\$210,000	14217 Sarasota	\$40,000
6657 Brookshire Dr	\$130,000	6928 Gilman St	\$44,000	42512 Lake Success Dr	\$60,000	19350 Wakenden	\$15,000 -
7860 Capri Dr	\$161,000	985 Helen St	\$35,000	15943 Merion Ct	\$455,000	WESTLAND	
6634 Edgewood Rd	\$150,000	30230 Rush St	\$79,000	15986 Morningside	\$117,000	36070 Abbey Dr	\$125,000
245 Edington Cir	\$140,000	6540 Whitby St	\$65,000	18213 Parkshore Dr	\$513,000	36088 Abbey Dr	\$110,000
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47178 Glenhurst Dr	\$229,000	32284 Allen St	\$148,000	19720 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$206,000	33131 Avondale St	\$61,000
45599 Graystone Ln	\$75,000	30107 Bentley St	\$135,000	39639 Springwater Dr	\$125,000	32754 Benson Dr	\$90,000
48266 Greenwich Ln	\$240,000	 19997 Brentwood St 	\$65,000	132 Walnut St	\$168,000	31176 Cooley Blvd	\$108,000
2448 Hogan Way	\$167,000	32172 Camborne Ln	\$278,000	PLYMOUTH		7430 Donna St	\$104,000
48997 lvybridge Way	\$60,000	36959 Clarita St	\$282,000	41243 Greenbriar Ln	\$188,000	36625 Fairchild St	\$76,000
49503 Jackson Ln	\$308,000	29943 Curtis Rd	\$175,000	41683 Greenbriar Ln	\$175,000	5640 Farnum St	\$14,000
46416 Killarney Cir	\$170,000	28546 Elmira St	\$41,000	13080 Haverhill Dr	\$350,000	8513 Haller St	\$80,000
6437 Kings Mill Ct	\$380,000	33895 Gable Dr	\$137,000	1641 Lexington St	\$15,000	8513 Haller St	\$26,000
45672 Larchmont Dr	\$242,000	31642 Haldane St 32458 Hees St	\$127,000	40805 Newport Dr	\$36,000	7715 Lear Ct	\$96,000
42583 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$53,000	18872 Hillcrest St	\$95,000	343 Red Ryder Dr	\$111,000	8154 Milburn St	\$53,000
7287 Memorial Dr	\$145,000	11260 Karen St	\$96,000	13900 Ridgewood Dr	\$272,000	8224 Ravine Dr	\$155,000
1406 N Sheldon Rd	\$62,000	19026 Laurel Dr	\$50,000	9385 Saddlebrook Ct	\$320,000	37120 Riviera Dr	\$30,000
45599 N Stonewood Rd	\$120,000	30840 Lyndon St	\$305,000	345 W Ann Arbor Trl REDFORD	\$310,000	34369 Rosslyn St	\$79,000
3914 Radcliff Dr	\$75,000	31844 Maine St	\$135,000 \$89,000			2442 Stieber St	\$12,000
41912 Riverwood Ct	\$130,000	20224 Melvin St	\$185,000	9347 Beech Daly Rd	\$45,000	2259 Wilshire St	\$75,000
45101 Seabrook Dr	\$278,000	33050 Myrna Dr		14233 Breakfast Dr	\$143,000	1232 Windham St	\$75,000
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These are the area reside		2760 Bradway Blvd	\$495,000	25989 Kilreigh Dr	\$133,000	24509 Olde Orchard St	\$39,000
estate closings recorded	the week	5275 Brookdale Rd	\$935,000	37630 Lancaster Dr	\$139,000	24870 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$312,000
of Dec. 5-9, 2011, at the		2426 Sanders Pl	\$158,000	29163 Oak Point Dr	\$265,000	41811 Sycamore Dr	\$158,000
		3542 W Bradford Dr	\$240,000	29164 Oak Point Dr	\$267,000	20888 Veranda Dr	\$253,000
County Register of Deed		4314 W Orchard Hill Dr	\$233,000	23060 Purdue Ave	\$103,000	SOUTH LYON	\$233,000
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and sales prices.		8425 Arlis St	\$388,000	21414 Riverwalk Ct	\$250,000	61523 Brookway Dr	\$255,000
		4575 Commerce Woods D		31971 Rocky Crst	\$100,000	229 Brookwood Dr	
		3231 Creekview Ln	\$330,000	21274 Sycamore Ct	\$115,000	118 N Reese St	\$31,000
BEVERLY HILLS		2265 Fairgrove Ct	\$228,000	28072 Thorny Brae Ct	\$140,000		\$65,000
31804 Allerton Dr	\$270,000	2969 Gabriel Dr	\$110,000	21650 Waldron St		501 N Reese St	\$107,000
32351 Arlington Dr	\$230,000	5355 Inverrary Ln	\$153,000	29199 Wilton Dr	\$50,000	61120 Palamino Ct	\$270,000
32071 Auburn Dr	\$231,000	6103 Lochmore Dr		LATHRUP VILLAGE	\$208,000 ·	27210 Pontiac Trl	\$48,000
16313 Birwood Ave	\$220,000		\$178,000		•· ···	23851 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
20038 Carriage Ln	\$273,000	3518 Moberly Rd	\$280,000	18760 Hampshire St	\$155,000	26438 Shumans Way	\$229,000
31259 E Rutland St	\$120,000	2254 Palmetto	\$183,000	18180 Lincoln Dr	\$135,000	52798 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
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	6155 000	5060 White Tail Ct	\$198,000	18130 Ramsgate Dr	\$87,000	21691 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$22,000
30545 Oakview Way	\$166,000	FARMINGTON		17371 Roseland Blvd	\$116,000	28800 inkster Rd	\$100,000
BIRMINGHAM		35424 Heritage Ln	\$100,000	MILFORD	-	27835 Larkmoor St	\$81,000
364 Chesterfield Ave	\$905,000	23025 Lilac St	\$51,000	359 N Main St	\$65,000	29399 McDonnell Ct	\$71,000
2735 Dorchester Rd	\$178,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		1835 Wixom Trl	\$170,000	19621 Melrose Ave	\$36,000
247 E Southlawn Blvd	\$475,000	30034 Briarton St	\$167,000	NOVI	3170,000	27035 Nantucket Ct	
540 Graten St	\$220,000	34901 Bunker Hill Dr	\$147,000	43831 Algonquin Dr	\$171,000		\$110,000
857 Redding Rd	\$415,000	22082 Cape Cod Way	\$53,000	45920 Ashford Cir		16051 Pennsylvania St 29730 Pierce St	\$65,000
510 Westchester Way	\$260,000	22715 Colgate St	\$110,000		\$475,000		\$67,000
1756 Yorkshire Rd	\$275,000	31190 Country Way	\$60,000	27331 Benjamins Way	\$45,000	23664 Rutland Ave	\$120,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		29542 Eastfield St		22511 Brookforest	\$132,000	16120 Sherfield Pl	\$55,000
1169 Banbury Cir	\$426,000		\$110,000	22883 Cranbrooke Dr	\$81,000	25660 Southfield Rd # A20)1 \$37,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	J-120,000	35280 Edythe Dr	\$120,000	43136 Emerson Way	\$245,000	White Lake	
	£350.000	29242 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$90,000	29601 English Way	\$245,000	5470 Cuthbert Rd	\$163,000
1962 Bent Tree Tri	\$250,000	39242 Heatherbrook Dr	\$282,000	41701 Kenilworth Ln	\$120,000	9155 Sandison St	\$45,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Matt Bezanson of Sher-

