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## Seniors register for softball and golf leagues

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times, golf and softball. The City of Novi's senior golf league is a perennial favorite for those 55 and over. The league, which takes place at Riv-erbank Golf Course and Banquet Center (24095 Currie Road, South Lyon), offers opportunities for men on Mondays at 8:45 a.m., women on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and a mixed league on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. The price is \$219 for Novi residents. A discounted rate is available for course members and those signing up for an additional league. The league includes 16 scheduled outings plus an outing and banquet scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 5. Play begins the week

of May 7. Register by April 9 at the Novi Senior Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Batter's up for the inaugural season of the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League! The league is currently made up of four communities, Howell, Brighton, Northville and Novi. Tuesday morning games will be played at 10 a.m. May 15-August. Home games for Novi will be played at Power Park (45175 W. 10 Mile Road behind the Novi Civic Center)

The price is \$45 for Novi residents and \$55 for non-residents and includes 12 regular season games plus season ending tournament, game balls, team uniform, and scorebook, Register May 1 via cityofnovi. org or at the Novi Senior Center. For more information regarding the golf and softball leagues, please contact Tori Heglin, Recreation Programmer at (248) 347-0422 or theglin@cityofnovi.org.

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Parkview Elementary students Jack Franchino, middle, and Anthony Mascari join principal Jennifer Michos on March 29 as they collected funds for "Dollars for Dexter." The students who brought in a dollar or toy were allowed to wear hats for the day, and the money is going to help those affected by the tornado in Dexter.

# Novi students come to aid of Dexter tornado victims

Fundraiser nets \$360, two large boxes of toys

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Parkview Elementary fourth-grader Jack Franchino summed up his reaction to the tornado that hit the Dexter area March 15 in one word — 'Wow!'

Classmate Anthony Mascari elaborated a little further: "It was just chaos."

And as the two students watched footage of the lestruction on tele cousins were living in it. Mascari's cousins had significant damage to their home, while Franchino's had their home completely destroyed. The families were fortunate that

no one was hurt, but much was

In an effort to help, the two friends decided to host a Dol-lars for Dexter fundraiser to benefit the families and school district staff members affected. Every student who brought in a dollar or toy last Thursday was allowed to wear a hat for the day, with \$360 being raised for the cause.

"We thought about the tornado and how bad it was and homes, so we wanted to help," Mascari said. "It makes me feel proud of myself to see the whole school doing it.'

Franchino said he saw pictures of his cousin's home, and there wasn't much left. "There were pieces all over and glass shards all over the

driveway," he said. The Parkview community also had other reasons to help as former special education teacher Wendy Martin had significant damage to her home, and former writing teacher Mary Cooper is a principal in a Dexter elementary school.

Parkview Principal Jen Michos had a close call as well er motner wno nve Dexter, took shelter in Michos' home when the storm hit. Her mother's home was damaged, but not destroyed.

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# Longtime teacher, coach impacted all who knew him

Friends say Hartman's family was his life

> By Nathan Muelier Staff Writer

It was a sorrowful day at Novi Middle School last Friday as news spread that longtime teacher and

**MEMORIAL** 

A memorial service for

Dave Hartman will be

SERVICE

coach Dave Hartman had died Thursday after a long battle with

held at 3 p.m. April 15 at Novi Middle School, cancer. 49000 11 Mile Road. Emo-Memorial contributions poured from those who new

tions may be made to: Hartman Children's Education Fund at LOC Federal Credit Union, 22981 Farmington Road, him, staff Farmington, MI 48336 or memto Arbor Hospice, 2366 bers and students Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. alike.

enthusiasm for teaching, for life, for kids is what I will never forget," said Eric Center, a friend and colleague

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**GANNETT NEWS SERVICE** 

Longtime Novi Middle School teacher and coach Dave Hartman died last Thursday after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service is being held at 3 p.m. on April 15 at the school.

# Novi woman killed in accident on Pontiac Trail

# Driver of other vehicle suffered non-life threatening injuries

By Nathan Mueller

A 34-year-old Novi woman died Tuesday afternoon after being hit head-on by a pickup truck

while she was driving on Pontiac Trail between West Park Drive and Beck Road.

According to a press release from the city of Novi, the accident occurred around 1:20 p.m., and the woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the truck, a 44-year-old Waterford man, suffered nonlife threatening injuries and was transported to Botsford Hospi-

The preliminary investigation reveals that the woman was driving east on Pontiac Trail in her Oldsmobile when it was hit headon by a Dodge Ram traveling. westbound.

Police are currently interviewing witnesses at the scene and trying to determine the cause of the accident. The name of the woman who died has yet to be released pending notification of her family.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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# HARTMAN

for more than 30 years. 'You won't find a kid who has a bad word to say

about Mr. Hartman. Hartman, 55, was diagnosed with cancer roughly 26 months ago, but those who knew him said he did not let it slow him down. He retired as a teacher in June 2011, but continued to coach rootball as an assistant at Brighton High School.

Football was one of Hartman's many passions, as he coached in Novi for nearly 30 years — where he was named assistant coach of the year in 2006 by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association - and at Brighton while his son Lucas

He also coached track at the middle school and emceed the school's talent show for more than

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Gordon Seiler, who has known Hartman for Continued from page A1 more than 30 years and coached track with him for more than 17 years, said he was a man with a ton of charisma who

touched many lives. "In my memory, I will always see David walking around that track at the middle school," he said. "He was just an integral part of the school and coaching staff.'

But Hartman's biggest passion was kids — in particular his kids, Lucas and Lauren.

"They meant the world to him," Center said. Lucas played football at Brighton, but has since graduated, while Lauren is a senior captain on the school's soccer team.

"His kids were his life," Seiler said. "No matter where you went, David was talking about his

He also had quite the impact on the kids who came through his class-

rooms, where he taught

industrial technology and social studies.

LOCAL NEWS

Student Jesse Ramirez said his favorite Hartman memory is when he helped him make his gumball machine.

friend," he said. Jaret Robson said Hartman was always easy to talk to and even broke the rules one time to let his students watch basketball games during March Madness.

"He was a great teacher," he said.

Chris Laney, who taught with Hartman since 2003 and called him a "borderline dad," said he genuinely loved kids and his job and would have worked for many more vears.

And now his work will live in all those he "How I teach now, I always hear him in my

ear." Lanev said.

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# **DEXTER**

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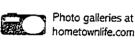
"I have never seen any-

Michos called the scene both "heart-wrenching and heart-warming." "You saw a communi

her students, and said she wasn't surprised to see them take the initiative to organize the fundraiser.

"It shows the power of working together and how we can help others,'

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# First of its kind cafe opens in Novi

# MedFresh combines Middle Eastern, American flavors

By Nathan Mueller

online at hometownlife.com

It took an idea from his brother one morning and inspiration from a friend who is a chef, but Vinny Sitto has found his passion That passion is cooking and serving customers. and he gets to do both at MedFresh Cafe, a first of its kind Mediterranean-

American cafe in Novi. The cafe brings the fast-food concept to Mid-dle Eastern food, letting customers watch as their meal is made in front of them at the counter.

"It's very exciting because we got to start a brand new concept and hopefully take it to the next level," Sitto said. The business held an open house with the Novi Chamber of Commerce

last week, and Sitto said they have gotten rave reviews and many repeat customers since opening. The menu features starters like hummus baba ghanouj, falafels;



ing fattoush and tabbouli; soups; and sandwich ranging from steak and chicken shawarma to kabobs and hummus and tabouli and more.

Everything is made from scratch too, Sitto said. "The Middle Eastern and Mediterranean flavor combined with American is what makes us different from everyone else,"

The restaurant, which

he said.

also does catering, is located at 41490 Grand River Avenue and is open every day except Sunday. For more information.

call (248) 374-4900 or visit

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Novi Med Fresh employee Tyler Yaldo wraps up a couple of chicken shawarmas during a March 30 lunch-time rush. The literranean cafe, at 41490 Grand River Avenue recently had its grand opening.



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# **Dressing to impress**

School students Zach Hare and Mackenzi Murphy (right) stru on March 8 in the schoo!'s auditorium during its Prom Fash ion Show About 20 displayed prom-ap propriated fashions during the Thursday night show. Audience take in the





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# **'Rich' interaction — OCC** scholarship donors, students unite in gratitude

MiVida Burrus didn't have enough money to buy books for her class-

Her financial situation was "very bleak," and all of her money went to provide for her three chil-But, she was deter-

mined to get her degree - and, she couldn't have done it without the help of the OCC Foundation's scholarship program. Celebrating its 20th year, the program has provided scholarships through a variety of endowments and individ ual donors to hundreds, maybe even thousands of OCC students in need of assistance.

Burrus graduated last spring, summa cum laude, and is now enrolled at Walsh Business College, pursuing a degree in

Thursday's annual Scholarship Luncheon at the OCC Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. where donors and students came together to thank and recognize one

"This interaction is rich," she said. "Students are excited to interact with their donors, and the donors are pleased and excited to hear the accomplishments of the

"Donors, you help make the dreams of the stu-

She said OCC has been the best experience. "They say home is where the heart is," she said. "This is my home and you have my heart. Thank you for seeing the potential and the possibilities in each of us."

Longtime radio host Bob Allesee, emcee for the event and Foundation board member, said he's been a part of this special luncheon for all or most of its 20-year history.

"This is when we get helped make a difference in the lives of students.' he said. "We can leave here, knowing each of us can make this a better world if we choose to.

In memory Diane Waits, the mother of U.S. Army Specialist Andrew Waits, shared her thoughts on having

Third graders at Novi Woods performed the mini-musi-

cal 'Dorothy and the 7 Habits' at the school's pride circle

March 30. The script and music was written by third grade

teachers Nancy Bain and Roberta Lazar and music teacher

performed in the musical, which talked about habits 1-4

from Covey's 7 Habits of Happy Kids. Pictured (from left,

top row) are Jared Hoshaw as the cowardly lion (Habit 3

— put first things first); Alpana Atluri as the Good Witch

Covey; Elizabeth Babcock as Dorothy; and Ethan Tunney

as the Tin Man (Habit 2 — begin with the end in mind);

(bottom row) Nick Rydzik as the Scarecrow (habit 1 - be

Dorothy's mother; and Varad Mulay as a flying monkey

(habit — think win-win).

proactive); Ben Purat as Dorothy's brother; Zaina Khan as

Julia Saeli. Third grade students in Bain's and Lazar's classes

7 Habits

FACEBOOK: HOMFTOWNLIFE.COM

Adam Sherman, of Farmington Hills, tells his story of coming to OCC and receiving help from Project BOLD and the cholarship program.

Adam Sherman moved

to Michigan from Cali-

fornia two years ago. He

wanted to attend college.

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the opportunity to offer scholarships in her son's

"My son was killed in Iraq by an IED in April 2006 and it was devastating," she said. "This scholarship (program) has been life saving It has turned my life around, just to be able amazed at the ability of my son to help me, past his death. I have found a home in OCC.

"On his tombstone, it reads, 'you have touched

so many lives.' — even now, it continues." The recipients Challenges that face the

Many are responding

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He's completed 28 credscholarship recipients its with a 4.0 grade point range from being brand average. He's hopeful to new to America or having enter the nursing prospecial learning challenggram at OCC. es, to being low income or "The Michael Golds battling substance abuse. scholarship has been

to life changes such as college success," he said divorce, unemploymen Alexandria Kibby is ready to graduate from No matter the story, OCC with two associthe outcome is the same ates degrees in business administration and liber-— a deep gratitude for the assistance offered al arts. She said the scholthrough the Foundation's arship program made scholarship program. that possible

Dana Bradley, recip-"If it had not been ient of the James for this scholarship, I Coates Memorial wouldn't have been able Endowed Scholarship. to graduate this semessaid no one would have ter," she said, noting that believed, seven years her finances are extremely tight. "I could pay for ago, that she would be standing there today, a school or I could feed student at OCC. myself. I could not do "I was living on the streets, drug addict-ed," she said. "Today, my

calling is working with To see the OCC Foundation's addicted people and help-"Be the One" scholarship video, visit www.oaklandcc. edu/Foundation/ and click on the arrow. midst of change... I want

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### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

Rodney Drew 'Can Make History'

Student winners in Kroger's annual "I Can Make History" competition received \$60,000 in scholarships, laptop computers and family field trips during the contest's annual awards luncheon held March 24. More than 300 students - including Rodney Drew from Novi Middle School, family members and teachers gathered at The Henry Ford in Dearborn to honor 78 "I Can Make History"

Professionals in each field evaluated entries and selected the winners. Entries addressed one of two themes:

contest winners.

· How are you and/or your community making · What does Black His-

tory Month mean to me? "The judges remarked this year's entries demonstrated a unique level of creativity and talent," said Rick Going, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan.

