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The annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony exemplify the spirit of Novi. The parade offers the opportunity for community members to be involved in this special day which honors Veterans, both living and deceased, who sacrificed for the freedoms we all cherish," said Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

"It is a great feeling to be recognized for our service to the U.S.," added Anthony Lolli, WWII veteran and Novi resident. "To me, Memorial Day is about showing respect to all the veterans that have made it possible for people like me to enjoy our freedom every day.

The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. and travels west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center.

Parade entry and veteran registration forms are available at cityofnovi.org. There is no pre-registration for kids participating in the bike parade. Kids, with their decorated bikes, should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Hill Plaza (39555 W. 10 Mile Road, south side, west of Haggerty Road).

For more information, please contact Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager, by calling (248) 347-0414 or e-mailing rzagaroli@cityofnovi.org.



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Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas is preparing for the second annual Book It! fundraiser at the library Friday, April 27. This year's theme is "Hollywood Nights."

Community encouraged to 'Book It' to the library

Annual fundraiser will benefit multimedia collection

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The Novi Public Library is usually the place people go for peace and quiet.

But on April 27, that rule will not apply as the library will be hosting the second annual Book It! Fundraiser to benefit the multimedia collection.

Library director Julie Farkas said the Hollywood-themed event is a fun evening out that also helps the library with needed funds.

"It's important because we want to get the community involved with the library itself and show them when they make a donation we are giving it

right back to them in collections," she said. "Over the last few years we have lost some tax revenue, and this is a creative way to bring back some of those dollars."

The fundraiser takes

place from 7-10 p.m. and features food from Steve & Rocky's, a cash bar, live entertainment, a photo booth, silent and live auctions and more. Some of the auction items include a Traverse City weekend condo stay, dinner for six at Carrabba's, an iPad2, a weekend car rental from Varsity Lincoln, sports memorabilia and various other items.

The event is for people over the age of 21, and

tickets are \$20 per person

or \$35 for a couple.
"We wanted to make the tickets pretty inexpensive because we want everyone from the community to have an opportunity to come." Farkas said, "You can't even do dinner and a movie with

Tickets are limited to the first 200 attendees, and Farkas hopes to raise \$10,000 to add to the collections of DVDs, Blu-ray discs and video games.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 869-7204 or visit www.novilibrary.org.

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City Council approves lower tax rate

City services won't be impacted

By Nathan Mueller

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said last Thursday that there were "not a lot of big surprises" in the proposed 2012-13 budget.

But that changed Saturday morning, when city council approved a reduction in the millage rate from 10.5416 mills to 10.2 mills without impacting city ser-

vices.
The reduction in the overall millage rate would result in a tax reduction of an estimat-

ed \$981,000. "We will do so by reducing the amount of monies funneled into the drain fund, a fund that is already very healthy," Mayor Bob

Gatt said. General fund expendi-

tures in 2012-13 are estimated to go up from last year to \$29.7 million, as is revenue to \$28.6 million, while fund balance is expected to dip slightly to \$7 million, or 23.1 percent of the expendi-

Pearson said taxable values, which play a big factor in the budget, are down again, but the good news is it's down by less," noting the dip is just shy of 2 percent.

He also said property values are down, but once again, not as bad as many of the city's peers.

"Things are stabilizing," Pearson said. "But it is going to be a slow,

long haul." Changes to employee health care and pensions through contract negotiations, as well as an over-

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Falling enrollment, budget shortfalls in district's future

Wage negotiations to take place with teachers, secretaries, food service

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Superintendent Steve Matthews doesn't mean to be crass when he says "every student is dollars," but that is the reality.

Per-pupil funding is an important part of the Novi Community School District's budget, and based on the presentation by Plante Moran CRESA last Thursday to the Board of Education, enrollment is expected to drop 5.6 percent over the next five years.

"It's a concern," Matthews said. "But we are doing our best to maintain or increase enrollment by working with real estate agents and working with relocation companies and trying to promote our district in

Paul Wills, partner at Plante Moran, said the enrollment decrease is mainly the result of a decrease in birth rates, and believes the enrollment projections to be an estimated 99.4-percent accurate.

He also noted that there is high occupancy in Novi, and the higher home prices capture more families in the middle range and not on the new end.

Some districts in southeast Michigan are projected to lose as much as 22 percent in enrollment, Wills said.

Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business and operations, said district officials trust the informa-

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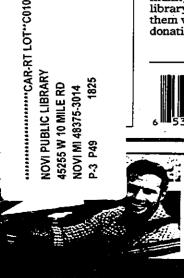
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accordingly. "The pupil count is an integral part of our budget planning and you never know exactly what it is going to be, but we do know our best statistical estimate of what it's going to be," he said.

Budget amendment

The Board of Education received its second 2011-12 budget amendment Thursday as well, with the amendment calling for an increase in revenue by \$118,079 and expenditures by \$782,274.

Planned furlough days that were expected to take place on snow days did not come to fruition and, as a result, the district was forced to increase expenses by an estimated \$374,000.

Paying off the copier lease, completing bus repairs and work on the buildings also cost the district an estimated

The amendment puts the district in a \$2.6 million deficit, which will be made up using fund balance. The fund balance would then be at \$8.9 million, or 12.61 percent of total expenses.

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Looking ahead The future budget projections in Novi are

DISTRICT vide some additional best practice or per-pupil money, as well as look at ways to do some retiretion and are going to plan

"We know going in the budget is going to be tight," Matthews said.

The 2012-13 projection is that the district would have a deficit of \$6.3 million and would have to make \$4.5 million in revenue enhancements/ cost reductions to maintain a 10-percent fund

District officials are currently in the process of negotiating a new contract with transportation employees, and will also be entering into wage negotiations with teachers, secretaries and food service employees.

"We have the opportunity to work with our different groups to identify ways to save dollars," Matthews said. "I know from their perspective they would like to identify ways to increase wages, but ... my perspective is we need to be mindation we are in and plan accordingly.

The board is expected to see a preliminary 2012-13 budget by June 7 and must approve a balanced budget by June 30. People with suggestions about the budget can give

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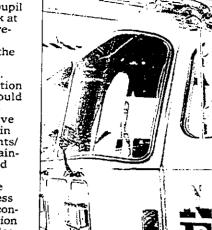
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Novi firefighter Jim Morris takes a look at Engine 4 at the 10 Mile Road fire house April 12. Officials are hoping to replace the engine this upcoming fiscal year. The truck was built in 1995, has about 68,000 miles on it and about 5,400 hours on its engine and pump.

TAX RATE

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all decrease in the workforce over the years, down to 240 employees proposed, has also made the budget easier to manage. Gatt said had the city

not addressed those issues in prior years, the city would be in a "boatload of trouble." "We are in a position now where we are not talking any more layoffs,

he said. "We are in a good position right now." The city also is planning for several proposed cap-

The city council will meet again at 7 p.m. May 2 to further discuss the budget, including the proposal to put an item on the August ballot to allow voters to decide whether or not they want to amend the city charter to increase the local road fund maximum from 1 mill to 1.5

"It would put us in a good position to not just keep the roads in the city where they are at, but make them better," City Manager Clay Pearson said. The full budget can be seen on the city's website at www.cityofnovi.org.

ects next year, including work on several roads. purchasing trucks for the Department of Public Services and replacing a fire engine, among

Also Saturday, the

majority of council voted to remove more than \$3 million of proposed spending on the ring road from Novi Road to Grand River. Council is expected to continue discussion

on the item at an upcom-

ing budget meeting. "By removing that expenditure and keeping that money in our fund balances, the council has decided to take a waitand-see attitude about what happens in that area related to development," Gatt said. "This ring road concept has been on the books for many years. however, since then, both Novi Road and Grand River west of Novi Road have been improved, alleviating much of the traffic problems that had pre-

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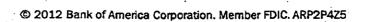
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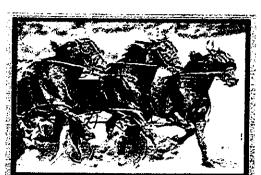
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Kathy Crawford will have all of Novi (district 9) in her jurisdiction under the new Oakland County district map that was approved on Friday. Previously the northern portion of the city was covered by commissioner Phil Weipert.

Crawford pleased with new district boundaries

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her going into Walled

Oakland County Repub-

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licans appealed that map

and pushed for legislation

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved new district boundaries last week, and Kathy Crawford couldn't

e happier with the results Crawford, a Republican which currently includes the cities of Novi. Northville and the Township of Novi — said the redrawn districts will benefit her greatly as she will have all f Novi in her district.

"It's going to make much more sense for me particularly because I will represent Novi, which is what I always wanted to do," she said. "It's the place I know and the people know me,

and I will Michigan Supreme Court. be repre-The vote on the new boundaries Friday passed on a straight party line constitu vote, 15-9, with Crawford in contact absent. She said the commissioners knew she was in favor of the map.

Along with the shift in boundaries, the new plan Currently, Crawford does not have also shrinks the number of the north end of Novi, as commissioners from 25 to that is served by commis 21, and will pit four Demosioner Phil Weipert. cratic incumbents against She was opposed to the map created by the reapeach other and consolidate two Republican districts ntment commission into one district.

Crawford said it would be naive for people to Lake and Wolverine Lake. think the process wasn't political, but noted it always has been

"I just wanted it to make sense for Novi and make

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Narayan Prabhakar, 10, tosses a stuffed toy through a hoop during the April 5 Novi Library Spring Break Carnival. The afternoon carnival of face-painting, games of chance and skill and juggling lessons was organized for those youngsters left in the

'Legally Blonde' opens tonight

Novi High presentation runs through Saturday

By Dylan Fahoome The Wildcat Roar

When Brooke Meisel looked at the cast list for the musical "Legally Blonde," she found something to her liking: her name.

A closer look revealed that she would be playing the lead character, Elle, in her first acting performance since her toddler community the atre years.

"It was unreal." Meisel said. Playing from April 19-

21, the 2012 Novi High School spring musical is one of the most daunting feats the students and staff have undertaken. With 21 major set pieces, two live dogs and almost a dozen different cos tumes for Elle Woods alone, "Legally Blonde is no small show. The show is loud, bright and

Meisel said the expe-

"It's been many different things. It's been stressful, exciting, hectic." Meisel said, "but overall amazing."

Rehearsals began in early February and students dedicated 10-hour days to the show and all it entails from the 17 instruments in the pit to the accents, hairstyles and characteriza-

The role of the energetic and bubbly Elle Woods - played by actress Reese Wither spoon in the film version, the predecessor to the musical - is no simple role.

Though Meisel describes Woods as very positive, outgoing, fun-spirited and genuine, she admits Woods lets the audience know that there's something behind that big blonde hairdo.

"Evervone looks at her as someone they can't take seriously," Meisel said. "They look at her like she's a big blonde joke; but she shows them all that she's more than just

The story follows Elle Woods, UCLA sorority girl heading east to Harvard Law to win back the love of her life. She discovers a calling beyond manicures and hairstyles as she excels as a law student. The songs are catchy and the theme is



Costume co-head Gabby Pichardo adjusts Brooke Meisel's microphone. Meisel's dress was specially altered for her quick on-stage change to reveal the dress she'll wear in

TICKETS

Tickets are available online at www.novi.k12. ni.us/arts/theatre. Online ticket sales are suspended for one hour before each performance and the box office opens at 6:15 p.m.