R.E.I.A. of Wayne County

Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the Southgate Red Lobster, Eureka Road and Trenton, next to the 7-Eleven.

lock Homes Inspection Ltd. will present facets of mold in buildings. Bezanson's mold education goes back to 2001, and he has done mold inspection and testing all over southeast Michigan.

Oakland Investors "How To Buy Homes at Auction" featuring Andy Meisner (Oakland Countv Treasurer's office), Pamela Rose (generic auctions) and Darrell Sanders (buying HUD

the regular meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, April 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R. Rd, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAK-LAND.com; (800) 747-6742

Seminar on Tuesdays

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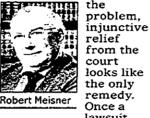
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By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: We have a schizophrenic resident in our unit who was put in by her daughter and sort of "warehoused" in our condominium project. She is dangerous in our opinio and may set the place on fire. What can we do? A: When the family

police and/or social service agencies are unwilling or unable to resolve



lawsuit has been filed against the owners of the unit and/or the daughter and the matter is before the court, the court can bring the social service agency into the case to possibly create an effective solution, whether it be mandatory in-home assistance or caretaking or removal of a residen from the unit. You are best to consult with your attorney in that regard.

Q: We do not have a management company for our homeowner association and I am concerned about whether or not our deed restrictions will continue indefinitely. Do you have any comments on that? A: Although most newer generation recorded restrictions in the declaration contain automatic rollover provisions regarding the enforceability of the declaration, many of the older ones have a clause that say. they would expire on a certain date, usually 30 or 40 years after recordation, unless certain action is taken to extend them. Recently, we have seen several situations in which the board or the managing agent did not pay attention and allowed that expiration period to come and go. That is obviously something that each association should monitor and seek legal counsel if they have, in the sense, legally expired.

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

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