# Novi mom helping raise awareness for organ transplants

Mom 2 Mom sale benefitting Children's Organ Transplant Association

By Nathan Mueller

Novi resident Susan Koceski saw the emotional and financial strain her best friend Leanne Schnepp and her family have gone through while her son Sam waited for an organ donation and vowed to do something to

Sam, who is 12 years old, spent five months or the transplant list as he waited for a life-saving liver before his wish was finally granted. The family has racked up numerous medical bills, despite having insurance, and the entire process has worn

"I can see myself in her shoes because I have a 2and 4-year-old," Koceski said. "If that ever happened to me, who would

In an effort to help, Koceski is hosting a Mon 2 Mom Sale on April 14 with a twist: It is being combined with the Children's Health and Wellness Fair, and all proceeds from the event will go to the Children's Organ Transplant Association. The organization works with families who have a children needing a life-saving organ.

COTA is currently helping the Schnepps with transplant-related expenses such as food and lodging, transportation to and from the transplant center, copays, deductibles and medication expenses, and assistance with household expenses while the Sam's parents are out of work. "The moms get to keep

all the proceeds from their sales and the char

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**DETAILS** 

The Mom 2 Mom sale s scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 14 at the Oakland Schools Conference Center in Waterford (2111 Pontiac Lake Road). Cost is \$2 to attend,

and will feature several tables featuring everything from gently used infant, toddler, or children's clothing to toys, books, or gear (i.e. swings, bouncers, changing tables, etc.) and maternity clothes. Mothers looking to sell

those items can do so by purchasing a table for \$20. Koceski said table are still available.

For more information about the event. or to purchase a table contact Susan Koceski at (248) 495-1048 or via e-mail at mom2momcota@gmail.com.

ity gets the money from

every patron that walks Also since April is organ donation aware ness month. Gift of Life and Be the Match will be on hand to give out information and sign people up. Other commun ty organizations such as Common Ground, Oakland Family Services and more will be there to educate the community on their services as well.

"I could have just done a Mom 2 Mom sale and kept things simple, but I really wanted to motivate more people to attend," Koceski said.

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Volunteers from Meadowbrook Congregational Church and the community assembled and packed 10,000 meals on March 25 at as part of Kids Against Hunger's efforts to support local and global hunger relief. A portion of the meals were donated to Northville Civic Concern, which is facing a food shortage

# Novi church packs food for Kids Against Hunger

More than 100 volunteers make 10,000 meals

By Nathan Mueller

Rev. Art Ritter left Meadowbrook Congrega tional Church on March

25 feeling "uplifted." That was because Ritter and nearly 100 church and community members came together to pack more than 10,000 meals to benefit Kids Against Hunger's efforts to support local and global hunger relief.

Ritter said the church was looking for possible mission projects that could include people of different ages and ability levels, and the Kids Against Hunger program

"I felt like I was doing something to help," Ritter said. "And the fact I could see others doing it and it was a fellowship activity that brought us together and enabled us to reach out into the com

spent time at the church assembled the ingredients (a combination of rice, soy and vegetables) before weighing and boxed the food packages. According to Kids Against Hunger's web-

food packaging centers across the United States packaged 40 million meals for children and

their families around the world last year. Sally Grezlik, one of the volunteers and member at Meadowbrook, said she and her husband were munity — was uplifting.'
The volunteers who eager to help because she knows there are a lot of

> who can use any little bit. "It was very rewarding and something I would definitely do again," she

Ritter said one thing he really enjoyed was see

ing all the kids involved in the project. "Seeing them volunteer

ing was just fantastic," he said. "It was an educational opportunity, and we do this because our faith instructs us to do this.'

The food the group packed was sent to the Salvation Army, to over seas missions and North ville Civic Concern, needy people in the world which is facing a dire shortage of food dona-

> "It encouraged me a great deal," Ritter said

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# Links of Novi gets facelift

Owners plan on it being a golf course for a long time

By Nathan Mueller

Tom Sheldon has been the head golf professional and general manager at The Links of Novi since it opened 22 years

And besides that first day, Sheldon cannot remember a more exciting time to be at the course.

The reason for his excitement is that the golf course owners. Singh Development, decided to spruce up the facilities a bit, completely renovating the clubhouse and pro shop, as well as making improvements to the golf course itself.

"We have been here every day and still cannot very classy, almost a private-club-looking atmosphere.

Golfers who walk into the new clubhouse for the first time will think they are at the wrong course as a newly-created hallway leads them to the pro shop and separates the main banquet room from

a mid-size private room. The bar inside the main room has been complete ly redone, along with the bathrooms, and there is new furniture throughout the facility.

On the course, new superintendent Mike Daily and his maintenance crew are working on bunker renovations complete with new sand, and also will be improving the driving range. New golf carts are being rolled out,



Links of Novi head golf professional and general manager Tom Sheldon recently oversaw a big interior renovation of the 10 Mile Road golf course's main clubhouse and pro shop ncluding a new layout, furniture, fixtures and wall treatments.

The reason behind the renovations is that Singh is overseeing the operations of the golf course for the first time since buying the property over

10 years ago. The company used to lease it out to other owners, but Saab Grewal, director of asset said they wanted to make

to improving the facility. The hope is that they also can attract more banquets and weddings because of the upgrades. "We wanted to put the

Paul Foster of Farmington Hills works on his chipping at the

Links of Novi on April 2. The Links recently upgraded its main dubhouse and pro shop, and is in the process of completing

and wanted to make an mpact," he said. "We tnow this is going to be a golf course for a long time, and thought this would be a great benefit to us and the commu-

More than 100 golfers were at the course on Sunday when it opened. and Sheldon said "everyone has been amazed.' Grewal acknowledged course is still a long time away, and wanted to take

advantage of being the only course in Novi. "Novi is a top-notch have top-notch facilities all throughout it," he

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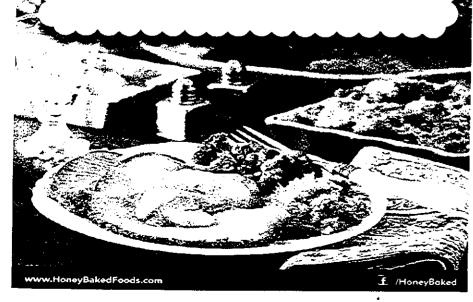
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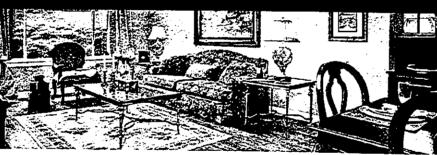
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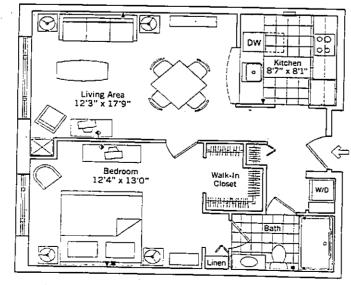


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# Novi author brings anti-bullying message to St. Fabian students

By Stacy Jenkins

Maria Dismondy knows what it's like to be teased and bullied in school. As a young girl, she was called "poodle" because of her curly hair and "chicken legs" because she had short, skinny legs. She was also teased because the food she brought in her lunch bag wasn't like other kids' lunches - pickled herring, liverwurst and spa-

ghetti in a hot dog bun. It wasn't until many years later that she realized she shouldn't have listened to those bullies. She realized her lunches contained whatever her mother could afford; she now proudly wears her hair long and curly; and those "chicken legs" have taken her far in mara-

But, she didn't keep these things to herself She decided to write children's books about the topic of bullying — and overcoming it — drawing inspiration from he childhood and from 19 diaries she kept while growing up.

Now, this three-time published, award-winning author is making it her mission to spread that message to students near and far. She brings her books, her message, and inspiration for writing, to schools in the area, and she's even been known to Skype with schools out of

**St. Fabian stop**Dismondy, of Novi, recently visited students at St. Fabian Catholic School in Farmington Hills, where she was invited by the student



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Thing 1, 2 and 3 are Carmen Compton, Elisabeth Levandowski and Astrid Lopus. They listened intently to author Maria Dismondy, who visited St. Fabian Catholic School on Monday. Students and staff welcomed the author and dressed up as their favorite book characters to celebrate 'March is Reading Month.'



Deena Hakim dressed as a motorcycle girl at St. Fabian Catholic School on Monday, a day designated to dress up as a favorite book character for 'March is Reading Month.'

council, as part of March is Reading Month. being bullied for five years in school while

growing up in Canton and attending St. Linus Catholic School in Dearborn

step, how she took an idea and turned it into her first published children's book, Spaghetti in a Hog



personal experience. She brought her books and her inspi rational message to students at St. Fabian Catholic School

lished in 2008. The book is about "having the courage to be who you are," ind was inspired by her

"I'm very passionate about realistic fiction. she said, noting that she insisted the characters in her books were people, not animals, for The book won a Mom's

Choice Award and has old 25,000 copies. Her second book, Pink Tiara Cookies for Three, is about dealing with the dynamics of subtle bully ing that occurs between nds, particularly

when there are three, and

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someone feels left out.

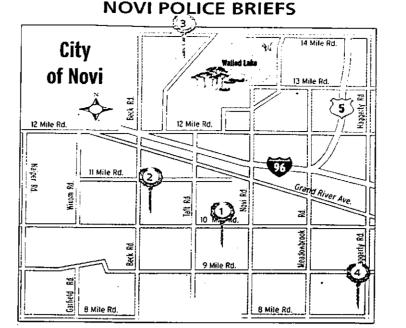
Box Bully, was co-written with Bob Sornson and also addresses the topic of bullying and standing up for each other. "The books are help-

A third book, The Juice

ing me to do what I want to do and that's speak to kids," she said. "This has really opened doors. My whole goal is to reach out (and send) that message. For more information about Dismondy, her books, or to schedule a school event, visit her website at mariadismon dy.com. Also find her blog

entries on her website.

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Drunk driver caught after blowing tire

A 31-year-old man was arrested for I drunk driving after he was found trying to change a tire on his car in the driveway of residence on Center Street on March 31.

According to the police report, police were dispatched to Center Street for a suspicious person, and when they arrived the man was having trouble standing and admitted to drinking in

The suspect failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a preliminary breath test. He was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he took a breath test that registered a BAC of .19 percent.

He was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and PBT refusal and released when sober and after post-

Wheels stolen off Escalade A Novi resident had all four 22-inch-Chrome wheels stolen off his 2012 Cadillac Escalade overnight on March 30 while it was parked in the street

in front of his home on Bramblewood According to the police report, the victim said his daughter heard banging at night but never looked outside. The SUV was found on wood blocks the next

The value of the wheels is estimated at \$4,000, and police have no suspects at

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A woman had her vehicle broken Jinto at The Springs Apartments on Springlake Boulevard sometime during the last week while she was out of

According to the police report, approximately 12 compact discs and an Apple iPod adapter were stolen. The vehicle was unlocked when she notice the items missing and there were no signs of forced entry. Police have no suspects.

Kegs taken from On The

An unknown suspect stole three to four cases of empty returnable bottles from On The Border sometime overnight on

According to the police report, the items were located in an exterior cage, and the manager said he believes the same suspect he caught trying to take similar items in the past was responsi-

The manager also was told by his beverage distributor that multiple restaurants on Haggerty were having similar

Police have a suspect vehicle description and plate from a previous attempt and are looking into that evi-

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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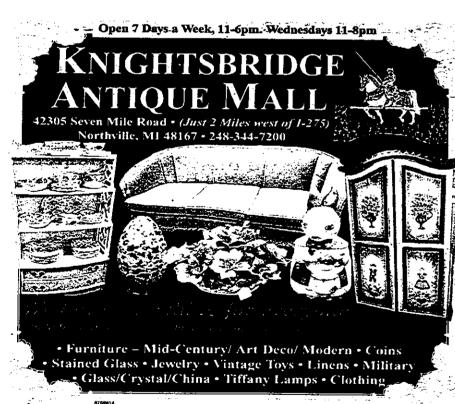
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NORTON, LANE

Age 76, formally of Northvill

and South Lyon; died January 30, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A Memorial Service will be held at

one o'clock on Saturday, April 14th at The First United

Methodist Church in Northville, 777 Eight Mile Road.

NORTON,

RICHARD "DICK"

Age 77, formally of Northville and South Lyon; died February 21, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A Memorial Service will be held at one o'clock on Saturday, April 14th at The First United Methodist Church in Northville, 777 Fight Mile Poor

PRATT.

GERALD LELAND

Passed away in Lake Havasu AZ on Thursday, March 29th, Born in

1943, Jerry was proceeded in death by his father Leland Prant, a former Walled Lake Chief of

Police in the 1960's. Jerry was a revered Novi police officer in the 1970's for almost a decade. Jerry is survived by his wife Linda

Pratt, his mother Margaret (Pratt) Demmers, his children Leland

Pratt, & Tina Caiger and his three sisters Linda Kowalske, Diane

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LOCAL NEWS

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AZURE, MARK P.