Those who cannot make it to the show, but would like to support the musical program can donate online at the same site.

universal: don't judge a energy, excitement and book by its cover. great story," she said. Meisel said her favor-"Legally Blonde" is relatively new to the

ite song of the show is "So Much Better," in which Elle celebrates her triumph of attaining an internship with the top Harvard Law professor. "It's a fun part and

it gives a good message, and that is that she doesn't need a boy in her life. She can be independent and still be happy," Meisel said. Student director Sar-

the show develop from auditions through opening week rehearsals. "Everyone's worked really hard, especially with the long hours," Campbell said. "Everyone's really pulled their

Campbell thinks all who come to see the show will enjoy it. "I think the audience is going to love the

year especially with a show that was so popu ah Campbell has seen

lar, due to the movie," publicity head Katalina Faraon said. "We wanted to steer away from how it was publi cized before and make it Novi's own creation and interpretation and create a new spin on the popular icon of 'Legally

high school production

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ber 2011. Novi is one of

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"I feel like we had a

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The cast and crew will take the stage April 19-21 at 7 p.m. at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

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tains of New Mexico. It was a beautiful fall day, the sun was shining and i was about 45 degrees. Water is rare in New Mexico but we found a

spot with a creek, pine trees and plenty of room On this particular day I can clearly remember my mother warning me not to fall into the creek Why would my mother

say something like that? You can guess what happened next... In I My mother told me to go and get the extra set of clothes she had told me to bring, but the probbrought the extra set of clothes. "Why would I," I asked myself, "need an extra set of clothes just

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> So what can we do? We make plans and then we make backup plans. We prepare and then we dou ble-check. We craft several different scenarios so that we are prepared no matter what happens. The commitment our dis trict makes is that as we move forward we will be ready for the challengready for whatever con-

fronts us. I was not ready when I was 8 years old. My mother tried to help me prepare but I would not listen. I learned my les-

to ensure that classroom instruction is consistent The lessons I learned between classrooms and when I was eight are lesbuildings. We are focused sons that I am applying on building a solid assessnow to ensure that our ment system to measure district will continue to student growth and to move forward and take hold ourselves accountcare of the students in able. Support structures

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Novi police chief confident Nerusu will be found

Staff Writer

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy and his staff still meet monthly to discuss any updates in the search for Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu.

Nerusu is believed to have killed his 37-yearold wife, Javalakshmi Nerusu, 14-year-old daughter, Tejasvi Nerusu and 10-year-old son, Siva Kumar Nerusu, in their Novi townhouse in Octo-

Authorities believe Nerusu is somewhere in India, but his exact whereabouts remain unknown. And as the fourth anni

versary of the crimes approaches, there has been recent activity in the case with more agents on the ground in India searching for the 46-year-old Nerusu. He is believed to be in the southeastern portion of the country.

"We have quite a few people in India working on it," Molloy said, mak ing mention of the FBI and United States Depart ment of State.

Mollov also has enlist ed the help of the America's Most Wanted television series, which will



during its twohour show starting a 8 p.m. on Saturday

on Fox.

details of

the case

era crews met with Molloy and lead detective Todd Anger last week and the hope is that people will see the show and tip authorities off to any knowledge of where Nerusu could be. There also is a \$5,000 cash reward being offered. and Anger noted that with the exchange rate it would "make a lot of mon-

ey for someone in India.' According to the America's Most Wanted website, the show has been responsible for nearly 1,200 captures.

"Because of the overall brutality of this case we are going to go to all ends of the Earth to bring this guy back," Molloy said. Police believe Nerusu killed his family in their home, located in the Wexford Townhomes development at 13 Mile and

Novi roads, two weeks before they were found by authorities. He then fled the country on a one-

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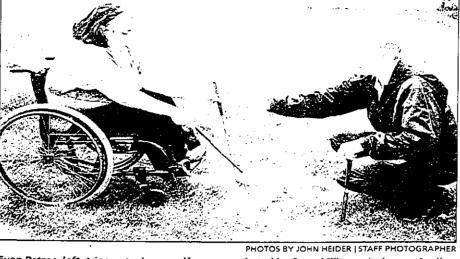
murders. They have a three-count arrest warrant for first degree murder for Nerusu, and if convicted he would face life in prison with no possibility of parole. "He was long gone in

made aware of it," Anger Molloy said even if Nerusu was captured it vould take years to get him back to the United States, with the Indian process causing most of the delays.

India by the time we were

Still he is confident that day will come. Anyone with information regarding Nerusu's where abouts is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100

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Evan Petros, left, tries out a lawn golf game marketed by Scott Millman during an April 12 open house at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America open house. Petros works with the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and its Sports Ability Program. Millman is a

Michigan paralyzed veterans continue educational outreach

Goal is to get vets necessary benefits

By Nathan Mueller

Teresa Millman watched as a woman in her wheelchair perfected her golf swing in the backyard at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America office last Thursday.

Each strike of the ball brought a smile to the woman's face, and tears to Millman's eyes. Millman, who is co-

founder of the Millman N.R.G. Foundation, which stands for no restrictions day at the MVPA's 51st open house to talk about the foundation's partnership with the Novi-based

The foundation's mission is to not only increase participation in the game of golf for those with disabilities, but also be a therapeutic outlet. It was just that on

Thursday. "Seeing the joy on the voman's face is what Millman said. "It's so

inspiring to see." Millman, along with her husband and co-founder Scott, were among a group of at least a dozcase their services and programs that benefit the disabled community. Mike Harris, executive director of the MPVA. said the idea behind the event is to give people a

chance to see what is out



Kevin Elya, right, talks to William Dillon during the MPVA's

there and educate them on the services they are

"Our goal is to make sure the veterans get the benefits they are entitled to," he said. "And it's really an ongoing struggle.'

zation is trying to partner with the state on initiatives that will educate state agencies because they are a "resource when He also said they are

looking to support 52-1

District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie's Veterans Court program.

"It is such a great pro gram and we would like to see more communities adopt it," he said.

Harris also was proud to announce that the orga nization would be participating in the Novi Memorial Day parade for a sec-

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Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 22 Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road (in the Novi Methodist church) Novi Details: This event is open to the public and will

online at hometownlife.com

galore. Admission is free THIRD ANNUAL 5K EMERGENCY RUN AND 1-MILE STROKE WALK Location: Providence Park

include all-you-can-eat ice cream sundaes, children's

entertainment and prizes

Time/Date: Saturday, May 12. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The run and walk both start at 9 a.m.

Details: Everyone is invited to participate. The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at http://cityofnovi.org/ services/ParksAndRec/Programs/SenseOfCommunity. asp#EmergencyRun. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assarian Cancer Center, The Novi Police Department will once again be responsible for all traffic coordination that day, and will maintain traffic flow on the campus during the event.

CONVERSATIONS IN

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

days and Thursdays Tuesday, May 22: Stroke Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent Exercise Details: Sandwiches, salads

and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend. Contact: To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Reg-

istration is free and includes only your name and the contact information that you would like to supply **MUFFLERS & MORE** CAR CARE FAIR

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21 Location: Mufflers and More, 490 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

Details: Open to the public, free of charge – bring your car in for a glance from the pros. Secret giveaways will offer visitors coupons and other great deals. All visitors will receive a free driveway inspection with a detailed

Contact: (248) 668-1200) SAVVY SOCIAL SECURI-TY PLANNING WORK-SHOP

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 Know to Maximize Retirement income. Contact: Reservations are

free, but seating is limited. at (877) 557-4462 or visit www.123RetirementPlann

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP Fime/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23 Location: Holy Family Par-

ish- 24505 Meadowbrook.

Details: Workshop offers a prayerful, practical and perwho are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. Bob La Croix, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Contact: For more informa Catholic bereavement organ tion, contact Julie Paquette zation. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the Holy Family Parish office. Contact: Holy Family (248)

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

Location: Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck and Grand River Time/Date: 8 a.m. Satur-

day, May 12 Details: Everyone is invited to participate – please share this information with your family and friends! The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi org/Services/ParksAndRec/ Programs/SenseOfCommunity.asp#EmergencyRun The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assaran Cancer Center PROSTATE CANCER

PRESENTATION Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12

Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Details: Gary Lalonde. notivational speaker and prostate cancer survivor shares his story on how he is peating his cancer - naturally – in this free seminar. Contact: (248) 735-8100 or log on to the web site www.thebetterhealthstore

BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and

Novi roads) **Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant ar opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available **NOVI SENIOR CENTER** Location: 25075 Meadow-Contact: (248) 347-0414;

Business

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS **NETWORKING BREAK-**FAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney Is land, 21200 Haggerty Road ing focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www. sunrise NETWORK INGgroup com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each

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

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

at (248) 797-1665 or juliepa quette67@gmail.com; www metronovibni.com. **NOVI TOASTMASTERS** CLUB

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi **Details:** Novi Toastmasters

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NOVI ROTARY CLUB Time/Date: Noon every Thursday **Location:** Novi Methodis Church 41671 W. 10 Mile

Details: Lunch is \$10 at

meeting. Visitors welcome Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org **NOVI LIONS CLUB** Time/Date: 6 p.m. social: 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wedne

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower evel, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is to serve the blind and the com-

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Invest in a Complex and Agenda-Driven World Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk noon Saturday, April 21 of foreclosure. Learn how **Details:** Attendees receive to work with your lender to plain-English instruction avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. tools, and tactics used to Please call if you wish to structure a purposeful and that takes into account cur will be scheduled. rent economic conditions. **Book Discussion Group**

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group. **NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY** Location: 45255 W. Ten

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.: Fridayaturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Details: Unless noted beat the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website. Contact: (248) 349-0720

Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details. **Knit 2gether Knitting**

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.n Thursdays, April 19 and 26 Details: If you have a lean ing towards knitting or any

AARP volunteer Burghar Linn, right, assists Novi resident Debra DeMeyere in filing her 2011 federal taxes during a March 29 session at the Novi Senior Center. AARP will continue to offer free tax filing help every Thursday at the center until the

> Help for Families fron Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1:00

p.m. Tuesdays, April 24 and Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingstor Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food, cash, foreclosure, and many other human services. Please call the OLHSA office at (248)209-2686 to make an

English Conversation

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tues-Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conver sation skills. No need to

Novi Historical Commis sion Meeting Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m Wednesday, April 25

Details: Public is always

welcome. Meetings discuss

ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Com-Reference USA Training

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thurs day, April 26 Details: RefUSA is a business directory database offered through the Novi Public Library containing current information on more than 14 million US businesses and 89 million US residents. Learn how to use this powerful business directory to generate lists of potential customers: find suppliers; look up credit rat-

ings; find local businesses; and more! Registration Let's Talk

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26 **Details:** This presentation gives parents and caregivers practical strategies for encouraging their young development. Participants will have an opportunity tion style and learn why it is important to observe, wait. Presented by Early On, Oak-

Book It! Fundraiser Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Fri day, April 27 **Details:** Hollywood Night

land. Registration required

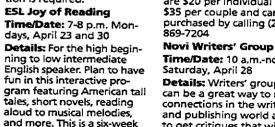
is the theme of this year's evening of shopping, sipping, and sampling to ben efit the library's Multimedia Collections. Enjoy food by Steve & Rocky's, live music silent & live auctions, and a wine/beer cash bar. Tickets are \$20 per individual or \$35 per couple and can be purchased by calling (248) 869-7204

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 28 **Details:** Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in the writin and publishing world and to get critiques that will improve your skills as a writer Come to the Library for an inspirational environmen where you can create and share ideas. This group is

Lego Club Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, April 30 Details: Join us once a

month for Lego show-andtell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For grades K-4.

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Revenue cuts continue to frustrate city leaders

By Nathan Mueller

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson cannot help but smirk when asked about his thoughts on statutory revenue sharing. Nearly 10 years ago the

city was getting more than \$1 million in statuare not there to do it. tory money, and in 2011 they received zero. He doesn't expect 2012

to be any better, and . questions why there are such "wild, un justifiable differences" between the communities in Oakland ing expectations.

"It's a failure by the state government to provide a sane formula," he

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State Rep. Hugh Crawford, Pearson and Novi Mayor Bob Gatt all agreed that the formula whatever it is, needs to be changed, but according to Crawford, doing so would be hard.

