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#### **Memorial Day** parade

With Memorial Day fast approaching, it's time to plan for participation in the parade on Monday, May 28. Businesses, scout troops, neighborhood associations, and civic organizations are encouraged to prepare an entry for the parade, such as a

float or marching unit. 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. 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.

#### Dems dancing to The Dittilies

The westside's famous show band, The Dittilies, will be featured at Spring Gala 2012, the party of the year for five Democratic clubs, from 7 p.m. to midnight May 19 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville (40941 W. Eight Mile Road, just west of I-275).

Tickets are \$50 per person; patron \$75, host \$200 (includes two tickets) and student \$30. For tickets and further information, contact Karen Zyczynski at (248) 349-6342 or zyczynski2002@aol.com.

# **MDEQ honors Novi-based ITC** for environmental stewardship

### Pearson: Company is the 'complete package'

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality added another company to its elite list of Clean Corporate Citizen Award winners Tuesday afternoon when they presented the honor to Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp.

The award is the highest environmental stewardship award the MDEQ gives out as just over 100 businesses in the state have received it. It is a voluntary program that recognizes environmental stewardship through facility-specific management systems, active pollution prevention initiatives and a consistent record of compliance with

state and federal environmental requirements.

'We are here to celebrate your success in terms of the environmental stewardship work you do, but also for your economic success which is good for Michigan as well," said Bryce Feighner with the MDEQ.

Feighner said not only is it hard to get into the program, but to stay in the program as well because there is very strict cri-

He also said for the program to be a success, companies need to be inspired on their own

"If we are going to go into the future and make further improvements we have to do it

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Kirk Webber runs a rototiller at Novi's First United Methodist Church on May 10 during Keller Williams' "Red Day" where employees volunteered their time to prep the church's garden. Food from the garden is donated to local food banks.

### Volunteers spruce up community garden

### Produce donated to Novi Emergency Food Bank

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Sarah Sopchak was at a loss for words as she watched the sea of people in red T-shirts vigorously work in the community garden last Thursday at Novi United Methodist Church.

The gardening season is about to start at the church, and Sopchak, who helped create the Garden Space of Grace in 2010, knew a lot of work had to be done before seeds could be planted.

That is where the red-clad volunteers from the Novi/Northville Keller Williams Realty came in handy as they offered to give of their services for the day as part of the company's RED Day program. The letters in "RED" stand for renew, energize and donate, and offices across the United States and Canada put calls on hold to give back to their commu-

"Keller Williams' belief is you should give where you live," said employee Tanji Grant, who has been involved in the program for the last seven years. "And it's heartfelt and rewarding to know you are helping someone in need."

Sonchak said it would have taken her and the group of church volunteers quite some time to get the garden ready as a good amount of clean-up was needed. The RED Day volunteers rototilled the garden, pulled weeds, installed fencing and built six garden boxes so

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Rachel DeAngelo, 13, and Samantha lavasile, 14, right, team up to weed the fence line at the Novi United Methodist Church's community garden on May 10.

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The five-hour event is chock full of information and

offers seniors ies a chance speak one-on-one with experts in retirement planning, insur-

ance, health and fitness This year's program, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, is presented by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies in partnership with School-craft College. Best of all, everything is free - admission, parking, morning coffee and doughnuts (by O&E and Schoolcraft) and orange juice and cinnamon melts (courtesy of McDonald's restaurants on Haggerty Road in Novi and Northville Township), workshops, presentations and more.

The first 100 guests through the door at 9 a.m. will receive a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's cheese pizza voucher. In addition, prizes, gas cards and

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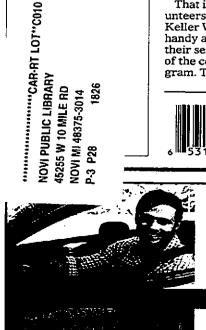
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# Great Indoors appears to be nearing its end

Store advertising that everything must go

Signs reading "everything must go" and advertising discount sales adorn the windows at The Great Indoors in the Twelve Mile Crossing at

Fountain Walk Employees at the store and the general manager of Fountain Walk said they did not have an official closing date, but employees hinted it could be coming by mid-June.

foot store is one of the center's anchor tenants and is halfway through a 20-year lease, according to Bruce Baja, Signature Associates director of retail. He did not know when the store would be closing and what would be happen

ing with it. Things are still kind of coming to light at this y in the process, so I will be getting more details as

we progress." Kelly Kaufman, who oversees Fountain Walk. said she heard that Sears Holdings, which announced in late Februarv it would be closing The Great Indoors chain of nine stores, would be running an outlet-type store in the building.

Baja did not know about that possibility, saying that finding a sublessor is the "logical approach," but did not think the building would be vacant

Kaufman said she has had people already asking about it.

"Certainly it wouldn't be hard to fill," she said. The store features everything to furnish a home, and as of last week still had a lot of product at 44075 W. 12 Mile Road,

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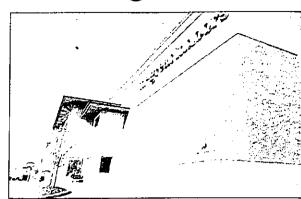
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The Great Indoors at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk is advertising "everything must go" sales as the store prepares to close.



volunteer wears a shirt recognizing Keller Williams Realty's "Red Day" in which employees volunteered at the

#### GARDEN

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"It's wonderful," said Sopchak. "We are so

The last few years the garden has been able to produce hundreds of vegetables, including potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and onions, that were then donated to the Novi Emergency Food Program at Faith Community

Presbyterian Church. Sopchak said when she drops off the food there has always been a line at

"It's definitely a need." she said. MaryAnn Palise, who

liams, said it feels good to give back to the community and do so alongside her colleagues.