Age 41, of South Lyon, passed away March 31, 2012. A funeral mass was held April 4, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



BAKHAUS, ROY K. Age 86, passed away March 28, 2012. He was born on December 4, 1925, in Plymouth, to the late John & Elizabeth (Scheunemann) Bakhaus. He was a life-long dedi-cated member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Roy started on his family farm at 5 Mile Rd and Seabart as a dairy farmer After Earhart as a dairy farmer. After farming, he was a Manufacturing Rep. for Enger-Kress Leather Manufacturing for over 40 years. He was a competitive game player and enjoyed playing cards with his weekly card club that was approaching its 50th anniversary. He was also an avid hunter and enjoyed being outdoors. Roy led an active life, but nothing was more important to him than his family and his church. His children have fond memories of water skiing on Fonda Lake. Roy and Velma were very proud of receiv-ing the rank and high honor of Bridge Life Master. He will always be remembered for his always be remembered for his quick wit, his warm smile and his strong faith in the Lutheran Church. Roy is survived by his wife of 65 years, Velma Bakhaus; his loving children: Janna Heskett, Lonna (Robert) Hummel, Mark Bakhaus; Conno (Duid) Mark Bakhaus, Konna (David) Gallagher: his sister Frances (Raymond) Manzel; 10 grandchil-dren: Stacey, Julie, Kenneth, Stephen, Lauren, Adam, John Roy, Erika, Mark Jr., Jessica; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Edward, John, and Margaret Wiseman, Visitation was held on March, 20 Eridage PHILIDE great-grandparents, and is now : rical landmark and museum. A funeral service was held on March 31, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon, Memorial contribu-



tions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Online guest-

REV. DARLING, JUDI Unexpectedly passed away, March 24, 2012. It's been said her life long relationship and mar-riage with husband, Tom, both of Novi, was "one made in heaven." Surviving with Tom are two chil-dren, Tom Jr. of Traverse City and grandson Ryan and Terry Marie of Milford with her husband Matt Slaughter and grandson Brendan. Judi also leaves behind her mother Alice Ritter of Novi, brother Richard and wife Jan with three children, brother Tom and wife Joan with two children, sister Kathy Balland and husband Sam and two children. Preceding her n death is her father Richard Ritter Sr. and brother Wayne, sur-vived by his wife Judy and four children. A funeral service was held at the Novi United Methodist Church with Rev. June Smith officating. In lieu of flowers memori-al contributions may be made to: Deep Vein Thromboses

www.stoptheclot.org On line sympathy message at:

### DURANDETTI. QUINTA

Age 97, passed away on March 30, 2012, in South Lyon. She was born on November 7, 1914; daughter of the late Franchesco and Antionette Farina in Indiana, and Antionette Farina in Indiana, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her loving daughter Elvera (Richard) Trapp, 3 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and her sister Janet Zenone. She was preceded in death by her husband Aldo in 1985, 3 brothers and 1 sister. Visitation was held on April 2nd and a Funeral service was held on April 3rd at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon with Reverend Terry Nelson of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. On-line guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



EDWARDS, DUANE L. 71, passed away at his home in Sun City Center, FL on April 1, 2012. He

was born in Detroit on November 20, 1940 to the late Arthur B. and Leona Edwards. He married Linda G. Hamilton in 1961, and they were married for 39 years until her death in 2000. He married Caroli L. Wilson in 2001. A proud veter-an of the US Air Force, Duane. along with his wife Linda, returned to South Lyon where they owned and operated Danice Manufacturing Company for nearly four decades. He served on the board of the State Savings Bank of South Lyon, and was an active member of the South Lyon Kiwanis and Plymouth Elks. He and Carole retired in 2007 to Seymour, TN and Sun City Center, FL. He enjoyed travelling. playing golf, and spending time with his family. Duane is survived by his wife of 10 years, Carole two loving daughters, Danice (Lewis) Turpin of Harriman, TN (Lewis) Turpin of Harriman, TN and Colleen Pepin of Marysville, MI: three grandchildren, Zachary and Katey Pepin of Marysville, MI and Jake Turpin of Harriman, TN: four stepchildren; numerous step-grandchildren; and a brother, Arthur B (Janet) Edwards, Jr. of Biloxi, MS. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda; a sister and a brother, Visitation will be held on April 7, Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on April 7 service will be held on April 7, Saturday, at 12:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Baker House, c/o West Pasco Historical Society, 6431 Circle Boulevard, New Port Richey, Florida 34652. The Baker House is the family home of Duane's presty-grandgarents, and is possible.

Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com GABRYS, CLARENCE Age 86, passed away April 2, 2012. Visitation was April 3 & funeral was April 4 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, www.phillipsfuneral.com

HARTMAN, DAVID A. Age 55, of Brighton, passed away March 29, 2012 at his nome, surrounded by his loving He was born on Aug 20, 1956 in Ann Arbor, son of the late Gerald and Ruth (Lorenz) Hartman. David was an educator and coach with the Novi Community Schools for 32 years. He was a loving and devoted family man and had a passion for fly fishing. He is survived by his beloved wife Karen of 22 years, his son Lucas and his daughter Lauren. He is also survived by his sisters, Susan (Darrel) Rice and Patricia (Kenrick) Johnson, many nicces and nephews and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Virginia and Robert Bennett. A Sunday, April 15 at 3:00pm at Novi Middle School, 49000 II Mile Road, Novi. MI 48374. Memorial contributions may be made to: Hartman Children's Education Fund at LOC Federal Credit Union, 22981 Farmington

Rd., Farmington, MI 48336 or to www.phillipsfuneral.com HOLMES, BARBARA

7/10/1938-3/26/2012. Gathering 4-8pm Friday, April 6, 2012. isullivanfuncralhome.com LAFAYETTE, LILA

Passed away April 3, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home at 248-437-1616 for date and time for services. www.phillipsfuneral.com

MORGAN, Patricia A. Age 73, passed away March 28, 2012. Private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guest-

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March 30, 2012. Loving wife of Winfred. Mother of Michael Mother of (Kate) Rogula and Michelle (Mark) Waranoski and Win's chil-dren, Stephen Weldon, Gregory (Anita) Weldon, Thomas J. Weldon, Mark (Jill) Weldon, weiton, Mark (Jill) Weldon, Victoria Weldon and Lisa (Dave) Mobus. Also survived by 8 grand-children and 3 great grandchil-dren. Funeral Mass was held at St. dren. Funeral Mass was held at St.
Joseph Catholic Church, 16101
Rotunda Dr. Monday, April 2nd at
11:00 am. Visitation was Sunday
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## **Rotary donation**

The Novi Rotary Club's nonprofit foundation gave donations to Novi United Methodist Church and the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association at the club's March 22 meeting. Jaclyn Kochis, MPVA's Deputy Executive Director/Development, said the money will help "support our many services that assist veterans and individuals who have sustained a spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) in this state." Pictured (from left) are Mark Whitfield Rotary Foundation treasurer, Kochis, Anne Marie Mieth, Rotary club president, and Gary Kelber, Rotary Foundation chair.

### Crawford files to run for third term as state rep

State Rep. Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) announced he has filed to run for his

ville and the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, as well as the townships of Lyon and Novi.

ond two-year term in the state House Regulatory Reform Committee.

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WELDON, PAULA

third term as state representative in the 38th district. In 2012, the 38th District will include the Oakland County portion of North-

Crawford is currently serving his secwhere he serves as chair of the House

"We have made a lot of progress in term and I'm running for re-election in hopes to continue these efforts," said reform state government and protect

AAUW-NN volunteers read in over 50 classrooms to over 1,000 Northville and Novi public school students during March in celebration of National Reading Month and Women's History Month. As part of AAUW-NN's Remember the Ladies Project throughout March, students in grades kindergarten through

fifth in both districts heard biographical stories of a wide range of women such as Annie Oakley, Mae Jemison, Jane Goodall, Julia Morgan, Helen Keller, women inventors and many other fascinating women. It was mostly about students and AAUW-NN readers having a good time together enjoying a book about a woman in history. AAUW-NN members who volunteered

and participated as readers were: Jeri Alam, Vickie Dickieson, Kathy Scullen. Karen Bunting, Joy Huyck, Rev. June Smith, Julie Collins, Gwen Markham, Jill Streit, Colleen Crossey, Pat Noworyta, Rhonda York, Cheryl Deep, Connie Qualman and Karen Zyczynski.

In addition to AAUW-NN reader volmade to each school in both districts by AAUW-NN members and the local AAUW-NN branch for the purchase of media center materials. The Remember the Ladies Project is a collaborative effort in the community and local schools to provide donations to public school libraries/media centers for the purchase of age appropriate materials about women and women's issues for all children. It also provides volunteer readers of books about women and women's issues during the month of March in celebration of National Reading Month and National Women's History Month.

### 100th Anniversary of Japan's Gift of Trees celebrated in Novi

In the year 1912, more than 3,000 flow ering 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 initiative 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 plant-

ings have been planned. The young trees to be planted in this initiative have been provided by the nonprofit conservation organization American Forests. The initiative has been funded by the support from the

# Easter Bunny hops into 12

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.shoptwelveo-

Saturdays Super for seniors The Novi Senior Center is planning a series of events that will have attendees moving, grooving, celebrating, and com-

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

May 5: Derby Day — "Race Day, Novi Senior Center-style" Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org.

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

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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.

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Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a m Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service Children's program, Youth Worship Service Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$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 Praver Group

Have a New Kid by Friday! Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 18-May 23

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Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Details: "Catholicism" DVD discussion

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### **OUR VIEWS**

# Novi roads

# Increase in funding well deserved

Regardless of whether you think Novi's roads are good or bad, they're going to get worse if something doesn't change. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being failed and 10 being excellent), Novi's roads overall rate a 6.25, according to the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. Not bad, but of the 172 miles the city manages, 19 rate poor (1-3) and 98

are only fair (4-5). Novi residents expect their roads to be at a certain level, and they realize that putting up with road work is just a way of life, like the long-overdue but completely-necessary work that's currently taking place on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Haggerty roads.

Even though the city is spending \$3.2 million on road improvements this year. that rating deserves to be higher in

Voters could have the opportunity to boost that funding if city council decides to put on the August ballot a proposal to amend the city's charter and increase the road fund from 1 to 1.5 mills.

If it doesn't happen, that 6.5 rating will definitely drop quicker than a tire in a

A rating above 7 is what Rob Hayes, director of Novi's Department of Public Services, is shooting for, and it's doable within the next decade -- if funding is increased to \$5 million.

The good news is that residents would not see an increase in millage because the city would be able to adjust other

We are confident city council will let the voters make this decision in August. We encourage and support a road funding increase.

# Be safe, responsible on spring break

Scores of young people in Novi and Northville are either down south or heading there for spring break. What began as the quintessential part of the college experience has become a similar part of the senior year for high schoolers. It's their chance to get away and spend a week hanging out with friends without mom and

Spring break can be a rite of passage, a time when teens are on their own and in charge of their health, safety and wellbeing, or turn into a nightmare because of one bad decision. As parents, we send is oil with admonitions to be safe and make good choices, but in the backs of our minds there are those visions of college students gone wild courtesy of MTV. We can only hope - and pray - they do the right thing and come home safe and sound.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spring breakers should consider if what they do is the worth the risk.

 Skip the tattoo or piercing to prevent infections like HIV and hepatitis B. If you have to have one, consider a temporary

 Check to see what the legal drinking age is at your vacation destination and then, if you imbibe, drink responsibly. If you're a female, watch your drink. Don't let someone else hold it for you. Someone could try to slip a "date rape" drug in it. Never accept a drink from a stranger.

· Practice the buddy system. Always stay close to at least one friend, preferably two or three. Don't leave with someone other than your buddies. Don't leave with strangers, even if it seems like a good idea

•Never, ever go to an isolated place with a stranger or someone you do not fully

Teens, make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Act responsibly and make spring break a time to remember.

Grace Perry, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Director of Advertising

Executive Editor

## **COMMUNITY VOICE**

# What is your favorite park or place of recreation in



"Total Sports Complex. Because I play lacrosse up there.'



"Lifetime Fitness. Because you can do a lot of things there like Nicholas Gessler swim, rock climb and play basketball."

Noah Walter



Park. Because that is where all the sports I play are.'

**Quinn Hanley** 

### **LETTERS**

## Politics in Supreme Court

What an outrageous turn of events!