He said it has been tried for years, but the votes "All I know is it's not fair and it's very frustrat-

ing," he said. The state has pushed its Economic Vitality Incentive Programs on municipalities, often hinting at benefits for those match

Pearson said Novi implements many of the programs the state laid out, but the city is still not

rewarded for it. to state revenue sharing

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 constitutional and statutory. The constitutional portion is guaranteed and allocates a portion of the state sales tax to local municipalities. The statutory follows a formula that was established nearly a decade ago but leaders say hasn't been followed. Pontiac received the

There are two portions

largest amount of statutory money in the county in 2011 with \$6.5 million. while cities like Ferndale and Hazel Park received \$1.3 million and \$1 million, respectively. Novi did see the largest jump in the county when it came to total revenue sharing, but that was thanks to an increase in population that caused the constitutional portion to rise 22.3 percent to \$3,725,690.

Statutory funds, Pearson said, would have allowed the city to have some money to work on the roads, improve parks and handle other infrastructure work in the city Gatt said while it is "frustrating," there is nothing

they can do about it. "The state has been faced with their own fiscal problems and they are lancing their budget on the backs of a lot of the cities, including Novi," he said. "We just have to adjust.

Looking for improvement



Joe Hay (above) of Dawn Home Construction in Garden City, mops a deck he's built at the March 30 Spring Home and Garden Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The weekend-long show featured lots of ideas from home improvement companies, including decks, hot tubs, and garden landscaping, as well as chairs and umbrellaed

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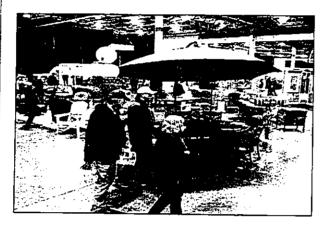
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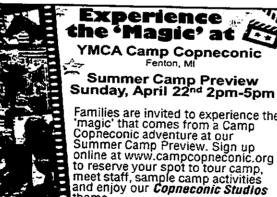
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Rescuers give 'Freeway' second chance

By Sandra Armbruster

online at hometownlife.com

"Freeway" blinked his eyes in the bright sun outside the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Southfield. If he was a bit overwhelmed by all the people gathered around to admire him, he certainly didn't show it. And after all he has been through, a few pats on the head might be welcome.

Freeway's story must have started long before Tom Salwoski of Milford and his son, Gage, discovered him running down the Lodge in Detroit, but that's where we will pick up the story.

"I remember it was at mile marker 12," Salwoski said. It was the Saturday of the Autorama Show in February, and Salwoski, who owns a tattoo studio, was headed there for a promotion event with a radio station Salwoski was in the left

lane when, all of a sudden, cars in front of him started breaking and the swerving out of that lane "Finally, the very last

car swerved (out of the lane), and there was Freeway, running right down the left lane of the Lodge he said. Salwoski was not about to abandon Freeway, "I literally followed him for about four miles. I put my flashers on ... I got a lot of hand gestures (from other drivers).'

A rescuer

Meanwhile, Salwos ki called 9-1-1 to let them know what was going on. He said he didn't want to place Freeway in his car, since it was loaded with equipment for the Autorama and because he didn't know what to expect from the dog in Then, "of all the hun-



Tom Salwoski and his son Gage, 8, with dog Freeway.

Police have no leads.

Another injury

know he had a bullet hole

on his neck," Salwoski said

But the story gets even

more amazing. Remem-

running down the Lodge,

making it a surprise when

the staff learned that the

dog's hip was broken. As

they described it, the ball

the hip socket was broken

of the bone that fits into

ber that Freeway was

dreds of cars driving by," Sue Rudolph, a staff member from Almost Home, was also headed south on the Lodge when she saw Salwoski and the dog. Maybe the dog would have been better named

"Miracle." They put Freeway in the back of the Rudolph's

car, who took him to the shelter. "I wanted to go with him, but there were a lot of people waiting for me,"

had been shot through

There was no bullet or

fragments for police to

kill animal shelter. The

Michigan Humane Soci

ety is offering a reward

incident, but Southfield

for information on the

examine, said Gail Mont-

and through his trachea.

Salwoski said. But he off. So Freeway had surgery for that as well. knew that he just had to see Freeway again. Animals try to hide And so he did. their injuries, said Leon-Veterinary staff soon ard Schwartz of West realized that Freeway was Bloomfield, who also seriously injured. And the was admiring Freeway. miracles started piling up. Schwartza said that hid-It turns out that Freeway ing an injury is a defense

response of an animal. "He is walking really well now, though we are trying to get him to run a little more," Salwosgomery, founder of the noki said. Freeway lifted his head,

giving Salwoski and Gage both a string of wet kiss-

es. "The first time, I put out

my hand and he sniffed it and licked me," Gage said staff describe the dog as sweet and affectionate. The Salwoskis fostered Freeway, and then as soon as Freeway was eligible, they adopted him for good.

Montgomery estimates that it cost "several thousand" dollars for Freeway's surgery. Meanwhile another dog, Eli, was recovering from surgery in the waiting room at the shelter.

Resources needed She admits that the shelter needs "better resources and more foster homes. Montgomery said that people have been "really reaching out," since hearing about Freeway. But that's just not enough for the 55-60

the shelter. That doesn't count those in foster homes, or the dozens of cats housed in a remodeled trailer on site.

What it boils down to is the need for money to keep the shelter operating with eight full- and part-time employees, and to pay for animal medical care and food. So the shelter is having a fundraiser, Pooch-a-Palooza, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at unnar Mettala Park, 645 Mettala Drive, Wixom.

Admission is \$5 for kids and \$7 for adults. The event will include animals up for adoption, vendors, kids activities. Zumba, refreshments, air brush tattoos and prizes "Times are really hard," Montgomery said, wea-

riness creeping into her

due to foreclosure have left their pets tied up and alone

"We just really need help," she said, adding that Almost Home is a small shelter and she is hoping that the right organization will step up to help. "Frankly, we're tired. You can never get any sleep. You can't say no (to taking in an animal). They are living beings, they need to be cared for.'

Then Montgomery brightens as she thinks about Freeway. "We're so happy to be

honored to have saved him," she said.

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was united in marriage to Harry A. Cikanek, Jr. on August 31, 1956; celebrating 47 loving years together before he passed away on January 14, 2004. After raising her children she received her Bachelor degree from Madonna University. For over 20 years she VELMA J. Age 85, passed away April 11, 2012, peacefully at home with family present. She was born on March 20, 1927 in Flint, to the worked for the University of late Everett and Elinora (Supernaw) Jones. She was pre-ceded in death on March 28, 2012. Michigan Hospital, and retired as a risk manager. She was very active and enjoyed a wide variety of interests including horses, readby her loving husband of 65 years, Roy K. Bakhaus. She was a meming, cooking, entertaining, gar-dening and travel. Her foremost interest was her family and espeber of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, and the 1st female member of the South Lyon Chamber of cially her seven grandchildren who will miss her deeply. Rita Commerce and a Charter member who will miss her deeply. Rita Arlene loved to see their many activities and accomplishments, and participate with them in gardening, horseback riding and travels; taking many trips with her family all across US and Europe. She greatly enjoyed gatherings with her friends for bridge, lunchesses of the results of the seed of the results of the results of the seed of ather owned the Pharmacy at the our corners in South Lyon where she lived with her family above the store until moving to a working dairy farm upon her marriage to Roy. She attended MSU and was a career woman working in retailing, accounting and real estate. She also owned and operat-ed Velma's Variety Store in South eons, plays, dinners and travel. Faith was very important to her: she was a member of the First United Methodist Church for Lyon. She enjoyed sports, travel, bowling, bridge and her computer. She was an active member in Red Hatters. Attaining Bridge Life nearly the forty years. She gave freely of time and talent to many worthy causes and was a member of the Northville Garden Club. Master was a high honor she achieved with her husband. Velma also was the winner of an interna-She will be deeply missed by her family, many friends and neighbors who describe her as a very gracious, considerate and helpful ional bridge tournament with her sister Norma in Hong Kong. Velma is survived by her loving children: Janna Heskett, Lonna (Robert) Hummel, Mark Bakhaus, Konna (David) Gallagher; 10 gracious, considerate and helpful soul. She is survived by her loving children, Harry (Erica) Cikanek III, Susan (Norman Malinas) Cikanek, and Wendy (Michael) Standing; her siblings, Mary (Henry) Estes, Edward (Eunice) Watson, Miladeen Shoemake, Betry Canter, Reba Watson, Lana Roland, Barry (Patry) Watson, and Wallace Watson; and her erandgrandchildren: Stacey, Julie, Kenneth, Stephen, Lauren, Adam, John Roy, Erika, Mark Jr., Jessica; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded by her sister Norma Wallace Watson; and her grand-children. Rebecca, Melissa, Robert, Victoria, Eric, Henry, and Alexander. She was preceded in Wallace and brother Robert Jones. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 3:00-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERdeath by her parents, her husband AL HOME, 122 West Lake Street her twin sister Reta Alene Walker, and her brother Richard Watson. Visitation will be held Monday, April 16, 2012 from Noon-2p.m. South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Sunday. April 15th at :00 p.m. with final visitation at April 16, 2012 from Noon-2p.m. and 4-8p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home. 122 W. Dunlap. Northville. A funeral service will be held Tuesday. April 17, 2012 at 11a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville. Following the service she will be laid to rest a Rural Hill Cempter. In his of 2:15 p.m. at Immanuel Luthera Church, 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online guestook www.phillipsfuneral.com

BAYNES, GOEBEL Age 88, of New Hudson, passed away 4/14/2012. Services were held 4/18/2012. Contributions to



BENNETT-YOUNG. PHYLLIS J.

Age 92, of Brighton, formerly of Northville, passed away peaceful-ly on April 12, 2012. She was under the fantastic care of Odyssey Hospice. Phyllis was preceded in death by her first hus-band John Bennett in 1974 and her second husband Lloyd Young in 2009, her brother, John Hughes, son Ron Bennett and her grand-sons, Mark Wright and Tom Wright. She is survived by her daughter Pat (Wayne) Glover, 6 grandchildren: John (Elena) Bennett, Heather Bennett, Bethany Bennett, Autumn Glover, Shannon Glover and Chuck (Dee) Wright; Step-grandchildren: Linda (Ross) Grover, Kim (Jeff) Mann, Chris (Audra) Glover and Mann, Chris (Addra) Glover and Laura (Floyd) Westfield. Great-grandchildren: Emma Bennett, Ethan (Bethany) Bennett, Eric Wright, Jason Wright and Megan Wright. There are also three more great-grandchildren expecting, one in October from eranddaughhome surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 26, 1926 in Dearborn, MI the son of the late Henry and Barbara (Steska) Havelka. On September 14, 1956 in Grand Rapids, Frank married his loving wife of 55 years Phyllis (Anda) Havelka. Frank started as a very young man farming in South Lyon after his father fell ill. He continued to farm for many years and was employed as a plumber with the University of Michigan before his retirement in 1992. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church and is remembered by his children for all the wonderful things he made for them, such as great-grandchildren expecting one in October from granddaugh er Autumn Glover and twins in May from grandson John (Elena) Bennett. She is also survived by step great-grandchildren: Chelsea, Madison, Taylor, Reijey, Adeline, Carly, Cameron, Emily, Nick, Brittany, Chris and Justin. Phyllis had a warm smile and a good vord to say to everyone, she was very loving and ready to laugh all the time. She loved to bowl, golf and traveled extensively. Her big blue eyes along with her constant smile will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online Guestbook at

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boxes for some grandchildren that they have to this day. He could build anything and fix any car around. His Family...Loving husband of Phyllis, beloved father of Lon (Teri) of Arkansas, Larry (Vicki) of Alabama, Julie (Mike) Kirby of South Lyon and Kerry Young of Brighton. Eighteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren also survive him. His Farewell...The family will gather with friends on Wednesday from 2-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farrewell will be held ervices were held 4/18/2012. Burial West Highland Cemetery, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



LIPTACK, NANCY J. Age 77, of Commerce, April 12, 2012. Funeral Mass was held April 16, 2012. Burial Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LONG. **EDITH**

A longtime resident of Highland passed away on April 15, 2012. She was 96 years old. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, David (d.1993). Loving mother of LaVerne (Sally) Long, the late Ronald (Patricia) Long (d.2008) and Robert (Diana) Long, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grand-children. Also survived by many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Funera Service will be held at West Service will be held at West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Road, Highland on Thursday, April 19 at 11 AM. The Reverend Tom Roberts to officiate. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to West Highland Baptist Church. For further info call Lynch & Sons, Milford at: 248-684-6645 or visit waval was Highland Baptist Church Sons, Milford at: 248-684-6645 or visit waval was Highland Baptist Church Sons, Milford at: 248-684-6645 or visit waval was Highland Baptist Church Sons Research Research Sons Research Research Sons Research Res www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LYONS, BETTY J. Age 88, of Northville, passed away April 15, 2012. Loving mother, grandmother, and friend.

ROBERTS, REBECCA away 4/15/2012 after a long battle with breast cancer. Loving moth-er, daughter, sister & grandmother, www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



SCHEFFLER, KATIE MARIE

Age 28, of New Hudson, passed away April 16, 2012. She was born December 12, 1983 in Detroit, MI to Gary and Carol (nee Hamilton) Faughn. Katie had been a resident of the South Lyon area all of her life. She was a graduure of South Lyon High graduate of South Lyon High School in 2002; during high school she was accepted into the the service see will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in honor of Rita Arlene Cikanek to the Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714 or online at www.luststudent exchange program and went to school in Australia for 8 months. Following graduation she attended Northern University. She was united in marriage to Dean Scheffler on April 24, 2010; and garten.org under Ways to Give, Make a Secure Online Donation. 100% of every donation goes they spent nearly two loving years together. She was employed as a medical biller with J&B Medical in Wixom. Katie's family medical in wixom. Katie's family was everything to her; she had an extreme love for her daughter and a close bond with her sister. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was very outgoing. She was an avid reader; one of her favorite authors was Nora Roberts. Katie had a love of the outdoors and nature: she grew up on bats. had a love of the outdoors and nature; she grew up on boats, sand, beaches, and campfires. She was a huge fan of the Detroit Red Wings. Katie is survived by her loving husband, Dean; her cherished daughter, Madison Marie; her parents, Gary and Carol Faughn; her sister, Laura Faughn; her grandmother, Wanda Faughn; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be Age 67, April 10, 2012. Beloved wife of Prime Decare wife of Primo. Dear mother of Teresa (Tom) Gallmeier, Anthony (Marnie), and Angie (Eric) Neidel. Loving grandmother of Amanda, and friends. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday, April 20, 2012 from 10 a.m. until Noon with a funeral service at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 59255 Ten Mile Rd., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appropriated to the family of Vision 1997. Gina, Andrea, Zoe, Gianna, Leah, and Linsey. Visitation was held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi. Funeral liturgy was Friday, April 13, 2012 at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer

> SCHNEIDER, MARILYN of Westland, formerly Livonia, passed away on Mon., Apr. 9, 2012. For more information visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

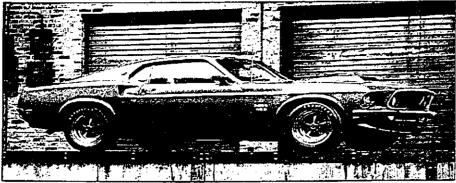
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Classic car auction at Showplace this weekend

Classic Motorcar Auctions expects more than 250 cars will go up for bid during the Novi Spring Classic Car Auction, April 21-22, 2012 at the Suburban Collection Show-

Among the cars cross-

ing the auction block is a 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 SportsRoof fastback, a limited production Mustang designed to make the Boss 429 engine eligible for racing. Shock towers and other modifications allowed the 429 to fit inside the Mustang engine bay. The royal maroon Mustang also features a four-speed transmission, hood scoop, dual racing mirrors, chrome 15x7 Magnum 500 wheels and the Deluxe Decor black interior.

Classic Motorcar Auctions will also offer a rare 1940 Buick Century Model 66-C Convertible Coupe, finished in its original royal maroon over a tan clothe top and red interior. Powered by the factory Buick 320 overhead valve, straight eight engine producing 141 HP with a 3-speed manual transmission this vehicle is #212 of 542 Buick Century 66-C con-Classic Motorcar Aucvertible coupes made in 1940. Only 16 of these

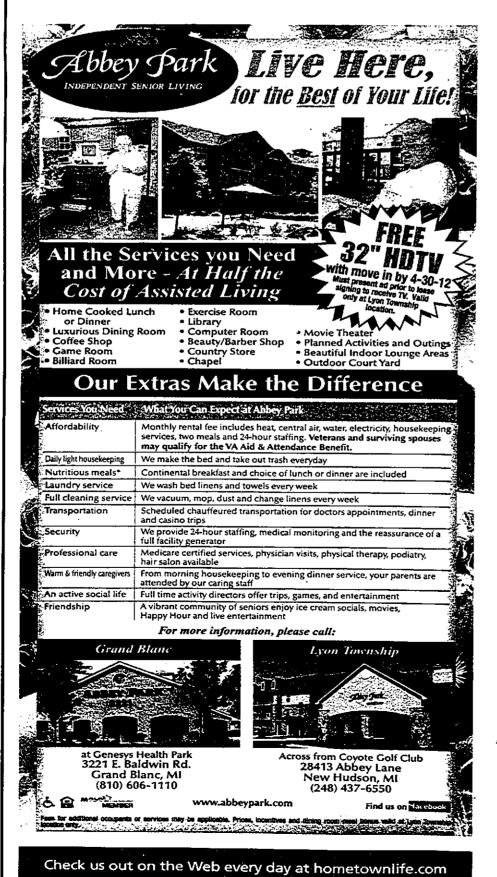
cars are known to survive in the Buick Club. In addition, a 1941 Cadillac series 62 convertible coupe powered by the 346 cubic inch 150 HP monobloc flathead V8 will go up for bid. Finished in managua beige with a deep red and white interior, this Cadillac has received numerous honors, including the 2011 Concours d'Elegance of America Lion Award. "We are very pleased

to fill a need in the Novi/ Detroit metro market for a good, mid-range classic car auction," said Bob Lichty, president, Classic Motorcar Auctions. "Local enthusiasts are excited about

such an event returning to Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace, and we're looking forward to delivering an entertaining event with a variety of cars to meet enthusiasts' tastes."

tions will also offer automobilia, memorabilia and petroliana items for sale. A free preview will be open to the public from 4-8 p.m. April 20. The memorabilia auction will take place from 11 a.m.-noon turday and Sunday. and the classic car auction will run from noon-5 p.m. both days. Buyers will receive a free bidder pass if they pre-register in advance of the auction

General admission to the auction is \$10 for one day and \$15 for a weekend pass. The Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 4611 Grand River Avenue. For more information, visit www.classicmotorcarauctions.com or call (866) 653-8900.



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OUR VIEWS

"It's absolutely amazing. I'm so excited for this community and so excited they are in awe of this place. It's a dream come true." JULIE FARKAS

The future of libraries is in Novi now

It hasn't even been two full years since the Novi Public Library opened its stateof-the-art facility on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads. And the facility shows no signs of resting on its impressive two-story design and features to convince residents they made the right choice in approving its \$12.5 million budget in 2007

"It's absolutely amazing," library Director Julie Farkas said when the new building opened in 2010. "I'm so excited for this community and so excited they are in awe of this place. It's a dream

Indeed. It includes everything the old library had and much, much more: a dropoff box outside the building that automatically checks in books; double the number of computers; increased circulation; the addition of Blu-ray movies and video games for checkout; a cafe; an outdoor patio; and a specialized children's area.

What's truly impressive is the number of events, activities and workshops the library hosts. We run the weekly list in our Calendar in the Novi News but we're rarely able to fit all the events in - there are that many. Here's quick sample: Knit 2gether Knitting Circle; Your Money: How to Invest in Complex and Agenda-Driven World: ESL Joy of Reading; E-Reader Sampler: Help for Families from OLHSA; English Conversation Group; Novi Historical Commission Meeting; Reference USA Training; Novi Writers' Group; Lego Club; and The Erie Canal — The Ditch That Built Novi.

Last week - National Library Week the library unveiled a new historical display case, courtesy of state Rep. Hugh Crawford and his wife Kathy, an Oakland County commissioner. Both are life-long residents and strong supporters of the library and preserving Novi's history. The case, presented during an appre ciation event for library volunteers and staff last Tuesday, can be seen on the first floor next to the elevators, and the

displays will change every four months. Next Friday, the library will host its second annual Book It! fundraiser for the multimedia collection of DVDs, Blu-ray discs and video games with a Hollywoodthemed event. Like every other entity that receives money from the state, the library has lost funds. This event will take donations and put them right back into the collections.

But this won't be a typically stoic affair that you might imagine a library presenting. Only 200 people will get to enjoy live music, fabulous items to win in silent and live auctions and great food from Steve & Rocky's — all for just \$20 per person or \$35 per couple; must be 21 or older. Call (248) 869-7204 for more information.

The Novi Public Library also celebrated National Library Week with a fantastic week of programs, including Starlight Story Time, PowerPoint Basics, Intermediate Word, Battle of the Books and more. The library invites visitors to pick up a door hanger to decorate with their favorite title at the library to be displayed in the lobby throughout the

For more information, visit www.novilibrary.org. Or, better yet, get over there and see what all the fuss is about!

Executive Editor

OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What impact are the rising gas prices having on you?



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"I don't get to go to Twelve Oaks Mall as much as I normally do." **Bonnier Williams**

LETTERS

Power grab paid by you

After spending Oakland County taxpayer dollars to lose four separate court challenges, L. Brooks Patterson and the Republican Party grabbed the Oakland County redistricting process once the 2012-2021 maps were adopted. Why? Because for the first time in decades, a Democrat had chaired the map committee. The Republicans in the state House and Senate and the governor wrote Oakland County its own law giving control back to the Republicans. In a 4-3 vote, the Michigan Supreme Court went along. Now the Republicans have adopted new maps giving themselves a 2-1 advantage, increasing their hold on the County Commission. This is nothing but a partisan power grab, all paid for by you and me.

Gwen Markham

Failed policies of the Republican Party

The policies championed by the Republican Party have been tried and failed.

Republicans say "cutting taxes will create jobs." Under George W. Bush, they cut taxes and it did not work. He ended his second term with a second recession, the worst since the Great Depression. While these tax cuts were in place, Bush started two wars, added prescription drug coverage to Medicare with no attempt to rocketed.

Under President Obama's leadership our economy is growing again — and with government investment it would grow a lot more, but Republicans refuse to help. We have had 10 years of the tax cuts, and taxes are at the lowest level in 50 years. Making the rich pay higher taxes will cost jobs is a myth. They are not the job creators; we the consumers are the real job creators in America.