For nearly a year now we have been hearing about the Republican power-grab legislation for Oakland County Commission Districts by our County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson — just because he did not approve of the new county commission map drawn up by the designated team that has been the process all over the state of Michigan

If he wanted to change the process, he should have done so in a timely and fair manner so that the same rules could apply statewide. It was never a problem until the five team members were not predominately of his political persuasion,

This Supreme Court decision is an insult to all of us and to our court system. I was hopeful that the courts would be able to put politics aside when they made their decision. Unfortunately, I was wrong and the residents of this county are the

Karen B. Zyczynski

## Similar to health

are mandate Not being a lawyer makes understanding of judicial arguments and decisions quite difficult. It would help immensely if the justices applied Occam's Razor, stripped the extraneous, forgot their political obligations, and asked one essential question: Would the United States be a better place to live if everyone were guaranteed decent health care?

Not all over-simplification is necessanıy wrong,

Regardless of my biases, I fail to see the difference between Social Security, a form of retirement insurance which certainly is not voluntary, and compulsory participation in a medical insurance program. One is not prevented from investing in a better retirement plan, nor is anybody denied the right to purchase more extensive health insurance.

How does one make a distinction between compulsory wearing of seat belts, a form of insurance against serious, costly injury, and compulsory medical insurance?

Why can the federal government compel some people to face danger during war time (the draft) in order to ensure the safety of the rest of us? If necessary, the power to induct Hope for those with any of us for the benefit of all of us does exist.

The power of our federal government has been proven to be boundless when it meant making decisions beneficial to the greatest number of Americans. Mistakes have been made, but look at the overall results. So be it.

One can easily assume that in the event that Republicans decide on the health care issue, a wise decision would be to invest your money in private health insurance companies, pharmaceuticals, hospitals and

**Patrick Downey** 

# Simple sidewalk solution

I'm enthused at the recent interest in extending sidewalks westward toward Maybury State Park. When

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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I moved to Northville Township 23 years ago, the proximity to the park was a major consideration in my decision to move here. Sadly, for all those 23 years, I've driven from my home off Main Street east of Beck Road to the park. The section of Beck Road from Main Street north to the park's east entrance is simply too dangerous to walk or bike. There is no shoulder and the roadside is sharply banked on both sides with grass, which can be slippery. As time has gone by, the traffic on Beck has increased enormously, making the effort to traverse this small stretch

Recently, the section of Main Street between Clement and Beck has been designated as a Natural Beauty Road, in recognition of its special tree-lined tranquility. With the city of Northville on one end and the jewel of Maybury State Park on the other, completing this pathway is a natural fit.

I hope the township will consider making this small extension a part of future budgets. We don't need a million-dollar solution, just a concrete or asphalt sidewalk next to Beck Road north from Main Street and a crosswalk at the park's Beck Road entrance.

Thomas Griebe

# autism

This is an historic time in Michigan. The deep despair of darkness has been overcome by a new light of hope. This hope shines for the 15,000-plus children in Michigan and their families who suffer under the financial burden of autism. It is in the form of Bills 414, 415 and 981 that passed in the Michigan Senate on March 13 and now go to the House of Representatives. If these bills are passed in the House, families of children with autism will finally get the assistance they so desperateneed. Currently, an autism diagnosis excludes coverage for all therapies and diagnostic evaluations.

For years, I've traveled back and forth to Lansing and listened to pleas for help from people directly or indirectly affected by this catastrophic disability. For years I've watched my

### with all the problems autism brings to a family. It's not uncommon for parents to spend all they have and even go bankrupt to give their child a chance for a better life. Sometimes with help, these children become

taxpaying citizens. Yet even a family of means has a hard time finding help for their child. This is because almost all Michigan graduates who have degrees allowing them to work with children who have autism usually leave our state and go elsewhere to find a job.

own son and his wife try to cope

Out of 50 states, 29 have already passed legislation benefiting children with autism. They found that early intervention costs are comparatively low. In fact those upfront costs make even more sense when looking at the millions of dollars they would have to spend if the child eventually became financially dependent on government assistance.

Bills 414, 415 and 981 will be voted on soon. However, many members in our House of Representatives need to be educated before they vote on this important issue. We citizens need to give them a call. They need to hear our voices speak out for those who can't speak for themselves. The time is now!

Lee M. Douglas

### Discrimination against women

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote. Since 1992, when League members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all The League also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That's why the League is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women. By a narrow margin, the U.S. Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined "religious or moral objection" to it. This open-ended invitation to cut back on preventative health care services would turn back the clock for women and for American society.

We understand that not everyone agrees with the League on this subject. But we strongly believe that public institutions, including schools and hospitals that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices available to their employees. Institutions that serve the public at large should not impose their own views but should respect the conscientious decisions of each individual.

The League of Women Voters believes that all persons, regardless of gender, should be eligible for preventive health services. Allowing employers to exclude contraceptive services is discrimination based on sex, and it's wrong.

Angela E. Ryan and Paula Bowman, co-presidents League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

## Lunch o' the Irish

(right) smiles as she helps to tidy up after the March 16 St. Patrick's Day the Novi Se nior Center. Attendees enjoyed a corned beef and cabbage and then the singing efforts of the Town Chorus (middle), St Patrick's Day luncheon

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

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

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST

**CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE** Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www. Sunday Worship:

Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11

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

GOOD SHEPHERD **LUTHERAN CHURCH** Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, comer of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565

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

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@ gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

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

**MEADOWBROOK** 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.

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each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Location: 41355 6 Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of

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.: (café@) 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;

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Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcen-

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST** Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every

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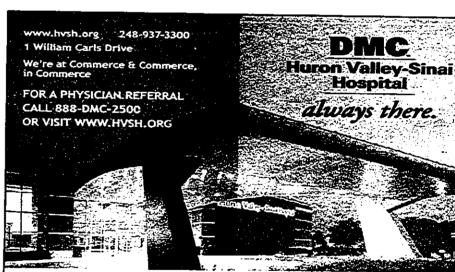
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### CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

751-5465.

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

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Thursday, April 12: Health

Tuesday, May 22: Stroke Tuesday, June 19: Inteliigent Exercise Details: Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be

available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend. Contact: To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the contact information that

### you would like to supply. **GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE & NOVI** MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street Details: The topic "What's Up With our Feathered

den?" by Ed and Pam Kam

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Back to school

mann from Wild Birds Unlimited. 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

Contact: Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457 or Connie Marcangelo at (248) 380-

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Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 5 Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile

Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek. CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte CFP as they present What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement income.

Contact: Reservations are free, but seating is limited. Call Sigma Financial toll free at (877) 557-4462 or visit www.123RetirementPlann

**HOPE WORKSHOP** 

Details: Workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for ing the loss of a loved one.

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**CAR CARE FAIR** Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Details: Open to the public, car in for a glance from the other great deals. All visitors will receive a free driveway inspection with a detailed evaluation.

**GRIEVING WITH GREAT** 

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349-8847 or visit www. holvfamilynovi.org THIRD ANNUAL 5K **EMERGENCY RUN AND** 1-MILE STROKE WALK

Location: Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck and Grand River Avenue, Novi) Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12

**Details:** Everyone is invited to participate - please share family and friends! The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at http://cityofnovi org/Services/ParksAndRec/ rograms/SenseOfCom-The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assar-

## Fun at the library David Li, 9, works on making a clothespin frame during an

April 2 crafts session at the Novi Public Library. The library had lots of fun activities planned that week as Novi kids were on spring break and probably looking for some fun to participate in ian Cancer Center.

local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www. or call the Holy Family Par-Contact: Holy Family (248)

(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

BEREAVEMENT

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

Location: Novi Civic Center

MEETINGS

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Location: 25075 Meadow-Contact: (248) 347-0414: theglin@cityofnovi.org

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Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 10 Location: Dale Carnegie, 41650 Gardenbrook, Novi Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast: \$5 payable at the door. Please pre-register on line.

Date: Wednesday, April 18 Location: Carrabba's Italan Grill, 43455 West Oaks Drive, Novi Details: Karen Bitterle will provide a presentation on a

**Networking Luncheor** 

business directory database. Reference USA; \$25 pre-registration required Multi Chamber QCN

Date: Wednesday, April 25 Location: Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi Details: Network with business professionals from Appetizers, cash bar, comedian; register online \$10 for chamber members vanced reservations; \$15 day of event; \$25 nonchamber members **NOVI ROTARY CLUB** 

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednes-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 Inter national, 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

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Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; sundays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website. Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or ston time brochure for details. Knit 2gether Knitting

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 5 and 12 Details: If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handcrafts Knit 2gether Knitting Circle st might be your cup of tea. No instructor, no registration, and of course.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Scheich & Sebastian

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Amy Scheich, of Northville, and Dr. Matthew Sebastian, of Novi, were married June 3, 2011 with Deacon Bill Thomas officiating. The bride is the daughter of Sue and Don Scheich, of

Northville. She attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and works at Digitas. The groom is the son of Carol and Charles Sebastian. of Novi. He attended Michigan State University and is a medical resident at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. The bride attendants were Katie Scheich, Lisa Scheich, Bethany Sprader, Sarah Ries, Lauren White

and Ashlie Cashar The groom's attendants were Aaron Sebastian, Rob Harmer, Chris Sciamanna, Joe Santieu, Cody Hedquist

A reception was held at The Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen and now reside in Plymouth.



Greeniee & Korr

Allison Greenlee, of Northville, and George Korr, of Kalamazoo, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Susan and Art Greenlee, and Arlene Greenlee, of Northville. She attended University of Detroit Mercy and is an attorney with Hettiger & Hettiger.

The groom-elect is the son of Mary Korr and the late George Korr. He attended Central Michigan University and is a computer systems engineer at Lakeland Health of St. Joseph, Mich. A Sept. 2012 wedding in Northville is planned.





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# Novi man will run Boston Marathon to raise money for renowned school for the blind

ton Marathon on April 16, but not to set a new record or win the race. He's running to raise money for Watertown. Mass.-based Perkins School for the Blind.

Harvill is one of 10 runners on the Perkins charity team who will pound the pavement for 26.2 miles from Hopkin ton to Boston to raise over \$50,000 for people vho are blind or visually impaired. Harvill has personally committed to raising \$5,000.

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tions will fund the school's on-campus, regional and international programs. energy activities - he

bikes and climbs mountains - but his favorite sport is running for charitable causes. "I have run close to 30 marathons, and I get the most enjoyment knowing that I'm helping others," he said. That's especially true

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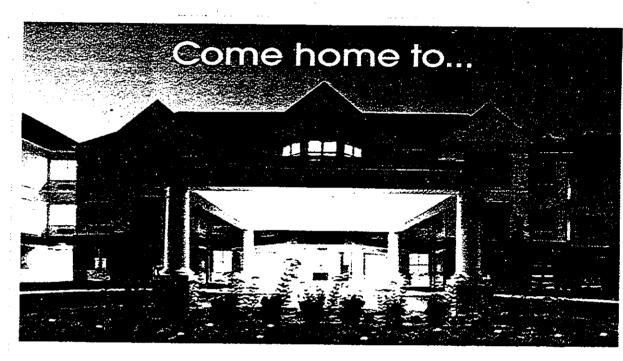
people who are blind or deaf and blind, including those with additional disabilities. Founded in 1829, Perkins pursues this mission on campus, in the community and in more than 60 countries around the world. Learn more online at www.Perkins.org.

> an institution like Perkins. "I consider it an honor to be part of the team that will represent the school in the Boston Marathon," he said. Harvill is vice president of corporate development at ITC Holdings

when Harvill runs for

Corp. This will be his

first Boston Marathon "Every marathon I have run has been an adventure, and I don't expect the 2012 Boston Marathon to be any different," he said, "The history and stature of the race is such that I consider it a once-in-alifetime opportunity.



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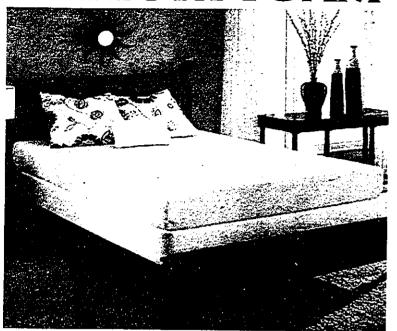
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## Learning to read



Sarah Porter reads with her daughter Penelope, 2, on March 29 at the Novi Library. More nformation about the library, which is located at 45255 10 Mile Rd., can be found at

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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

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 imagina-tions 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 six-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. Regis-

Help for Families from OLHSA Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, April

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. English Conversation Group

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 and

Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversa-tion 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 get home.

**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-Sook Shin. Feel free to bring a snack. Intermediate Microsoft Word

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April Details: Basic Word skills taken to the next level with advanced formatting, citations, and editing features. Registration required.

**Battle of the Books** Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 14 Details: Come and enjoy this great event designed to promote the sport of reading! Fifth and sixth grade students read from a list of six books and then participate in a contest where each team answers questions about those books as a team. Teams have been determined for this year, but applications are available in early December for next year's Battle. Microsoft PowerPoint Basics

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 Details: Learn the basics of creating dynamic visual presentations using the many features from Microsoft PowerPoint. Registration required.

**Open Office Hours in the Local History** 

Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, April 16 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.