Most experts say that we must increase revenue (taxes) to reduce the deficit; the majority of taxpayers agree. They know it is sometimes necessary to increase taxes; unlike Republicans, they know the bills must be paid. The Republicans want Obama to do it alone and take all blame as Gov. Granholm did when she raised the Michigan income tax. If the tax increase were not needed, Republicans could have cut it when they took control. Instead they postponed an alreadyscheduled cut of the income tax rate and placed taxes on pensions in Michigan. Granholm did the heavy lifting and now Snyder gets the credit as Michigan's economy grows. Thank you, President Obama (auto ioans): "Less government regulation. The free

market will self-regulate." We witnessed the near collapse of the financial system as Wall Street gamblers went unregulated, betting on AAA-rated, chicken-crap mortgage securities. Regulations that were put in

place after the Great Depression were removed, the investment banks were told stealing was no longer a crime, and as the value of homes plummeted. Those responsible were surprised that investment bankers had become thieves. Some will debate who is responsible for reducing these regulations, but there is no debating the fact that it is the Republican Party that always campaigns on less regulation. Even with the effects of the Great Recession still lingering and only little reform passed to prevent it from happening again, Republicans are calling for that reform to be repealed. It should be clear to all who owns their

Chuck Tindall union carpenter (retired)

Our kind community

Last week, while shopping at Hiller's, my car broke down and was blocking the driveway. A wonderful young women got out of her car twice to check on me and offered to stay until I had my car towed. Even though I was able to arrange for help, I was still blocking the driveway. A man tried to help but it was too much for him. He got two employees and two strangers to push my car into a parking space

I so appreciate their help and kindness. At a time when you hear all the bad things that people do, it is nice that there are great people out there. I love living in Northville and the kind people we have living in our

Sally Rigo

Fundraising tactics the same

It was quite refreshing to see right-winger Dave Shingler actually admit in his letter last week that wealthy Republicans are "always taking advantage of and using for their own selfish gain" the underprivileged and poor folks. In fact, such unbridled and accurate honesty from his side was really, really refreshing.

Disappointing, however, was his characterization of the upcoming visit to this area by President Obama as extravagant - especially when you look at the recent history of his predecessor, George W. Bush, and the same type of fundraising events he regularly held. Reminding Mr. Shingler of the video of the former president and one of his obscenely extravagant fundraising events where he said, "Some people call you the haves and the have mores. I call you my base" could possibly make him feel a little bit foolish. On the other hand, there is no lie or misrepresentation too big that right-wing knuckle-draggers won't use if they think it will give them an

advantage. People that you called dumb in your letter, Mr. Shingler, are simply participating in the political process the same way that

those on the other side did with President Bush. If it wasn't for the four, and sometimes five, Republican activist judges with black robes on the Supreme Court and their Citizens United Decision, it wouldn't be necessary to raise obscene amounts of money to competitively run for office. But now, even though it makes no sense, corporations are now people, can spend unlimited money, and often get the best right-wing representation they

Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Why Nix for supervisor?

Bob Nix has exhibited leadership as a consultant and legal adviser to Royal Oak, Troy and the Schoolcraft Development Authority. He has been an officer of the Northville Township Planning Commission since 2005, chairman for the past three years, and is active on other committees.

Bob is the past chair of the Real Estate Section of the State Bar of Michigan and a regent of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. Bob is chairperson of his church

Finance Committee, which demonstrates the confidence people? have for his financial skills. With this outstanding background, Bob is a natural to lead Northville Township in the future, and these are a few reasons why. we think Bob Nix should be the next Northville Township supervi-

Richard and Pat Allen

Sensible option With gasoline prices on the

SOr.

rise, it's important to make sure your vehicle's engine is running effectively and efficiently. April is National Car Care Month and an ideal time to talk with a professional automotive technician to see if repowering your vehicle with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine is the right choice for you A rebuilt engine gets better gas

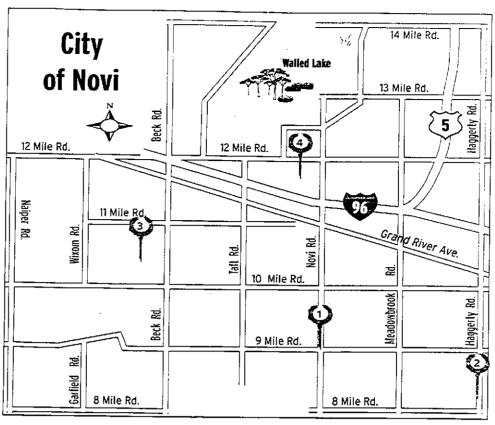
mileage and emits fewer pollutants than a worn-out engine. If your car or truck is experiencing major engine damage, but is in relatively good shape otherwise, repowering it with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine is a sensible financial option that is much more cost effective than purchasing a new or used car.

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Ken Carter Engine Rebuilders Council

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Driver caught with weed

1 A 21-year-old Walled Lake woman was arrested for possession of marijuana on April 15 after she was stopped at 9 Mile and Novi roads for having several items hanging from her rearview mirror causing a vision obstruction.

According to the police report, when the office approached the car he could smell an odor of marijuana coming from inside There were three passengers in the vehicle, but when asked if there was marijuana no one spoke up.

Police then conducted a search of the vehicle, finding a pipe and marijuana remnants on a booklet. The driver said she had not smoked the drug in several days and forgot she left the pipe in aton reviews the surveil-

She was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation. The passengers were released at the scene.

Laptops taken from minivan

A 51-year-old Macomb man had two lap-top computers and leather jacket stolen from his vehicle on April 10 while it was parked in the parking lot at the Sheraton hotel. According to the police report, the man returned

to the vehicle and noticed the passenger side sliding door was open. The laptops were work computers, provided by General Motors.

Police are waiting to hear back after the Sher-

Trailers broken lance cameras, but have into on West Oaks no suspects at this time

Items taken from

were entered and var-Novi home ious items were stolen from them overnight on A Novi family believes April 11 while they were Otheir Salem Court parked at a business on home was broken into the West Oaks Drive. week of March 29 while According to the police they were on vacation in

report, police believe the suspects entered the According to the police yard via the west fence report, when the famor climbing blocks. They ily returned the alarm took 10 gas cans, a backwas still active but his pack blower, two chain wife's jewelry box had saws and a hedge trimbeen disturbed and a ring was found on the floor in The business is going to

another room. review surveillance cam-The son said someone eras to see if they can ID came into his room, stealany suspects. They also ing his money clip, monare going to check the ey, and various gift cards. cameras of surrounding The total value of the times was over \$250. Police have no suspects. Police have no suspects at this time.

 Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

A total of 15 trailers

Hill Drive, near 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said. "Early indications look like the home was broken into and the suspects may have been after money," Nebus said this afternoon "It looks like the family may have woken up and there was a verbal argu-

Cipriano was taken into custody. As he prayed for the survivors over the school's announcement hide and dial 911." Robert (Bob) Cipria-

no, 52, was killed, according to police and officials at Dearborn Public Schools. His wife, Rose. l, and 17-year-old son Salvatore (Sal) Cipriano were seriously injured and are being treated at uation is here, but we Botsford Hospital, said can't understand anger Father John Huber, principal of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. Sal is a junior there, along with his twin brother. Tanner, who had called police. Their 8-year-old sister, Isabella, a third-

grader at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills, was not injured. Huber said. Officers arriving at the home spotted the little girl standing in the foyer when they arrived. Nebus said. "Officers could hear commotion from inside the house and were able

8-year-old girl, who let

Police: Robbery may be motive in Farmington Hills baseball bat attack them in," Nebus said.

Officers spotted the 20-

year-old suspect running

up the stairs and arrested

him in the home. Nebus

arrested just after 8 a.m.

at a home in Keego Har-

bor, he added, Anoth-

er man was also taken

into custody, but police

Nebus said. Police did

arraignments, Crime

not have information on

scene investigators were

expected to be processing

the scene well into Mon-

Huber said his school

as well as others around

the family's home were

on lockdown until Tucker

day night. Nebus said.

were trying to determine

whether he was involved.

said. Tucker Cipriano was

Police say they believe robbery may have been the motive behind a break-in early Monday in Farmington Hills that led to the bludgeoning death of the Dearborn Public Schools business manager and injuries to his wife

and 17-year-old son. Police arrested the family's 19-year-old son, Tucker Robert Cipriano, and another suspect, 20, after the 2:50 a.m. attack on Rose

ment that turned physical with baseball bats. And one of the sons was able to

system this morning, he told students that the situ ation is incomprehensible "Violence is evil and we're all capable of evil,' Huber said. "But we can't understand what would lead someone to this. Is there some imbalance? I'm not sure what the sit-

> getting to that level. Huber said other schools including University of Detroit Jesuit - offered the help of counselors in the schools and for those who knew the family. who was very involved in school activities.

"We're going to focus all of our attention to praying for them because they've experienced such an unfathomable tragedy," Huber said. "Their sons are great guys. And we're just going to focus on mentoring to them."

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terviewed on various

levislon programs. oth attorney Bieske

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ANNOUNCEMENT



Howard & Schwein

James and Tami Howard, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Howard, to Jonathan Samuel Schwein, son of Terri and Dave Anderson, of Dansville, Mich., and Joe and Darlene DiGiovanni, of DeWitt, Mich.

The bride-to-be graduated from Novi High School in 2006 and earned her bachelor's degree in dietetics from Michigan State University in 2010. She is currently a registered clinical dietitian at Lakeland Community Hospital in Niles, Mich.

The groom-to-be graduated from Dansville High School in 2005. He is a veteran of the Army National Guard. He is currently studying respiratory therapy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The couple will be married on May 26, 2012 in East

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to

CASE NO. 12-014 2012 WEST LAKE DR

The applicant is requesting variances to allow reduced side yard setbacks of 5 ft. on each side respectively, a front yard setback of 19.33 ft. and a maximum lot coverage of 34% for a new residence proposed to be constructed on an existing let. The proportion leaves constructed on an existing lot. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of South Lake Dr. in the CITY OF NOVI. CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum and aggregate side yard setbacks o

10 ft. and 25 ft. respectively, a front yard setback of 30 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 25%.

CASE NO. 12-015 45605 NINE MILE

The applicant is requesting a variance to install a 51 in. tall masonry fence in the perimeter fence and approximately 7 ft. high decorative aluminum gate in the front yard of a residence. The property is located south of Nine Mile Rd. and east of Beck Rd. in the R-1 Zonian District. Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2515 of the Zoning Ordinance limits residential fences to 6 ft. in height and indicates that fences shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the minimum

CASÉ NO. 12-016 31140 BECK ROAD

The applicant is requesting variances to allow installation of a13 ft. high over height 137 sq. ft. oversize shopping center sign listing individual tenant names in addition to the single ground sign allowed by right and an additional ground sign previously approved for the site through a variance. The property is located east of Beck Rd and south of 14 Mile Rd in the B-3 Zoning

District CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(1)d does not allow tenant names on a business center sign in the B-3 district, 28-5(3)d allows only one business center sign per parcel of property, 28-5(2)a2ii limits ground sign height to 6 ft. and 28-5(2)a1i limits business center signs to 1 sq. ft. of sign area for each 2 ft. of setback with a maximum of 100 sq. ft.

CASE NO. 12-017 1953 WEST LAKE DR

The applicant is requesting variances from Table 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow reduced side setbacks of 3 ft. on each side of a proposed bonus room and garage addition to an existing residence, the applicant is also requesting a variance to allow an additional 17.5% lot coverage. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and North of South Lake Dr. in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft., and 25 ft. aggregate for the two side yards. Maximum lot governme is limited to 25%

CASE NO. 12-018 PARCEL 5022-17-226-005 The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-10 of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow continued installation of a 20.5 sq. ft., 5 ft. 5 in. high business tenant way finding sign within an existing retail center.

Beck Rd and north of Grand River Ave. in the B-2 Zoning CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Ordinance Section 28-10(a) states that a sign not expressly permitted is prohibited. The proposed sign is not permitted under the Sign Ordinance.

The property is located in West Market Square, west of

Wish you were here



Novi High School seniors Johnny Walker, Jack Sinkovich, Derek Ince and Jimmy Eloff traveled to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, for spring break and brought the Novi News!

Appreciation Day



Up to 1,200 caregivers from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, St. Clair, Genesee and Lapeer counties are expected to attend the 30th Annual MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Palazzo Grande Banquet Center, 54660 Van Dyke Avenue, in Shelby Township. The Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC), a nonprofit human services agency based in Auburn Hills and Clinton Township, will honor caregivers who help people with disabilities with the MORC Angels Awards. Pictured are Bonnie Raymor, caregiver from Novi; Jennifer Abbu, of Novi; and Julie Gutierrez, of Kohl's Rochester Hills.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Providence Park Hospital announces

St. John Providence Health System announced that Peter Karadjoff has accepted the position of president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

"With a long track record of hospital leadership in the southeast Michigan market and a successful career in Catholic health care, Peter is a wonderful fit for Providence Park Hospital," said Michael Wiemann, MD, senior vice president, Providence and Providence Park Hospitals. "An important part of Peter's role will be to continue to grow and expand services for the community we serve.'

Karadjoff replaces interim president Joe Hurshe, who will return to his Karadjoff role as vice president of Operations for

Before joining St. John Providence Health System, Karadjoff served for the past 14 years in leadership positions in the Trinity Health, most recently as president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron since 2003. Prior to his tenure at Trinity Health, he spent 12 years in leadership positions at Providence Hospital in Southfield, including administrator/director of operations, ambulatory services, program director and senior management engineer. Karadjoff earned his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and MBA from



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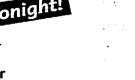
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Catholic Central basketball stood tall this year, and no one stood taller for the Shamrocks than 6-7 senior Kyle Cooper.

The big man averaged 19 points a game with nine rebounds and four blocks. He earned First Team All-Catholic for the second year in a row, a three-time district champion, helped the team to its first Catholic League title

a City title for the first time in Cooper has a full ride to Hill-

"Kyle is the best pure shooter I have ever coached," said coach Bill Dyer. "His overall floor game improved every year he played at CC. He played or started in 77 games. He led us in blocks for three

ble (13 points, 10 reb.) a night. "He also has a 4.6 GPA. He He also dished out five assists helped earn a city championper contest.

ond one in the history of the

Matt Doneth, Catholic Central The Shamrock senior played a perfect compliment to Coo-

ble four-year run playing bas-**FIRST TEAM**

per, averaging a double-dou-"His leadership and com-

ketball at CC," said Dyer. "He started 95 games for us the last four years. We won 62 games against high quality opponents while he was starting at CC. He has played in the regional finals or quarter finals in Class A three out of four years.

petitive spirit are unmatched

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Catholic Central's Kyle Cooper earned Player of the Year honors by averaging 19 points per game with nine boards

CC continues to get better

Lacrosse team surprises critics with win over St. Michaels

By Sam Egglestor

Detroit Catholic Central coach Dave Wilson doesn't mind hearing that the lacrosse pundits are picking his team to lose a game. In fact, he uses that to his advantage

You see, the Shamrocks lacrosse program is built on the understanding that the only way to

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic

the best teams. Sometimes you win those games and sometimes you lose, but you always gain valu able experience. But when a crit-

Central Shamrocks lacrosse team will be back in action when they host Brother Rice at 6 p.m. Tuesday before visiting Culver ic or some sports Military Academy next Friday at 7:30 p.m. Sharnrocks to lose it ignites a fire that

burns a lot hotter than just that of competition. The Shamrocks build their focus around that prediction. They use it to build themselves up and to dig deep and bring the best game they can play just to make a point-Detroit Catholic Central should never be counted out.

St. Michaels College School of Toronto found that out the hard way. They were picked to defeat the Sharrrocks in their game last week but it just wasn't meant to be. Detroit Catholic Central walked away with an 11-8 victory.

Michaels," said Wilson. "We moved the ball well

Please see CC, B4

Novi LAX wins fifth straight the game, but things didn't

Burnett, Herzog fire away, combine for 24 goals in three games

By Chris Jackett

The past week got off boys lacrosse team turned it around in the matter of

boys lacrosse (5-1) were scheduled to visit No. 5 Brighton (4-0) last night before hosting No. 48 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (2-2) tomorrow and No. 17 Northville (1-2) Monday,

both at 6:30 p.m.

ON TAP

Ranked No. 15, Novi

ter of their April 11 contest "The Farmington game spring break." Novi coach Nick Zoroya said. "We had two great practices before

to take the game. Matt Brasil won a few kev face-offs in a row, while Mark Ghannam pumped in two quick goals to really swing the

momentum in our favor. Once we woke up, we really stepped it up It was a battle of No. 22 ton (3-2), who has since

go our way in the begin-

ning. "In the fourth quarter,

everything started to click

at once and we were able

Please see LACROSSE, B4

Pair of shutouts keep Novi undefeated

Novi kickers low-scoring style gets the job done

By Chris Jackett

A pair of headers by senior Katie Seelenbinder led to a pair of 1-0 Novi victories and kept the Wildcats undefeated although they still have

The 'Cats (2-0-3) came back from spring break to defeat Ann Arbor Skyline at home April 12 and Saline on the road Satur-

against Farmington, the

Wildcats (5-1) outscored

the Falcons 6-1 in the final

In an evenly played match with Skyline, senior netminder Sam Pavlika kept the Eagles

saves and nine grabs off her line to earn her third shutout of the season.

Kramer got the lone goal on Novi's seven shots when Seelenbinder headed a cross from senior

er's feet for the a turn and shoot opportunity "The ball landed at Kendall Kramer's feet, with

her back to the goal; she quickly turned and fired a ball into the upper corner from 12 vards out. Novi coach Brian O'Leary sion this game and we improved our possession of the ball." The team followed up

the victory with another defensive shutout as

Please see SOCCER, B4

Novi's girls soccer team

(2-0-3) kicks off KLAA Central Division play this week. The Wildcats were scheduled to host South Lyon East (1-0-1) two nights ago before visit ing Northville (2-0-2) 7 p.m. tonight for the first baseline contest of the season. The girls then host Plymouth Salem (1-0-1) Tuesday and visit Livonia Stevenson (1-0-0) Wednesday, both at



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Although the Wildcats'

season opener had a lit-

tle bit of rust on it from

baseball team rebound-

wins in their next two.

a 9-4 contest to Walled

Lake Western April 10

in their home opener

despite offensive contri-

butions from half their

"We played real floppy defensively," Novi coach

Rick Green said of his

team's up-and-down per-

formance. "We should've

had a lot more unearned

runs than what we were

innings, giving up three

notching four strikeouts

Jimmy Eloff pitched the

last three innings, allow-

ing six hits and six runs

(two unearned) to go with

The offense was high-

lighted by two RBIs from

Tyler Schwanz (1-for-3,

one double), as well as 2-

for-4 batting from Mario

Ferrini (RBI) and two

steals on two attempts

by Logan Regnier (1-for-

, one run, three walks).

Eloff (1-for-4) chipped in

with one run and Derek

"Ince is really swinging

the bat well compared to

Things turned around

the next day as the bats

where he was last year.'

Green said. "Ferrini's

Ince went 1-for-3.

hits, three earned runs

and four walks while

start and lasted four

Tyler Schwanz got the

credited for."

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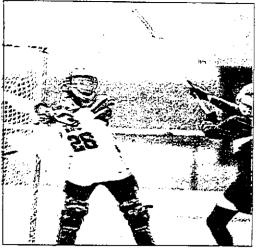
The 'Cats (2-1) dropped

spring break, Novi's

Caputo leads Wildcats to pair of victories

Complete game, two winning hits start Novi's baseball season at 2-1

looks to



NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls lacrosse lose opener

In their program debut, Novi's girls lacrosse team (0-1) dropped a 10-3 decision to Farmington Hills Harrison (1-4).

After hosting Grosse Point South (1-2) last night, the girls face Farmington Hills Mer cy (0-1) at a neutral site Saturday before visiting Grosse Point South Mon-

Track teams both win

The Wildcat track and field programs got a jump on South Lyon East April 10 in South Lyon. The boys defeated the Cougars 117-20 and the girls won 120-17 as both teams improved to 1-0.

Youth Girls Basketball Camp

Novi girls varsity basketball coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball

camp 9 a.m.-noon June 18-22 for girls in grades two through nine. Competition will be separated between grades two through five and six through nine.

The camp, which will take place at the high school gym and fieldhouse, will focus on dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes that led the team to KLAA Central Division titles for each of

the past three years. Cost to attend is \$120 and gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competitions. while all participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Register online at www.novi.

k12.mi.us/athletics under 'Summer Camps.' Contact coach Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us for

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Novi spins past South Lyon schools Wildcat reserves crush Lions and Cougars 17-1

Many of Novi's girls tennis players got a rest last week when the Wildcats cleaned house against South Lyon and South Lyon East

The Wildcats (3-0, 2-0 KLAA Central) played many of their reserves April 12 against their former KVC rival Lions (0-1, 0-1 Central) and April 13 against the Cougars (1-1, 0-1 Central) and won each match 8-1 and 9-0.

"We played a little different lineup, but a competitive lineup and got some of the younger kids in our program some varsity experience." Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "East gave us some good battles in singles, and so did South Lyon.

For many girls, it was their first taste of varsity experience and each picked up at least one victory during

"They're good players, we just don't have room for them this year on varsity. So they're waiting their turn and they're hungry." Hanson said. They're very capable players, but like every kid in our program, they're striving to get better each day and they've just got a few things to work

on, just like the varsity do. Sophomore Amy Zhou and junior Caitlin O'Brien split the one singles job, with Zhou defeated South Lyon 6), 6-1 and O'Brien defeating East 6-1, 6-4. Each will normally play doubles this season.

I think Amy Zhou did extremely well against South Lyon at one singles and Caitlin O'Brien played two in the South Lyon match and one in South Lyon East and did a nice job," Han-

O'Brien won 6-3, 6-1 at two singles against South Lyon, which sophomore Dina Fawaz won 6-3, 6-4 against East The Lions got their lone flight victory at three singles, defeating junior lanie Murphy 5-7, 7-5, 7-6(3). "It was a battle. Melanie played a

good match," Hanson said. Sophomore Rachel Bailey won Novi's three singles match against

At four singles, senior Yolanda Zhang played in both matches, winning 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 against South Lyon and 6-1, 6-2 against East.



Novi High's Erin Day competes on March 29 against a Rochester High opponent

ON TAP

Ranked No. 8 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team (3-0, 2-0 KLAA Central) had a busy week scheduled with matches against Div. IV No. 2 Ann Arbor Greenhills Monday, at Plymouth Salem (0-1, 0-1 Central) Tuesday, at Livonia Stevenson (0-1, 0-1 Central) 4 p.m. tonight and then at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite 8 a.m. Saturday, where they'll face No. 1 Clarkston, No. 6 Pioneer and No.

10 Troy. "It's going to be a good test," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. The 'Cats then visit No. 7 Northville (2-0, 2-0 Central) Tuesday and host No. 3 Saline Thursday, both at 4 p.m.

"She's a foreign exchange student we've took onto varsity this year," Hanson said. "She's got pretty good groundstrokes. She'll be playing some

A lot of doubles pairings were tested last week, but seniors Angela Huang and Alice Jiang played one doubles together twice last week, earning a 6 3, 6-2 win against the Lions and 6-2, 6-2

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"Alice and Angela played five doubles for us last year and are again competing for that five spot," Han-

Juniors Rachel Murray and Amy Tan were also a consistent team at four doubles, winning 6-0, 6-1 at South Lyon and 6-4, 6-2 against East

In the other matches against South Lyon, Fawaz and junior Abigail Swain won two doubles 6-1, 6-1; sophomore Harika Bollineni and junior Bhavana Tetali won three doubles 6-0, 6-0 and junior Prasanti Ravipati and freshman Shakila Khan won five doubles 6-1, 6-1.

Against East, senior Natalie Doherty and Swain won two doubles 6-0, 6-2; Bollineni and junior Melisa Burnio won three doubles 6-1, 6-0 and Murphy and Ravipati won five doubles 6-0, 6-0.

Saturday's Saline Invite was canceled due to poor weather. Although the 'Cats missed the chance to battle Ann Arbor Greenhills, Ann Arbor Huron, West Bloomfield, Saline and Midland Dow, they'll face all but Dow in individual dual meets at some point

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ON TAP

Novi's sluggers (2-1) were scheduled to visit Canton last night before a 4 p.m. doubleheader Friday at South Lyon East and a 10 a.m. Saturday doubleheader at Livonia Stevenson before the 'Cats host Plymouth 4 p.m. Monday.

the winning run, Caputo pitched a complete game llowing eight hits, five strikeouts, two walks and one unearned run in a full seven innings.