Coffee with the Superintendent Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 and 10:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April

Details: Enjoy coffee and conversation with twice a month through May.

AARP Listens to Michigan: The New Healthcare Law and Future of Reform Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 Details: Andy Farmer, AARP's Assistant Director for Health and Wellness for the State of Michigan, will be leading this community conversation. The progress and unfinished business of healthcare reform in America will be discussed. Hear about major public policy issues that the new healthcare law begins to address. Please register.

E-mail Instruction for Seniors Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18

Details: Personal instruction by a Librarian on e-mail basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed. Registration required.

Transferring VHS to DVD

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 Details: Learn how to transfer your VHS tapes onto a DVD using the Library's Creation Station. This presentation will walk you through the process step-by-step so you can transfer those home videos from tape to disc. THIS IS NOT A HANDS-ON WORK-

Friends of the Novi Public Library

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 Details: Everyone is welcome to the board meetings and we cordially invite you to attend and become our friend. **Library Board Meeting** 

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 **Details:** The Library Board Meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center - Council Chambers. The Library Board meets to discuss planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget, and broad operational oversight of the Library.

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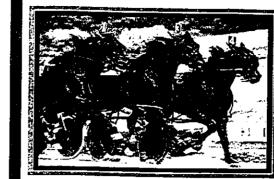
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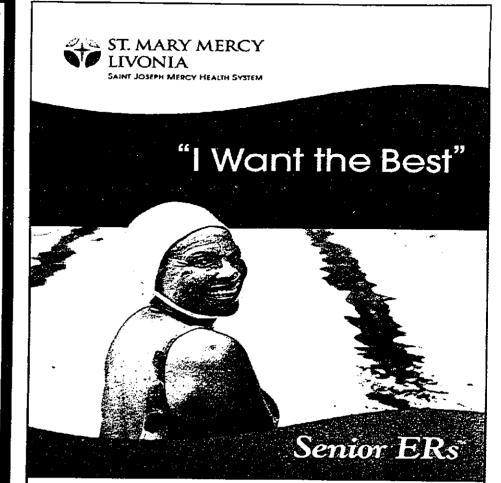
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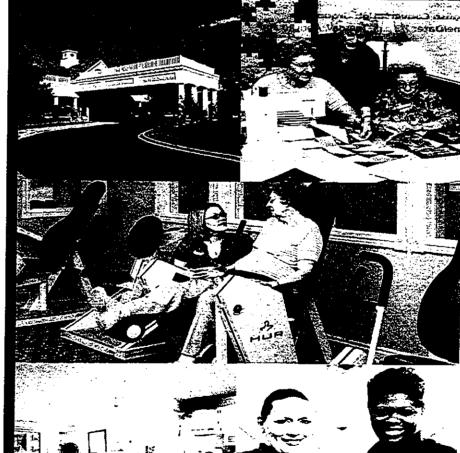


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# Top 3 hitters return for Novi sluggers

Wildcat baseball gives up power, gains versatility

By Chris Jackett

Although the Novi baseball team graduated a lot of power last season, this year's squad is sure to ntertain with their range of abilities to cover just about any situation.

"We are a very versatile athletic team with a lot of players who can play nultiple positions," said Novi coach Rick Green, who's in his 13th season as the Wildcats' leader. After finishing 18-12

in 2011, three players expected to return the impact they made last season are captain.Jimmy Eloff and assistant capains Logan Regnier and Tyler Schwanz. Although all three pitched in vary ing amounts last season they were the Wildcats' top three batting leaders.

Regnier led the team with a .451 batting average and team-high 30 RBIs to go with 10 stolen bases and nine doubles. Schwanz batted .446

with 18 RBIs, while Eloff

hit .433 with 27 RBIs, 10 doubles and a team-high three home runs and .629 slugging percentage. Mario Ferrini (.219, zero RBIs) and Ryan Caputo (.417, seven RBIs) to become bigger impact

of those players who has

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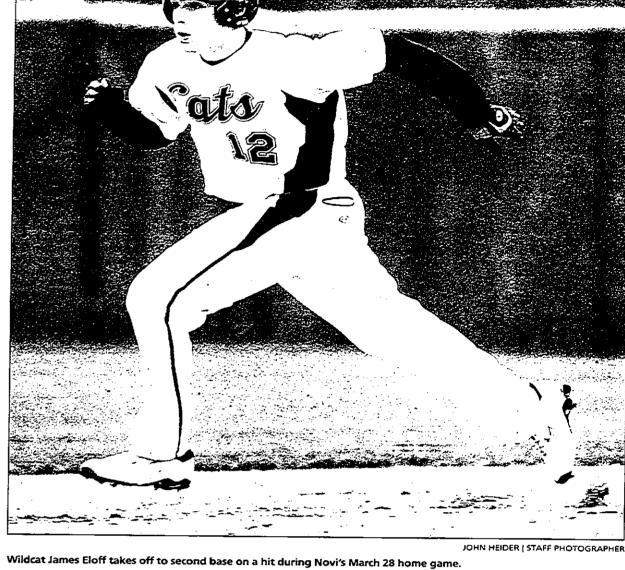
The Novi sluggers started the season with a Tuesday doubleheader at home 3:30 p.m. against Walled Lake Western before hostina North Farmington 4 p.m. Vednesday and visiting Walled Lake Central Saturday for a double-

really gained strength and speed in the offseason, as well as Ryan Caputo, who will play center and pitch," Green

Caputo only saw four innings of action on the mound last season, but had the lowest ERA on

most innings logged is Eloff, who threw 38.1 last season, went 4-0 and had the second-lowest ERA at 3.83 to go with 18 strike outs and eight walks. However, he gave up 20 doubles, 15 more than any other Novi pitcher.

innings of action, but had the third-highest Wildcat ERA at 7.48 and finished 3-4 with the team's lone save. He also had 27 strikeouts and 29 walks behind a strong arm. Green said other start ers would be Matt Forche



# Wildcats ready to hit fairways

Golfers lose one starter from conference championship squad

By Chris Jackett

Novi's boys golf squad has a lot of potential this season with a lot of returning stars from last seasons KLAA Central Division runners-up and Kensington Conference

The squad's top four include junior Brad Kozinski, senior Johnny Walker, sophomore Gar ret Buckley and junior Jason Carless, who were all on varsity and shot below 80 last season. The team was 7-3 in

"We have a great makeup of experienced last year and some good young players that are

on the team for the first Huss said. "We qualified for the team regional and our goal this year is to make it to team States. We lost only one starter from that squad."

Huss' top four were heavy on the accolades last season, as each earned first-team All-KLAA honors, while Kozinski was also All-"He had a very good

sophomore year and averaged 39 in dual meets and 79 in tour naments," Huss said of Kozinski. "He will be one of our leaders this season and I expect him to have a very good year. He is a nice young man who has the potential to

time he plays."
As the lone senior, Walker is also expect-"His last three tournament scores last year

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at the KLAA, Districts and the regional were all below 80 and I am excited about his senior year," Huss said. "He can compete against the best and do well." Battling for the fifth and sixth spots on the

varsity card are junior

Mike Wenzl, who has some varsity experience, as well as senior Alex Roberts and fresh man Bryan Fegert. "Alex is a first-year junior, but he has a lot of talent and has been concentrating on hockey

Please see GOLF, B4

### Girls lacrosse debuts Novi's golfers (7-3 in 2011) start the season 9 a.m. April 21 with as newest Novi sport the squad splitting for both the Dick's Sport-

Trio of multi-sport student-athletes poised to lead team into first-ever season

With a history of success in so many sports. Novi athletics is adding one more Girls lacrosse is the latest varsity sport at the high school, the first program addition since field hockey in fall 2008.

"It will be a challenge for us no matter who we play because we are a brand new program and a lot of other schools have been playing this sport for years, first-year Novi coach Caitlin Warda said. "However, the best schools in the state for this sport are Brighton, South Lyon

All three KLAA schools were ranked in the preseason top 10 of Division I. There are 68 varsity girls programs in the state and four girls club programs, including Warda said the past few weeks have

been spent weeding out a lot of new fac-

"Still in the process of recognizing who our key players are so far, but I have been lucky enough to get a lot of natural athletes," Warda said. "The biggest challenge for us internally will be building

ON TAP

Novi's girls lacrosse program swings into with a home opener against Farmington Hills Harrison (0-1). The 'Cats then host both Midland Down (0-0) at noon April 14 and Grosse Pointe South (1-2) 7 p.m.

> the skill level of the girls and develop ment of the sport itself."

Through the first few weeks of practice, Warda said sophomores Haley Park-er, Megan Paul and junior Janice Burnett have all shown potential as impact players this season.

"(They) are three of our top players that I predict will carry us in a big way on our team." Warda said. "We have amazing potential and a lot of talent to work with and I'm excited to teach them everything I know and help the program grow and become a success."

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



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# Wildcats softball gets a major lineup facelift

Decreased participation stretches rosters, keeps talent on JV

With only a few remaining pieces from last season's starting lineup, this year's Novi softball team faces few expectations, which

could be all they need to surprise some people. The Wildcats (11-14 in 2011) enter the season with the need to replace seven starters. With just 20 girls in the softoall program, the varsiy squad is only carrying 11 student-athletes.

"As a coach. I usu ally couldn't do a lot because we didn't have the numbers. This year's even worse," sixth-year Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "Even some of the younger players coming back jumped to lacrosse or just decided not to

Seniors Taylor Scott, Abby Robinson and sophomore Laura Oakley will be some of the few returning players counted upon to provide a consistent spark to the

"I don't want to put pressure on Taylor, but I am expecting her to have a big year," Lulek said of his starting pitcher. "If Taylor pitchcan, we will do well as a

The Wildcats (11-14, 5-5 KLAA Central in 2011) kick off their season 4 p.m. April 18 at Canton (28-6, 9-1 South in

"We will be tested right away in our season opener against a very good Canton team, Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "After this game, I will know about our players and what we will need to work on.'

Robinson (.298 in 2011) will be moving in from left field to the shortstop position while leading off the batting order for the Wildcats. Oakley (.342 in 2011) will start

at first base. Junior Keiley Oppat vill be Novi's second pitcher. Joining her among the varsity lineup are seniors Emi-Iv Bielski, Kasev Richman, Emma Walter and juniors Anna Greulich, Miranda Hanby, Kasey Lowney and Christina

Oakley. "Although we have five seniors, we are very young and inexperienced," Lulek said, "We have benefited from the early season weather and have been able to do quite a few things

everybody along.

"It is very difficult for me to put a label on this team because we are replacing seven starters; five in the infield and two in the outfield. I see a lot of potential in the younger players that should mix well with our five seniors. It's just a matter of how quickly they come together as a

Lulek said some of the trouble last season was that his players knew they were good and got a big head about it, leading to some unexpected

"We may do better this year just because of the personalities and the way they work," Lulek

Among the five seniors were the Wildcats' top pitcher, catcher, shortstop, third baseman, second baseman and centerfielder, most which made the varsity squad as underclassmen.

\*Colleen Kolis will be tough to replace," Lulek said of one of his 2011 graduates, a third baseman, "In my 18 years of coaching varsity softball, Colleen is the best player I ever had."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff

# Trio of ties have Wildcats looking for back of the net

Novi kickers struggle to finish in close contests

**By Chris Jackett** 

After winning two-straight Division I state titles the past two seasons, Novi's girls soccer team is undefeated through three games this season, but have yet to win a game either. The Wildcats tied all three.

Novi (0-0-3) hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer in a 0-0 tie March 28 before hitting the road for the first time this season in a 1-1 draw March 29 at Canton.

"In the Pioneer game we dominated play, but played without urgency and did not really pressure the Pioneer goal until the last 10 minutes of the game," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We outshot them 31-1, with most shots going over, wide or right at the goalie. It was a very disappointing tie and we are going to have to learn to play with desire and passion."

Although both games ended in a draw, the contest against the Chiefs was a much tougher test for the Wildcats. Senior Jessica Jarvis headed in a throw-in by sophomore Taylor Paylika

for the Wildcats' lone goal of the week. O'Leary credited all sophomores Gabby DeLeon, Jacqui Kozlowski, and seniors Shelly Yusko, Jarvis and Sam Pavlika with "outstanding games." "In the Canton game we played better

and tied 1-1," O'Leary said. "It was an

evenly played game with Canton hold-

ing a 12-9 shot advantage, with both

teams having seven shots on goal." Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and



Gabby DeLeon fends off an Ann Arbor Pio neer during the teams' March 28 match.

### ON TAP

Novi's girls soccer team (0-0-3) heads south for two games spring break. The 'Cats first visit Ann Arbor Skyline (2-2-1) 7 p.m. April 12 and then Saline (0-1-1) 3 p.m. April 14. Skyline lost to Plymouth Salem 3-1 March 26 and beat Plymouth 3-0 March 27, while Saline tied Canton 1-1 March before losing 1-0 at Brighton March 29.