"That was an outstanding game pitched by

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him finish it out.

Alex Barry had a double on a pinch hit and then pinch runner Ferrini had a seventh-inning hit. while Eloff and Ince each added a single, while Ince also had a walk and sacrifice. "Seems like we've been

disciplined at the plate," Green said. "We need to get the bats going a little bit more.' Green also credited Mike Zugaro with two huge plays at second

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to dive to cut it off and another when there was a ground ball heading into

up and blocked it while On a slow offensive day, Central had two outs and the bases loaded.

> The 'Cats were supposed to have three more games, but different circumstances canceled the others. The second bleheader was a schedule conflict, the second. game of the Central dou bleheader was rained out with Novi trailing 6-1 and Monday's Hartland game was postponed due to a death in the opposing coach's family.

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Wildcat Ryan Caputo takes a baseball to his back — and first base — after being hit by the pitcher on March 28.

Ryan Caputo started off what would be a big week with a 1-for-4 performance. However, that hit was a two-out single up the center that allowed runners to come in from second and third to break the tie and give Novi the game-winning runs in the eighth inning.

Regnier (RBI, two runs, 2-for-2 steals), Eloff (RBI, one runs, 2-for-2 steals) and Alex King (one run) each went 2-for-3 on the

King also earned a oneinning save, allowing two been playing really well." hits and striking out two after Ryan Davis held North Farmington at bay for six innings, allowing

four strikeouts and two

"We got off to a good Caputo also had the

game-winning RBI in a close contest at Walled Lake Central last Satur day. In a similar two-out scenario with runners on second and third, Caputo knocked a two-run score 0 sixth-inning tie.

er big hit," Green said. "He stuck his bat out and knocked a bloop over the first baseman's head ad drove in two runs."

start and scored three runs in the first inning and then not again 'til the fifth," Green said. "We didn't have good at bats."

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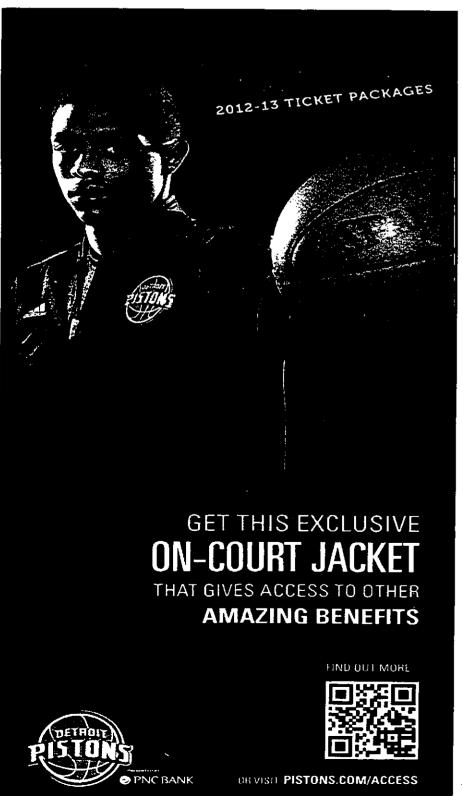
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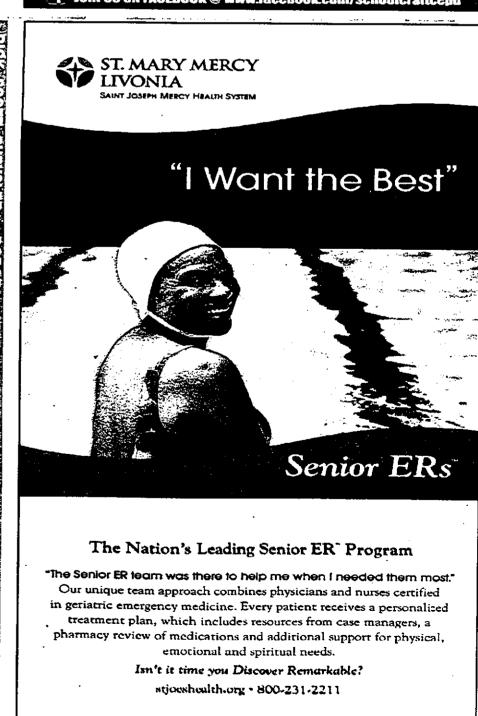
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DISCOVER REMARKABLE said. "The entire starting defense

of Jaqui Kozlowski, Kaylin Hoomaian, Katie Rudzinski and Lauren Pollard were exceptional." With an assist in the earlier game,

Rudzinski was a big contributor this past week. "Katie Rudzinski has had a good week," O'Leary said. "She does not

play club soccer, so it usually takes her a few weeks to shake the rust off and she is just now starting to get back to form. She is a solid defender that also has the ability to send great, dangerous balls to our forwards/midfielders.

It was sophomore Taylor Pavlika that had a solid cross against Saline

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and played as a team and

was something we needed

Wilson did say that his

team did have some men-

that led to a couple of easy

he added that if his team

continues to improve the

way they did in that game

then "we can be very, very

Leading the way in that

contest were Alec Gilhooly

and Nick Gingell, who had

Shamrocks a 7-0 record on

The squad also defeat

ed Catholic High School

League rivals DeLaSalle

and Cranbrook last week

Shamrocks dominated

Against DeLaSalle the

The victory gave the

two goals each.

scores for St. Michaels, but

tal mistakes in the game

trusted each other. That



Wildcat Erin Dirks, left, tries to work around an Ann Arbor Pioneer during the teams' March 28 game.

that went to Seelenbinder in the goal box. Seelenbinder shielded the ball past her defender as it came

LACROSSE

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dropped to No. 35 while Novi climbed to

Matt Brasil won 14 face-offs for Novi

day I took over in September." Zorova

said. "Last year, he was a back-up goal-

role. We moved him to face-offs in the

off-season and he's really proven that he

can do it. We didn't want to overwhelm

him early in the season, so we've slow-

He's really taken the opportunity and

The script was flipped two nights lat-

riday. Adams had 11 saves on 17 shots

"Both goalies are playing incredibly

well for us," Zoroya said. "It's nice to

rience and depth that we have."

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but could never catch up.

know that we have a unit with the expe-

the first quarter and 8-3 lead into half-

time before the Raiders' cut it to 11-7,

Herzog had six goals and an assist.

while Burnett finished with four goals

The 'Cats took an initial 4-1 lead after

Junior netminder Mitch Adams

ly been giving him more and more time.

ie, but he was eager to play a bigger

"Matt has been working hard since the

Nov. 15.

run with it.'

14-10 victory.

it over the goalie's head into the side netting.

"She is talented player that can play any position," O'Leary said of elenbinder. "Last year, we were short defenders, so she started every game on defense. This year we are short on forwards and have extra defenders, so she has played the last two games at forward. She also has the ability to play midfield. That is a great luxury to have as a coach because it allows me to keep my 11 best on the field and just have Katie play a different posi-

Novi has outscored opponents 4 2 through the first five games combined. Although the defense hasn't missed a beat, the offense is still looking to recover from the loss of so much firepower from last sea-

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and three assists. Sophomore Chris Ken-

nedy chipped in with a hat trick and six

face-off wins, while Brasil won 18 face-

offs and Ghannam added two assists.

"Kennedy and Ghannam are really

BASKETBALL ALL-AREA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Kyle Cooper, Catholic Central

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points and six rebounds

for the Mavs. He posted

three double-doubles and

earned First Team All-

also carries a 4.2 GPA.

against the opponents'

center. Steven learned

to use positioning, fun-

damentals and physical

play to work to his bene

fit," said Lutz. "He was,

pound for pound, the bes

post defender that I saw

the post, Steven led our

SECOND TEAM

Richard Katkic.

Team All-League.

Northville

Brett MacDonald,

Northville's senior

his three-year varsity

career with 10 points, 4.5

in his final season for the

ed First Team All-Confer

Andrew Meacham,

The Mustang soph-

aged 10 points and five

points in the final game

averaged seven points

and six rebounds a night

while shooting a 52-per-cent clip for the Mays. He

led the team in defensive

rebounds and was voted

He holds a 4.118 GPA

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in the district semifinals

rebounds a night with

only 1.2 turnovers a

game. He put up 30

Joe Remstad.

omore forward aver-

Mustangs. He was vot-

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Catholic Central

The Shamrock point

guard averaged 11 points.

steals. He was voted First

rebounding.

team in both scoring and

this year. Unrelenting in

Conference honors. He

"Typically undersized

center. The 6-4 senior

center averaged 10

Milford

per game — even though

ALL-AREA Continued from page B1

He earned the nickname The Boss" as a starting freshman on our Class A quarterfinal team. He is without question the best

leader I have ever seen or last 32 minutes. "While he may not be coached in 24 years." Doneth is headed to the best statistical play-Cornell where he will also er. Brandon was asked to do more for his team play football. than any other player was asked to do for their

Luke Short, South Lyon

The junior Lion point guard is a two-time All-KLAA player and was selected team MVP by his peers. He led South Lyon with 12.4 points a game. dished out three assists and recorded 2.1 thefts per night. He was also second in rebounding. He shot 40 percent from the floor and from three point land.

"Luke is an outstanding offensive player because he can hurt you in so many ways - inside, outside, getting to the basket and drawing fouls," said coach Doug Host. "He can be an intimidating presence at the defensive end with his length and quickness, but probably the biggest compliment I can give to him is that everyone else on the team just feels more comfortable when he is

Jeffrey Gertley, Northville

The Northville senior guard put up 12 points game with a 60-percent shooting percentage and an 80-percent clip at the free throw line. He dished out 3.5 assists with three steals with only 1.5 turnovers a night. Gertlev earned First Team

All-Conference honors. "Jeff is a terrific player and a special person, said coach Todd Sander. "He missed the first S games of the season due to injury, and it was not surprising he helped turn around our season after getting healthy. Though he led us in almost every statistical category, he does so much more for our team. He makes everyone around him better and compete. He willed us to more than a couple victories this

Brandon Wallace, Milford

The senior guard didn't South Lyon put up huge numbers for the defensive-mind-The South Lyon senior ed KLAA West Diviwas second on the team with 12.2 points a game. sion champion Mavericks (18-5), but he was the Remstad also led in team glue that kept everything charges taken, blocked together on both ends of shots and five rebounds the floor. He averaged a night. He tallied more eight points a game and than 20 points three times shot better than 40 perthroughout the season. cent from the floor. Wal-Chris Orr, Milford lace was selected First Team All-Conference and The senior forward

carries a 4.016 GPA. "While that may not seem like much, that is ignificant on a team that only scored about 41 points per game. Statistically, he accounted for approximately 20 percent of our total points," said coach Chip Lutz. "Brandon played approximate-

and location in Rochester Hills to serve the orthodontic needs of northern Oakland and north-

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east Macomb counties. In April, 2010 the practice moved into a brand new facility in the heart of Rochester Hills at 1202 Walton Boulevard, Suite ized patient care.

on advanced orthodon tic treatment options. tics." Reynolds said.

Reynolds says the popularity of both the Rochester Hills and Novi offices is based on the practice's commitment to custom-

"We invest in technol-

dontics, and a national ly sought-after expert "Patients appreciate that we are not using the traditional one size fits all approach to orthodon-"Instead, we use custom

ization to get better, lasting results with reduced treatment time. We are using the tools and knowledge now for what will become the standard for orthodontic treatment in five to 10 years.'

Next on the horizon is the elimination of uncomfortable and messy impressions (molds) with the introduction of advanced digital scanning technology. Both the Novi and Rochester Hills offices of Spillane & Reynolds are on target to be impression-free within

Groupon losing credibility with poor deals

make products look more

attractive is nothing new,

but Groupon.com is cen-

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By Jon Gunnells

few months ago, I used this column to recommend Groupon and a host of other online deal sites as a way for consumers to save money. Consider this a

Lately I've been noticing Groupons (group ners, activities, getaways and more) that are markups disguised as deals. It started in January, when an alleged deal for

tered around the idea of negotiating better deals for savvy consumers. a recumbent bike showed up in my suggested deals. Works" section at Grou The bike was said to be pon.com, these magical deeply discounted, but deals are said to be posa quick Google search sible because "Groupon showed the exercise equipment could be found cheaper on Amazon.com, off — with popular busiwith shipping included. nesses."

A similar misleading Groupon appeared in March, when a Schwinn recumbent bike said to be \$499, was being sold for \$235. Groupon.com said the bike was 53-percent discounted in bold numbers, but the bike retails online for about \$300, not \$499 like Groupon said.

And then there was that pesky fine print — an extra \$39 for shipping. For those keeping score at home, that made the bike \$26 less than anywhere else, but nowhere near a 53-percent discount.

Recumbent bikes aren't the only misleading Groupons. Today alone, I was able to find a number of alleged deals, for trips and goods that weren't really a good deal. The next was a five-

hotel and vacation packages for its Groupon Getaway deals. Then custompiece dinning room set ers have to call the hotel said to retail for \$760 and book the room using their voucher that they being listed for \$349. One problem - this recombought from an interme mended deal is for the diary on behalf of anothexact dining room table I er intermediary.

With all of the time and own, and it cost effort, it might just be me about easier to call the hotel \$280 with directly.

One more caveat on the Groupon getaways: The Groupon negotiators were unable to negotiate long lists of blackout dates and other restrictions. In many cases, the Groupon getaway deals are only available for a short amount of time like a week — and are located outside of peak travel time.

So if your alleged deal is for a hotel room in Viagara Falls, it is likey in the colder months If your alleged deal is in say, Florida, it is probably during hurricane season negotiates huge discounts Again, all Groupon deals - usually 50-90 percent

still plenty of discounts on local establishments that can save you money There are however, many Groupons that aren't real ly deals. A little research and online window shopping can help you determine which daily deals are what they appear. And if you are a deal site junkie, you will be happy to know another

hotels and vacation pack-Many of the Groudeal site has popped up. Google recently released pon getaways are cheaper than any other online a beta version (beta is a vacation booking agent fancy tech word for test) but not by much. With of Google Offers — the Groupon, an online shop-Internet search giant's rival to Groupon. Of per can save \$10-\$20 per night on a hotel or resort course, a little searching To do so, one has to purhas already shown Google chase a hotel youcher Offers has some of the using two third parties same drawbacks as Groubecause Groupon works pon, especially where

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vacations and hotel deals

Orthodontists Lawrence Spillane and James Reynolds recently completed renovations to

Novi orthodontists finish office renovation

The orthodontic practice of Lawrence Spillane, D.D.S., M.S. and James Reynolds, D.D.S., M.S. completed the renovation of its Novi office at 45500 10 Mile Road. The treatment bays, consultation room and reception area were all modernized with sleek hardwood floors. stone countertops and new furnishings and fixtures to complement the growing, technology-driven practice. Additionally, the floor plan was rede-

signed to enhance patient comfort and customer The office, which currently serves approximately 2,000 patients, was established by Spill ane in 1991. Reynolds joined the practice in

> In the fall of 2008, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics opened a sec-

ogy and education that illows us to customize every treatment plan for every patient before the actual process of applying a brace or wire

egins," said Reynolds, who is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, the highest distinction achievable in the specialty of ortho-

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Friday, April 20, 8 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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Tuesday, April 24, 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free, but pre-regis-

Wireless Zone, a Verizon Wireless Premium Retailer, recently celebrated its new Nov location at 43215 Grand River Avenue with a ribbon cutting, including (from left) Christine Akroush, Liz Kaadou, David Kasha and John Hirmiz. In addition to offering cellular phone technology, wireless accessories and customer service, the store also specializes in androids, iPhones, tablets, mobile broadband and home phone service.

by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating

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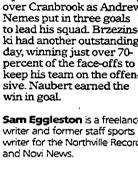
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while Mike Brzezinski was busy winning over 80-percent of the face-offs to help his team to victory. Chris Naubert and Jon Conley split time in goal. The Catholic Central squad earned a 13-7 victory over Cranbrook as Andrew

to lead his squad. Brzezinski had another outstanding keep his team on the offen-

Sam Eggleston is a freelance

writer for the Northville Record

allowed four goals on five shots in 14 minutes, giving senior Alex Kinnamon seven of 10 shots he faced over 34 minutes. Novi took 39 shots. er when Novi visited North Farmington in 41 minutes, but Kinnamon was scored on during all four shots against him during a seven-minute span. However. Novi held a 31-21 shot advantage, leading to a

from the start with an 18-8 victory. Gilhooly scored seven goals in the contest

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starting to find their way," Zoroya said. Senior Kent Burnett, who had four "Being sophomores, it's never easy to goals and an assist on 18 shots, led the start on varsity and produce like the offensive flurry. Senior Curtis Herzog upperclassmen do, but after some earadded three goals and an assist. season nerves, they have become contributors and are expected to keep pro-"Kent and Curtis are continuing the success they experienced last year, and ducing at a high level. are really benefiting from our system,' Senior Adam Haynes also added a goal Zoroya said. "They no longer have to and an assist from his new position. create offense themselves, they instead "Offensively the seniors are realget to take advantage of the opportunily rolling," Zoroya said. "Haynes was ties our offense creates.' playing some attack for us, which led to Also chipping in were sophomore more time on offense; but now that our Mark Ghannam with two goals and junior Lucas Buck with one goal. Senior

systems are in, we have moved him to midfield full time so that he can play at both ends." The 'Cats capped the week Monday with a 13-5 win over Huron Valley, Outshooting their opponents 49-15, the 'Cats went up 5-0 early before cruising with an additional one-goal margin each of

the final three periods. Zoroya credited his defense with keeping Huron Valley away from the Novi goal. 'Defensively, our starters are playing really well together," Zoroya said. "Senior Chris Diacono, junior Scott Schramm, sophomore Travis Sparling

improving every week as a unit, and as the season moves forward they will continue to be a force." "We've been taking a lot of shots this season and as guys find their rhythms our shooting percentages will go up a

and freshman Tommy McMaster are

bit," Zoroya said. "At 5-1 we're happy but not yet satisfied." Burnett led the way again, with four goals and an assist, while Herzog and Haynes each added hat tricks. Sophomore Justin Lipski, sophomore Keith Pravato and Kennedy each tallied one goal apiece, while sophomore Alex Cap-

rara had an assist and Brasil won a team-high 12 face-offs. Adams saved nine of 13 shots in 36 minutes and Kinnamon saved one of two

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Young professional honored by magazine designation

Ken Pozek, 26, of Northville Township was pleased to be recognized by Realtor magazine as a finalist for "30 Under

30" honors. The annual designation of the National Association of Realtors publication recognizes those up and coming in the field. Realtor Pozek is a salesperson for Keller Williams Northville Market Center in Novi and can be reached at

www.kenpozek.com. He began in real estate investing out of high school, and has been in sales full time the last six years, Pozek, who's married to Holly and dad to kids ages 3 years and 5 months, earned an associate's degree in usiness administration from Henry Ford Community Col-

"We're staying busy and tired," he said with a chuckle of his young family.

Pozek got into sales as the market dropped and investing wasn't smart. "I got into that full time and haven't looked back," he said. "I absolutely

He's been with Keller Williams Northville Market Center three years.

These are the area residential real

estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne

County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses,

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and sales prices

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44237 Cherbourg St 432 Cornell St

50161 Grant St 7400 Hillsboro Dr 43280 Keystone Ln

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"I meet people from diverse backgrounds and I get to see beautiful homes," Pozek said. "Every day is different. It's something I look forward to every day.

Down the road, he'd also like to do sales training in his field. Pozek holds Luxury Marketing Specialist and Certified Distressed Property Expert designations.

He agreed the real estate market is improving the last three or four months, with homes often listed on Friday and sold by Monday. "The market's starting to really heat up," Pozek said.

I specialize more or less in a geographical area" including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon. He's an aspiring pilot in his

being with their children and volunteering at church, Detroit World Outreach in Redford. A total of 50 finalists were

chosen by the magazine. This year's "30 Under 30" honorees will be announced Wednesday. The 30 honorees will be featured in the May/June issue.

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	1595 Switzerland Dr	\$150,00
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	23079 Violet St	\$69,00
	28735 W 10 Mile Rd	\$30,00
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	25779 Kilreigh Ct	\$185,00
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	27875 Peppermill Rd	\$133,00
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Top buildings

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit announced two local winners in the 2011-2012 "The Regional Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY). The

winners include: One Kennedy Square and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, both located in Detroit In the first round of the TOBY

Awards, at the local level, One Kennedy Square in Detroit took first place in the 100,000- to 249,999-square-foot category as Building of the Year and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center also in Detroit was named first in the Government Building category. The buildings went on to win in the same categories at the North Central regional level competing against entries from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 27th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfo lio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building. "TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA of Metro

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in Seattle, Wash., in June 2012.

Liability limited in slip/fall

By Robert Meisner

O: Recently a pedestrian slipped and fell on black ice on a public sidewalk that abutted our condominium. The had cleaned the snow on the day of the snowfall and had inspected the premises the next day, but not the day when the pedestrian fell. The edestrian is suing the association and the snowplowing contract company. Do

you think they have any liability A: While each state is different, a recent New Jersey case held that even though a town ordinance required all owners to clear snow and ice from ar abutting sidewalk within



standing to sue because such ordinances are not enacted for the benefit of individual members of the public, but rather to impose on those regulated the burdens of the government The court further said that although common law property owners had no duty to clear the snow or ice from a public sidewalk

abutting their land, this rule was modified 30 years earlier to impose liability on commercial property owners for injuries on the sidewalks abutting their properties caused by their negligent failure to maintain the sidewalks in a reasonably good condition. The court went on to say that whether a property is commercial or residential, you must focus on the nature of the use of the property and not the nature of the ownership. In the case at hand, the court ruled that the condominium's use was residential - only residents could be members of the association. The deeds expressly restricted use as private residences and there was no retail space and no provision for any goods to the public. The court, in effect, declined to extend the duty to residential owners. and the court stressed

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Before You Ask

"It never hurts to ask" is normally a sound principle for tob seekers, but it doesn't apply to referrals. Requesting a recommendation from the wrong person, at the wrong time or in the wrong way can do more harm than good. Since most people find it difficult to turn down a request for help, it's your responsibility to make sure that your potential referrer is well-equipped to recommend you and that he is the right person to do so.

The most common problem? Unfamiliarity. "Michelle - er. Melissa - is a close friend and trusted colleague" doesn't exactly make for a ringing endorsement. Before you ask someone for a referral. consider whether you know the person well enough and vice-versa. After all, the two of you are effectively agreeing to tie vour professional reputations together. While you don't need to have worked alongside your advocate for years, 15 minutes of conversation at last night's Meetup isn't a sufficient personal history for a convincing recommendation. Keep in mind that your contact may have her own

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Your Pre-interview

Whether your potential referrer is an old friend or a more recent contact, don't take the referral for granted. Frame your request with a brief explanation of why you think you'd be a good fit for the company, and send along vour résumé.

If the person seems reluctant to vouch for you, take that as a no. And keep in mind that a polite refusal will be better for your career in the long run than an insincere yes, which usually leads to a half-hearted

Once someone has agreed to

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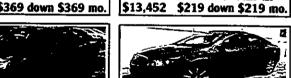


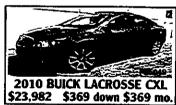
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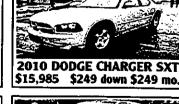
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