# Shamrocks have eye on state championship

By Sam Eggleston

Dave Wilson has never been the kind of coach the pulls any punches. He's straightforward, he's honest and he's the first to tell

So when Wilson was asked what the team's goals where this year, there was no doubt he was being honest when he

"(A) state championship," he said. And why not? The Shamrocks have been an extremely competitive team for nearly all of Wilson's seven years at the helm. He knows the CHSL conference's capabilities as well as what it takes to win a title. His team had a 13-6 record last year and

ended their season in the regional finals game. This year, they have the weapons they need to move past that point. Returning players this year include midfielder Nick Gingell as well as a trio of

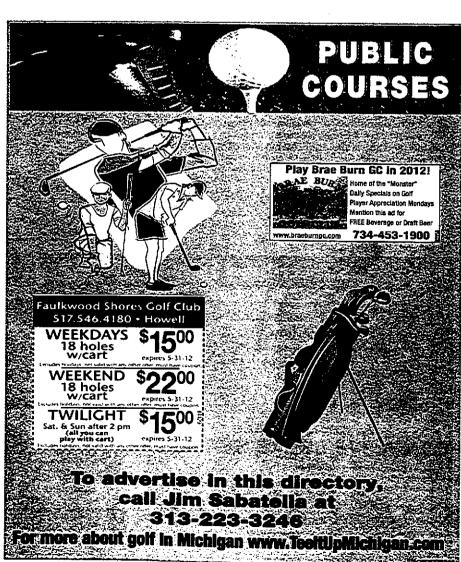
reault. Senior Mike Mullen is also back this season as an attack. Gingell, Mullen and Perreault are captains this season. Wilson said the biggest challenge his team

faces this year is having seniors step into new and unfamiliar roles-though he's confident in their ability to make the appropriate adjustment. Another key in making the 2012 season

into a title run?

"(We need the players) to get to know each other." Wilson said, noting the need for team chemistry with any squad looking to compete in the Catholic High School League and beyond. Also on this year's team are seniors Dan-

ney Meyers, Évan Andrewski, Brett Mizzi, Dylan Neal, Trevor Sabo, Mike Brzezinski and Joe Schmitz; juniors Nate Cantin, Brady O'brien, Matt Lahey, Joe Makela, Andrew Nemes, Jon Conley, Adam Finley, Mitch Messner, Dam Davakus, Alec Gilhoo ly. Chris Naubert and Antonio Colucci; and sophomores Marc Longe, Sean Birney and



# Novi netters add pair of talented freshmen to singles lineup

Doubles teams to play musical flights for first week or two until chemistry is found

By Chris Jackett

There are still a lot of questions with who is playing in what flight as Novi's girls tennis team prepares for this afternoon's season opener against Rochester.

A few things are for sure. Senior Abby Wang will return in the one sinbest player. However, the two singles flight and possibly the three singles flight are both likely to be filled by freshmen this afternoon as Erin Day and Dhivya Sridar break onto the varsity tennis scene.

"If they're underclassmen, they have to be in the top 14 to play KLAA, said Novi coach Jim Hanson, who is in his 28th season at the helm. "Abby is one of the best players ever at Novi High School. Day had a good tryout and is our second best player on the

singles juniors Caitlin O'Brien and Rebecca Chen will likely become a doubles team.

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Novi varsity tennis player Dhivya Sridar in action on March

Sixty student-ath-

letes tried out for the

36-44 total roster spots

between both the varsity

and junior varsity teams

Despite losing five of his

Hanson still have a lot of

returning firepower.

Early match-ups at

omore Asawari Kanit-

singles flight, where-

practice indicated soph-

kar will return to the four

top eight doubles players,

"We're playing a lot of matches amongst the players," Hanson said. would probably be playing singles. We've got a lot of kids back. We have experience, but we also have a young team, too.'

kicks off 4 p.m. today taking time off for spring break until South Lyon East visits April 10.

Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou, who played three and four doubles last season, are competing with seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka for the one doubles position.

"They're going to have to play well this year and how we do is going to depend on their performances," Hanson said. "But then we're going to have to get contributions from other kids "

Stepping up from JV competition last season. sophomores Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz are teaming together and couple battle with seniors Angela Huang and Alice Jiang for the four dou-

"In terms of partners, other than Emily Sheeran and Amy Zhou, and Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, who played together last year, we're just going to mix and match," Hanson said. "O'Brien and Chen, who played singles last year, will probably play some doubles. Bailey and Fawaz up from JV last

After finishing second in the KLAA Central Division and 11th at the Division I state meet, Hanson is looking to solve the puzzle of his lineup quickly.

year will probably play

"The sooner the betour lineup. It'll be a ben efit to our team instead of uncertainty." Hanson said, "In our top 12, we could have the four sophomores and two freshmen. That's a lot of youth involved. We're pretty much focusing on that

as when we want to have our lineup set."

Others looking to break into the lineup are senior Natalie Doherty, who played five and six doubles last year; Melanie Murphy and Abigail Swain, who both moved up from JV; and senior Yolanda Zhang, who is a foreign exchange student with singles experience. but is more likely to be used in doubles.

Hanson said Northville will again be a big challenge this season with additional KLAA and regional threats from Brighton, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

"They have a number of kids coming back,' Hanson said of the Bulldogs and Mustangs. "Brighton was fairly young last year, but they lost a lot of girls at the top of their lineup."

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

cats were able to pull it out

"It could've went either

for a 4-6, 6-3, 10-8 victory

way," Hanson sad. "I was

pleased with the kids for

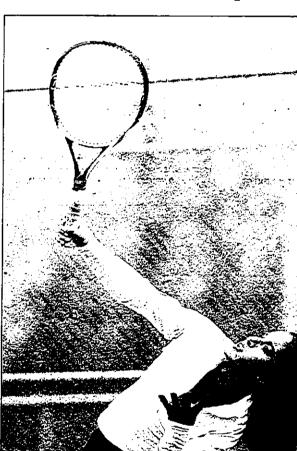
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though.

# Wildcats pluck win away from Falcons



JOHN HEIDER [ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi Wildcat #4 singles player Asawari Kanitkar competes on March 29.

## ON TAP

Novi's girls tennis team (1-0) will allow the reserves and junior varsity student-athletes to battle South Lyon East Tuesday and South Lyon April 12 before heading to the Saline Invite April 14.

"Hopefully by that Saturday we'll have our lineup." Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We just have to continue to work at practice. Most of our practices are pretty com-

Although a few doubles players were missing Novi's girls tennis team the season with a 7-1 victo-ry Mach 29 against Roch-

The Wildcats (1-0) swept the four flights of doubles and the top three singles flights to show they didn't lose a step from last sea-

Senior Abby Wang led the way with a strong 6-0, 6-0 victory at one singles while freshmen Erin Day and Dhivya Sridar made their varsity debuts with her two singles match 6-3. 6-0 and Sridar won the three singles flight 6-2, 6-3.

"Abby's one of the best players in the state. She yed extremely well. She played a good on-Jim Hanson said. "I think,

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for the first match out. both of the freshmen

played extremely well. No surprises, per se, but I thought the freshmen played well." Sophomore Asawari Kanitkar had a grueling contest at four singles

> points in both sets before maxing out the tiebreaker. Despite a solid effort, Kanitkar lost 5-7, 7-5, 10-8 At one doubles, senior Emily Sheeran and soph-

omore Amy Zhou battled through a back-and-forth match for a 6-4, 6-4 victory.
"They were down in the one out," Hanson said.

that went into extended

hold them off."

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Fawaz and junior Melanie Murphy won with similar ease in their varsity debut at three doubles, sweep ing their match 6-0, 6-0.

duo still managed a 6-0, 6-

1 victory. Sophomore Dina

However, senior Angel: Huang and junior Abigail Swain had a battle at four doubles. The pair of Wild-

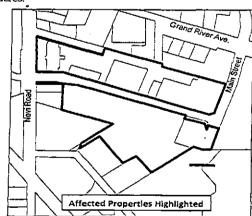
first set and pulled that "Sheeran/Zhou had a battle. In the second set, we were ahead and had to

With junior Rebecca Chen filling in for senior Emily Kwederis as the two doubles partner of senior Ori Nagasaka, the

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider a recommendation to City Council for site plan amendments to SP 95-53 MAIN STREET NOVI and to consider NOVI MAIN STREET CONDOMINIUM AND MAIN MARKET CONDOMINIUM SP12-16 for a recommendation to City Council for dissolution of the two condominiums. The property is located south of Grand River and east of Novi Road and is approximately 20 acres.



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# Catholic Central returns nine seniors to golf lineup

# Squad looking to be competitive throughout the year

There's one thing for certain when you return a large class of seniors to your roster-you can check experience off of the must-have list.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, led by coach Bill Hayes, returns a whopping nine seniors to the lineup this year, including captains Owen Franks and Patrick Luther. Joining them as a team leader is junior Charlie Green.

"The captains have playing experience, but will need help from (the) others," said Hayes.

His squad also has seniors John Dolley, Eric Dooley, Joey Hanba, Dave Nietzke and Dominic Scopone as well as juniors Corey Szmadzinski, Preston Dolley, Amir Jairazbhoy, Joe Lawless, Ryan DeWan, Austin Koeszar and Phil Richie. Joining them will be lone sophomore Domenic Mancinnelli and freshmer

Will Coffman and Glenn Piot. "Depending on the remaining seniors along with a few underclassmen, we will see how things play out," said Hayes when asked of the

ments that will have to be made this year-and that's just because of the new scheduling tactics that the Catholic High School League has employed. Instead of doing dual meets, the league has optteams as well as allowing squads to

out, but I think it's a good plan," said

The Shamrocks will have a lot of work to do if they hope to repeat some of last year's feats. In 2011, the golf squad won their AA Catholic League division, placed fifth at the district tournament, second at the regional and fifth at the state finals.

# **GOLF**

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but his scores in practice have been exceptional. We are glad he decided to participate this year because he could really solidify our lineup," Huss said. "(Fegert) has experience playing in summer events and he has been very impressive in practice. He made his third career hole in one last week in practice and his scores are in the top three or four to date. He has tremenseason outlook

Of course, he has plenty of adjust-

former staff sports writer for the Northville

dous potential and will be competing in many varsity events this season." With so much talent battling for the few varsity spots, Huss doesn't expect

"I don't think we will have any prob lems with chemistry because they all seem to like each other and they are friends," Huss said. "Most of the varsity players have known each other and played together many times.'

mer staff writer for the Novi News.

ed to attempt tri-matches. This will cut down on overall travel for most schedule more tournaments to play, in

"It will be interesting how this plays

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and Record and Novi News.

things to get out of hand.

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# 'Cats rip through Eagles

Novi tests netminders after taking seven-goal halftime lead, wins 11-5

By Chris Jackett

It's early in the season but Novi's offense isn't where it's expected to be. Ranked No. 22 in the state, Novi's boys

lacrosse team (2-1) jumped out to a 5-1 lead after the first quarter and a 9-2 lead at halftime before testing the waters with the two backup netminders and winning 11-5 against No. 50 Hartland (1-3) March 26. "Offensively the only

thing we were really happy with was the win," Novi coach Nick Zoroya said, "We shot a miserable 22 percent, which is below our standards. There were several doorstep chances that we failed to capitalize on. It was possible to put Hartland away early, but we let them hang around all game. Our goal on offense is to score and 11 points doesn't meet our goals.

Junior Mitch Adams got the start in goal and secured the win with nine saves in 40 minutes while allowing just two goals. Junior Jake Bielenda saved the only shot that came his way in 10 minutes of action, while the Eagles turned into a firing squad on senior Alex Kinnamon. scoring on three of sevON TAP

Novi hovs lacrosse (2-1 ranked No. 22) are off until April 11 when they host No. 20 Farmington

en shots during the eight minutes he was in net. "Our goalies played really well for us again. We have lots of experience in our goalie group and its really helping

so far," Zoroya said. "Thanks to our defense. we were able to keep them to two goals over three quarters. They were able to score three goals in the final minutes while we we're playing deeper into our ly well thus far, but we're expecting them to improve as the season progresses and allow less than five goals a game."

Senior Curtis Herzog scored four times on seven shots, while senior Kent Burnett scored three on eight shots, to lead the Wildcats. "Curtis and Kent both played well for us." Zoroya said. "They are both game-changers and

have the ability to score

at any moment. We think

that, over the course

of the season, they will

help develop our younger players and have us ready for playoffs."

Also tallying points on the scoreboard were senior Adam Haynes (one goal, two assists) sophomore Chris Kennedy (two goals) and junior Lucas Buck (one goal). Kennedy also recorded 11 faceoff victories on the day, which was a still-solid season-low of

45 percent for him. "Chris continues to be solid for us in the starting midfield," Zorova said. "Many teams have a faceoff specialist. With Chris, we have a double threat, a guy that can take faceoffs and stay on the field as a scoring threat. He struggled a little against a quality faceoff specialist who was All-State last season, but overall he's holding his own.'

Despite the team's success, senior Cormac Littleton struggled, committing a team-high four turnovers to go with eight shots that garnered no points.

"Cormac's been playing well for us this sea Zoroya said. "He's a key part of our defense and is expanding his role in our offense every day."

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

# **BASEBALL**

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(.345, nine RBIs), Ryan Davis, Derek Ince (.200, four RBIs), Mike Zugaro (.250, two RBIs), Alex King (.237, six RBIs) and Jeff Weber (.313, eight RBIs) With the toughest competition coming from Northville, Livonia Stevenson and Canton, Green expects Alex Davis (.156. four RBIs), Blake Boron, Grant Wheeler, Alex Barry, Kyle Matel, Mitch Hall and Luke Bageris to serve as key role players, filling in the gaps as needed. With the potential talent, Green is hoping the squad meshes well together as

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they prepare for Tuesday's season open-

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# Novi girls return all the parts for a state title run

# Wildcat program looking to defend conference titles for both genders

(junior) McKenna Burr

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is making great improve-

and pole vault. In addition

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is due to have a break out

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By Chris Jackett

online at hometownlife.com

There's a lot of potential for Novi's track program this season, especially with all of the key student-athletes returning from a squad that finished fifth in Division I last season after winning Regionals, the KLAA, their conference and the county title.

"Keep an eye on the girls, strong squad all the way across," said 11thyear Novi coach Marsha Reid. "We are returning all our athletes that participated in the state meet last year and have some promise for a couple of other areas. I think we are definitely going to surprise Senior D'Mya Davis will

return her burst of speed to the 100-meter dash. while senior Jasmine Ward plans to speed past the 400 races. The 4x100 relay team is also expected to contend at a high level if the girls can stay healthy.

Joining Ward in the 400 run will be sophomore Kerri McMahan, who is also building on her high jump and 800-meter run abilities; while senior Kelly McCloskey looks to

improve on the hurdles. "I think one of the big surprises of this year is going to be the improveplayers besides these consistent scorers," Reid

**ON TAP** earn points in the high It won't be long until the iump, while senior Mike baseline rivalry contest. Jocz returns to lead the Novi and Northville will

faceoff at 3:45 p.m. April "We are looking to con-17 at Wildcat Stadium, tinue to build upon some positives that we had from last year," Reid said. said. "(Sophomore) Tay-Joining Jocz in the sprints will be sopholor and (senior) Sam Pavlika will contribute in the mores Jordan Love and Ali Taha, while Taha also throwing events, (junior) competes in the long jump Jackie Mullins is working on improving her twoand junior Collin Berenmile and also is aspiring to guer returns to the pole bring her mile time down,

> the long jump," Reid said. "Collin Berenger is looking to put his mark in the Senior Zach Masserant will compete in the long

"Look for Ali Taha to

have a breakout year in

year in the hurdles." The Pavlika sisters, who transferred in from Temsprints and shotput, while perance Bedford, are splitsenior Ryan Tgiros, junior ting their time between Josh Squires and senior track and soccer, where Dan Lee will lead the dis-Sam is the Wildcats' nettance runners. "Look for great

improvement from the girls side is that we are (junior) hurdler DaRon Turner as he looks to fill the void left by graduation of Derek Kim." Reid said. "We will be looking for these individuals to help build a program with a ton of younger players that are looking for experience in the big time meets."

With both teams winning KLAA Kensington Conference titles last season Reid expects Livonia Ste venson to contest the boys side and Northville to battle the girls.



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi High track athletes Victoria Cortez, left, and Jackie Mullins practice with their team

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# CC's Beazley finishes with pair of titles

Catholic Central senior captain Kevin Beazley went out on ton with a State Title at 189 pounds, finishing the year 48-1. He is the All-Area Wrestler of the Year after earned a team and individual State Title.

Beazley took out Bedford's Brandon Sunday 6-0 in the finals to finish off the year with an indi vidual and team title. Of the 48 wins, he finished with 36 wins by pin. Beazley also helped the Shamrocks capture a team title with a dominating 47-9 victory against Oxford. At the team finals, Beazley spent just 1:42 on the mat in collecting three

"He's just dedicated. I've never coached an athlete who loved the sport as much as Kevin does, and I think it shoes through his work habits and through his demeanor on the mat," said CC coach Mitch Hancock. 'The kid is an animal. Beazley will continue his career at Old Domin-

First team Ken Bade, Catholic Central

Northville

Mustanas

**GIRLS SOCCER** 

5/3 7 p.m. Salem

5/8 7 p.m. @ Novi

**GIRLS TENNIS** 

4/19 South Lyon East

4/30 Ann Arbor Huron

5/5 TBA @Okemos

TRACK & FIELD

5/1 Association XO North

5/8 @Association XO South

5/14 Port Huron Northern

5/10 7 p.m. South Lyon

4/17 7 p.m. @ Salem

4/24 6 p.m. @ South Lyon

4/26 7 p.m. South Lyon East

5/1 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson

5/12 noon Ann Arbor Pioneer

5/15 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East 5/17 5 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted 4/17 @South Lyon

4/28 8 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer

5/3 @Association Crossover West

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5/8 3:30 p.m. @South Lyon East

5/16 3:30 p.m. Livonia Stevensor 5/18 3:30 p.m. @Salem

5/23 3:30 p.m. South Lyon East

5/21 1 p.m. @University of Detroit

5/15 3:30 p.m. @South Lyon

5/22 8:30 p.m. @Lakeland

5/9 3:30 p.m. Novi

5/12 TBA @Bedford

4/21 TBA @North Farmington

4/28 @ Saginaw Heritage Invita-

The junior hammered his opponents at the individual State Finals at 130 pounds. He won 18-3 in the quarterfinals, 20-5 in the semifinals and 6-1 in the finals. Bade finishes the year with an incredible 50 wins with just one defeat. Bade also had a huge weekend at the team finals with two wins by pin and another

by tech fall to help secure the title.

"He's iust electric." said Hancock. "He puts on a show. You don't get up and go to the concession stands, you want to see him wrestle. He's consistently attacking and aggressive and moving forward. He's the epito me of the style that we want to portray.

man for the Shamrocks. Garcia finished runnerup last year and did one better this year, finishing off the year with a 5-2 win in the finals at 171 pounds. He finishes the year with a 46-3 record as well as a team title the

very humble young man,' said Hancock. "He was. Beazley's workout partner all year, so he had one of the best workout partners in the country. As a sophomore it's impressive for him to make back to back finals appearances at 160 and 171. For him to do that shows a lot of composure, a lot of guts and a will to win." Alec Mooradian,

Mooradian was going for the ultra-rare shot at a fourth state title. He came up one match and one point shy with a 3-2 loss to Brighton's Aaron Calderon in the 152pound title match. He finishes his career with three individual State Championships and two Team Titles sandwiched around a runner-up team finish. He also finished

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR Kevin Beazley, Catholic

FIRST TEAM Ken Bade, Catholic Central Drew Garcia, Catholic Central Alec Mooradian, Catholic Central

Malik Amine, Catholic Cental TJ Fagan, Catholic Central Trevor Zdebski, Catholic Central

Nick Mason, Catholic

Central Bob Coe, Catholic Central Jimi Keller, Novi Trevor Maresh, Northville SECOND TEAM Myles Amine, Catholic

Central Travis Compo, Northville

and a career record with more than 200 wins in his four years with the Shamrocks. He will be going to Columbia University next

'The odds were against him. The kid (a day before the start of the finals) was sicker than a dog," said Hancock. "Alec basically has changed the culture here at CC. He came in as a freshman when I was first starting off as the head coach and basically got this program where it is today in regards to training year around. Catholic Central would not be where it is today without Alec Moo-

Malik Amine Catholic Central The Shamrock sophomore made a run to the finals at 135 pounds. He won his first three match-

### **WRESTLING ALL-AREA**

Logan Crandall, South Nathan Winter, South

> Jake Dobras, Novi Steve Shay, Milford Brandon Calma, Lakeland Luke Patterson, South

go out.'

Trevor Zdebski

Nick Mason.

Catholic Central

The senior had to bat-

tle all the way back from

a first-round defeat at the

He did so in fashion with

three consecutive wins.

including a 3-1 overtime

victory in the blood round

at 160 pounds. Mason suf-

fered a loss before aveng-

ing his first-round loss

to earn fifth place with

an 11-2 win. Mason fin-

Ashland University.

"Nick is one tough.

ished the year 45-11 and

will continue his career at

tough kid," said Hancock.

"He won a big, big match

at the team State Finals.

For him to leave winning

two team titles and being

individual State Finals.

Catholic Central

**HONORABLE MENTION** Catholic Central: Riley Hanson (Jr), Evan Toth (So), Andrew Thompson (Sr), Zack Colone (Sr), Nick Geise (Fr), Casey Hagan (Sr), Alex Goings (Sr),

O'Brien South Lyon: Luke Shepherd (Sr), Jared Aubin (Jr) Novi: Justin Michael (Sr) Milford: Luke Rea (Jr), Noah Hosking (Jr)

Jay Peterson (Jr), Parker

bined 16-4 before falling 9-6 in the finals. He finishes the year 43-7. "He has an incredible

competitive attitude. said Hancock. "The kid loves winning and hates losing. The kid took fifth last year at 112, to bump up almost four weight classes and make the final at 135 is impressive

TJ Fagan **Catholic Central** The Shamrock senior finished off his high school career with a third-place finish at 125 pounds. His final match was especially special for Hancock with Fagan winning 6-4 in overtime to finish with a 26-5 record. In his career he collected four State Titles, two with

cross country and two

two individual All-State

with wrestling to go with

a three-time state places "Here's a kid ho carries a 4.6 GPA," said Hancock. is pretty impressive.' 'He started wrestling as a freshman and nev-**Catholic Central** er any experience before-The most impres-

sive thing for Coe plachand. For him to accoming seventh at heavyplish what he has in the weight is the fact he's still sport is simply storybook so to speak. What a a sophomore wrestling in weight class dominatgreat way to see a senior ed by seniors and juniors. He just missed knocking off eventual State Champ Nick Gadjzkik with a 5-The lone freshman to

4 loss in the quarterfi-nals. He finished off the place for the Shamrocks. Zdebski finished third at season with a 5-2 win to 103 pounds. After falling in the semifinals, he claim seventh and end the finished out the final two year with a 40-9 record. "He was 17-11 last matches with a 9-1 win and a 6-0 shutout to claim vear," said Hancock, "He third and finish the year was 40-9 last year and was the most improved "Here's a freshman who wrestler on our team. I think might be talent-He's only had about 12-

wise and technique-wise 14 months of wrestling might be the best freshexperience. I thought that was pretty cool." man I've coached here at Jimi Keller, Novi CC," said Hancock. "He The Wildcat senior lost in the semis and just absolutely dominated his made a run to eighth in way back into the consolathe state at heavyweight tion bracket. He's a very, to earn All-State honors. Keller also finished third very talented young man. at the KLAA meet and

> ended with a 4-15 record "He is a hard worker that overcame many obstacles to be top eight as an individual, including being one of the lightest wrestlers at 222 pounds,' said coach Brad Huss. Trevor Maresh,

The Mustang senior made a return trip to the State Finals at 171 pounds. He collected a Wavne County title and is only the third Mustane to do so. He finished the year 43-8.

"Trevor's leadership and wrestling experience and skills will be hard to replace," said Mustang coach Robert Boshoven.

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5/14 @ Ann Arbor Huron

5/2 West Bloomfield

# Prentice resigns from restaurant group

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012 HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

No. VI Chop House made profit, will remain open

Longtime restaurateur Matt Prentice resigned suddenly from the restaurant group bearing replaced as president of the company, which is now called the Epicurean Group, owner and CEO Stanley B. Dickson Jr.

said last Thursday. Dickson, a Grosse Pointe Park attorney and accountant — who said he bought the Prentice company's assets after a bank foreclosure in 2009 was "surprised and disappointed" at his friend's departure after they disagreed over the company's direction.

While Prentice's resignation March 23 with less than a week's notice was "personally difficult." Dickson said, the Epicurean Group will move for ward "positively and with the best team we have ever had on board."

Prentice — who at age 22, opened his first eatery in Oak Park in 1980 - did not return calls for comment Thursday. Chief Operating Offi-

cer Eric Djordjevic, who joined the company last July from the Detroit Athletic Club, has replaced Prentice as president. Before arriving at the DAC in 2006. Diordievic (pronounced Georgia-vitch) was general manager of Tapawingo in Ellsworth and the Ritz-Carlton Cleveland and was food and bever age director of Bay Har bor Yacht Club in north-

ern Michigan. Dickson calls him "a superstar.' Épicurean's 15 businesses - including Coach

Insignia in Detroit, No. VI Chop House in Novi, Northern Lakes Seafood Co. in Bloomfield Hills and four delis in Oakland County — are all on track to make a profit this year and will continue to operate unchanged, Dickson

The company is also going ahead with plans for Gastronomy, a destiformer Morton's steakDickson also cited "communications prob-

JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Prentice, in front of Novi's No. VI Chophouse in the

house space in Southfield.

But some of the oth-

announced in January

er new projects Prentice

won't materialize, and at

of Morels in Farmington

Disagreements over

Morels were the appar-

ent cause of Prentice's

was planned for a par-

departure. The project

tially finished restaurant

building on Northwestern

Hills and was expected to

But with design work

its put on carpeting, the

company discovered pre-

under way and depos-

viously unknown prob-

Highway in Farmington

open soon-

Hills — is uncertain.

least one — a new version

Crowne Plaza Hotel, resigned last week from the company

hospitality. He also announced that

utive chef at Northern Lakes Seafood, is the company's new corpo rate executive chef. And Rochester native Adam Hightower, formerly of Iridescence at Motor City Casino, will be Gastronomy's chef.

In the long term, Djord lems with the building, Dickson said, "and I thought it was prudent to take more time before we signed the lease." Prentice wanted to move ahead and put down additional deposits, he

"We were very close to a lease when Matt announced his resignation." Dickson said. The project may go ahead but we will not go forward until we do a thorough investigation," he said.

lems" and said he had "very little knowledge" of some of the other projects Prentice had talked Diordievic, 33, of Bev-

erly Hills said customers won't see any differences in the company's food or

Travis Wavnick, exec-

jevic said, the company vill "become much more focused on who we are and what we're about.' Referring to the name Epicurean Group, he said, "We want to focus on the luxury and the lifestyle of food and bev-

erage and dining in gen-Other long-range plans include a move into pro viding nutritious food for venues such as hospitals, Dickson said.

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### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Novi promotes business friendly environment

BUSINESS

In an effort to assist the Novi business community, Novi City Council approved two resolutions at the regularly sched-uled Monday, March 26 City Council

The first resolution will assist Novi

businesses with visibility and promotion of retail sales during the Grand River Avenue rehabilitation construction project. The temporary promotional sign allowance will give Novi businesses a one-time, additional business sign through Sept. 15. Grand River Avenue businesses affected by the construction are encouraged to submit a temporary sign permit registration form for approval by the City of Novi Community Development Department

In addition, Novi City Council suspended an ordinance which required restaurants to wait until April 15 to open outdoor seating at area restaurants. Warm weather allows and encourages early seasonal use this year.

City council has also streamlined the process of an outdoor seating application, eliminating certain submission requirements which deemed costly to business es. Now an application that provides suffi cient information for the building official to determine compliance with the outdoor seating provisions of the outdoor seating requirements of the ordinance will be sufficient to meet the standards

To apply for a temporary promotional sign and learn more about outdoor seating in Novi, visit InvestNovi.org.

### **CFCU** issues inaugural **Community Matters report**

Community Financial Credit Union released its first Community Matters report highlighting its support of each of the communities it serves, including banking and philanthropic efforts. Community Matters looks back at 2011 and combines both the traditional financial report typically seen in an annual report, with a deeper look into

the credit union's support of nonprofits

education and other community-based

organizations and events. 'As a community-focused credit union, the work we do goes beyond just helping our members' with their finances," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president/CEO. "We wanted to

share things we are doing with the residents in the communities we serve to let people know that we are here to support them, and their community, now and well into the future."

Community Financial serves the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi; as well as Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties.

The Community Report is available at all Community Financial branches as well as online at www.CommunityMattersReport.org.

### Retailers wary of rising gasoline prices

Michigan retailers are growing more concerned about the price of gasoline. although retail sales held up in February despite rising prices at the pump, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Concern was evident as retailers' three-month sales projections dropped to their lowest level since October. "Gas prices" were the most frequently voiced concern.

February's retail sales, however, were stronger than a year ago and didn't fall off much from January's strong perfor-

The Michigan Retail Index for February found that 48 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 28 percent recorded declines and 24 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 59.3, down from 63.8 in January and up from 59.1 in December.

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 61 percent of retailers expect sales during March-May to increase over the same period last year, while 11 percent project a decrease and 28 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 67.9, down from 78 in January.

National sales rose by 1.1 percent in February, the biggest gain since September, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Sales grew 0.8 percent excluding gas stations.

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4/21 TBA@Farmington Hills Mercy

5/5-6 TBA @Michigan Stars Invita-

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GOLF 4/16 3:30 p.m. @Brother Rice/Divine Child 4/20 3:30 p.m. Lutheran North/Orchard Lake St. Mary's 4/21 TBA @Pinckney Tournament 4/22-23 Noon @Indianwood Tour-

4/26 3:30 p.m. @DeLaSalle

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5/14 11 a.m. @HVS Invite/Milford 5/16 TBA @Oakland County Tour-5/21 1 p.m. @University of Detroit

Novi Wildcats GIRLS SOCCER All games 7 p.m. unless noted

3/28 5:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Pioneer 3/29 @ Canton 4/12 @ Ann Arbor Skyline 4/14 3 p.m. @ Saline 4/17 South Lyon East 4/19 @ Northville 4/24 Plymouth Salem 4/25 @ Livonia Stevenson

5/1 6 p.m. South Lyon 5/3 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East 5/8 Northville 5/15 Livonia Stevenson 5/17 @ South Lyon BASEBALL

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5/17 6:30 p.m. Holt **GIRLS LACROSSE** All games 7 p.m. unless noted 4/10 Farmington Hills Harrison 4/14 12 p.m. Midland Dow 4/18 Grosse Pointe South 4/23 7:30 p.m. @ Grosse Pointe South 4/30 @ Farmington Hills Harrison

5/14 TBA @ KLAA Championship/

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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 Oak land County Business Center.

> and SBA Source Book. No refunds. **Facebook for Business:** Introduction to Social Media Marketing and using Facebook for Business

Thursday, April 5, 9 a.m.-noon.

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Wednesday, April 11, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$30 person. No refunds. The fee is \$20 per person (make checks This intensive, 11-week program is payable to SCORE). Includes: Handouts

> mize cash flow for profitability. 8:30-11:30 a.m.

4/27 @ Saline 5/2 Walled Lake Northern 4/16 Ann Arbor Greenhills 5/12 12 p.m. @ Midland Dow 4/17 @ Plymouth Salem

# **BBB:** Beware of timeshare scams

It is a common scenario Someone receives a mailer or email offering a free trip or other fantastic prize and all he or she has to do is sit through a half-day seminar. Once the victim is there, the company turns on the high-pressure tactics in an attempt to sell a timeshare.

Often, the offer is legitimate, if unwanted. Other times, the offer is a scam meant to bilk honest people of thousands of dollars. Such scams have prevailed for decades, and most savvy consumers are wise to

So, the con artists have changed their game, prompting new warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and enforcement efforts from the Federal Trade Commission.

The Better Business Bureau received more than 2,600 complaints nationally about timeshare resell companies last year, and almost 200 more in January 2012. Some complain about available dates or other management issues, but many allege that companies collected money for fees or other charges and then disappeared.

Corpus Christi resident Thur man Huddleston complained to BBB after wiring more than \$10,000 to a Dallas company promising to sell him a time share in Mexico.

"The people were good," he said. "I really beat myself up, because I should have known better. It just sounded like a viable thing.'

Huddleston said when he first got the call, he researched the company online and did not find any red flags. When the company asked him for a payment to cover the closing costs, he did not hesitate. He wired the money, leaving no trace for law enforcement to follow later.

Then they came back and asked for more money to cover the annual property taxes "So that sounded a little fishy,

but I figured they probably won't (let me buy a unit without paying taxes)," he said. "That should have been the last red flag, but once you've got that much money in it, it's hard to walk away.' Soon after, the company

he was dealing with became impossible to contact. Huddleston suspects the timeshare never existed to begin with. Now that people are more



aware of scams like the one Huddleston fell for, scammers have started targeting victims that might not be as diligent: current timeshare owners.

The FTC cracked down on telemarketers claiming to have buyers lined up, then disappearing with the thousands of dollars owners paid to cover fake closing costs or as a depos-

it that would be later refunded. The FBI reported a similar scam, with a con artist contacting the victim by phone or email and promising to sell the victim's timeshare in a short time, often between 60 and 90 days. The scammers asked for hundreds to thousands of dollars to cover anything from closing costs to listing fees.

Sometimes, according to the FBI's warning, the victims are then contacted a second time this time by someone claiming to be from a recovery company The scammer, who may be connected with the original resale company, tells the victim that he can recover the lost money for a fee.

Once again, the scammers disappear after the victim pays.

Huddleston said that though he lost thousands to the con artists who contacted him, and he feels like a dupe for falling for the scam, he is just happy to

have learned his lesson. "I didn't get too angry over it. I hated to lose the money, but I learned a lot," he said, "The next time somebody calls, I've graduated from that class." When buying or selling a timeshare, BBB offers the fol-

lowing tips: Beware of upfront fees. Though there may be closing costs or other fees associated with purchasing a timeshare, be wary of any company that pressures you to pay any such fees upfront or before reviewing any contracts.

 Read the fine print. Especially when selling a timeshare make sure to read the contract carefully. Find out if the company is actually selling your timeshare or simply charging you to advertise the listing

 Start with trust. Visit www. bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review for a company before paying any money.

# plaintiff may have case

By Robert Meisner

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

A: In the past, I would have said you were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held that the



purchaser's decreased economic desirability were cognizable injuries which could

Q: Can you give me any ideas with respect to what it Islands, which I hear are

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Peru has a better exchange rate than Brazil and Argentina your opportunities for investment are greater in terms of getting the benefit of your dollars'

lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survivshipping/handling, Call (248) 644-4433 or visit brneisner@

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18625 Devonshire St	\$310,000
32471 Madison St	\$130,000
31699 Southview St	\$232,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1116 Buckingham Ave	\$299,000
1085 Chapin Ave	\$477,000
1028 Chester St	\$315,000
232 Pilgrim Ave	\$513,000
1792 Pine St	\$ <del>444</del> ,000
400 Southfield Rd Unit 9	\$175,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

1736 Hamilton Dr	\$200,0
2905 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$98,0
984 Waddington St	\$790.0
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	4.44,
4646 Benstein Rd	\$81,0
3826 Ranya Dr	\$228.0
3613 Sleeth Ct	\$158,0
5988 Strawberry Cir	\$342,0
FARMINGTON	
23941 Whittaker Dr	\$178,0
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21413 Archwood Cir	\$120,0
28226 Belicrest St	\$160,0
37280 Chelsea Ct	\$241,0
28415 Inkster Rd	\$125,0
30024 W 12 Mile Rd	\$29,0
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2347 Carriage Way	\$211,000	28050 Brentwood St	\$25,000
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30736 Ardmore Ct	\$75,000	20018 Covington Pkwy	\$75,000
22539 Cranbrooke Dr	\$68,000	28066 Glasgow St	\$45,000
26250 Fieldstone Dr	\$255,000	20955 Harvard Rd	\$80,000
22480 Havergale St	\$329,000	28482 Marshall St	\$8,000
27887 Hopkins Dr	\$122,000	28482 Marshall St	\$7,000
24775 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$311,000	28995 San Carlos St	\$135,000
22756 Renford St	\$50,000	28468 Selkirk St	\$67,000
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26991 Victoria Rd	\$250,000	9245 Little Farm St	\$94,000
50577 W 10 Mile Rd	\$120,000	8045 Wildwood Ln	\$233,000
OUTH LYON		8100 Wildwood Ln	\$211,000
51959 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000		

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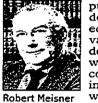
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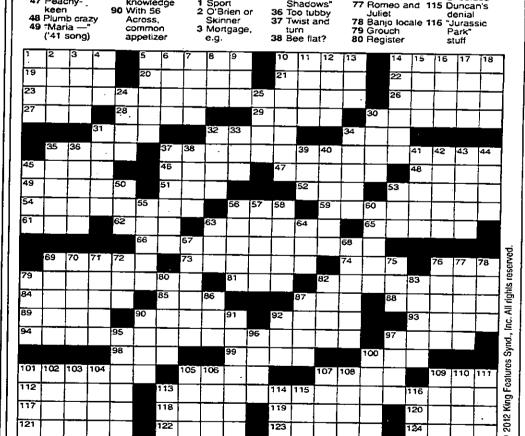
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Regardless of your employment experience. your target industry or the economic climate, you can get a job - a great job - if you are willing to work hard and know how to work smart. Here are some of the very best ideas, strategies and methods for putting your career back on the fast track

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