"There are a lot of unfortunate people out there and to work on something that feeds them is awesome," she

Grant said she hopes the volunteering is contagious, and noted that the morning of the event she stopped at Dunkin' Donuts on Ten Mile and Haggerty and told the woman what she was buying food for and the wom-

an did not charge her. "There are a lot of peo ple who want to help and just don't know how." she said. "It really is reward-

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Pat Schmidt and her father-in-law Tom Schmidt check out what the Senior Expo has to offer during last year's expo.

wide range of topics from health to wealth. Dr. Aziza Askari, the founder and doctor of cuss "Long-Term Retiredental medicine at Comment Planning: How to Ensure Your Finances

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through a program like this where compa nies take the lead and take charge of their

own environmental stewardship responsibilities and go beyond compliance," he said. Gregory Ioanidis, president of ITC Michigan, said the award is a result of several years of work, and the company plans on continuing to be innovative. ITC is the nation's largest fully independent electric

transmission company in the country. 'Today's award as a clean corporate citizen will inspire ITC to continue to look for ways to reduce our impact on the environment while pushing to make all energy options accessible," he said. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson referred

to ITC as being the "complete package." "They have the facility, they have the great system that provides every day what we need for our power needs, and then as part of that complete package they provide the environmental stewardship," he said.

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ITC Michigan President Gregory loanidis, left, takes a stroll with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Bryce Feighner on May 8 at ITC's Novi-based headquarters. The MDEQ on that day was recognizing ITC's environmental stewardship and other contributions the Novi business has made to the environment. ITC has preserved wetlands at its Novi location and created walking paths through its nearby woods and fields among other achievements.

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# Students honored for overcoming adversity

### Rotary club gives \$125 award to 10 most improved high schoolers

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Novi High School counselor Lori Ultch developed quite a few concerns about student Matthew Sweet after watching him struggle for more than a year.

She said she saw a young man who had a lot of untapped potential and worked with him to bring

And it appears that work is paying off as Sweet has gotten his life and studies on the right track, and was one of 10 Novi High School students recognized by the Novi Rotary Club as a Most Improved Student.

"It has been awesome to see the change he has made in his life." Ultch said at the luncheon honoring the students last Thursday, "He made a decision to make the changes... And the things he is most proud of is his change in focus and the time he is putting into his studies.

Several of the Rotarians in attendance said the luncheon is their favorite

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to improving their lives. Charles LaClear, assistant principal at the high school, said the two groups --- Rotarians and high school students are a lot alike.

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mitment and passion they an overcome any obstacle that stands in the way "These students have been tested and are persevering and succeed-

The Novi Rotary Club recognized Novi High School's 10 most-improved students during a May 10 ceremony at Novi

United Methodist Church. Front row, from left: Kayla Sanford, Jazzmine Holland, Rachel Aepelbacher, Stephanie Kloka,

and Novi Rotary President Annemarie Mieth. Back row: Tyler Whitehead, Matthew Sweet, Max Phillips, Dominic Mate-

Jacob Abbo, had a rough time throughout high

But Abbo worked hard to earn 5.5 credits in one semester, and over the course of his four years improved his grade point average a full point. He will graduate in June.

The key, his counselor Michael Zelinski said. is that Abbo now takes responsibility for his

"He has changed his whole belief on why things are happening to him," Zelinski said. "He now looks at what he is doing and what he can do differently to make things happen that should be happening.

Aepelbacher, improving her grades was crucial in she wanted to compete at the collegiate level.

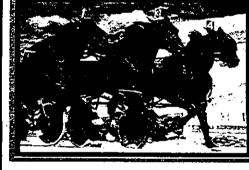
School social worker Missy Bean noted that academics never came easy to Aepelbacher, and her report card reflected that. During her freshyears D's and E's were prevalent, but now it fea-

tures A's and B's "She has received many letters from various colleges recruiting her for diving and she realizes she has to work as hard on her academics as she does in the pool," Bean said. All of the students selected as a most improved student received \$125 from the

rotary club. Also honored were Tyler Whitehead, Kayla Sanford, May Phillips, Jazzmine Holland, Dominic Matejewski. Stephanie Kloka and Samuel Bonhart.

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Organizers with the Novi Public Library and Chamber Music Society of Detroit hoped the Listen@the Library series would be a hit when it debuted in February. And now as the serie

comes to an end Sunday, the feedback they have received from the community and the crowds that packed the library for the performances far exceeded expectations Steve Wogaman, CMSD president and pianist who performed during the

series, said it's great to see people interested in the variety of music. 'From the perspective of the performer, it's so much fun to interact with

"It's an absolute blast.

Kelle Vela, director of community engagement for the CMSD, said every session has been filled. to capacity and expects. the final performance at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Novi High School auditorium to receive the same The final perfor-

mance features the world renowned woodwind quintet Windscape, which will be performing a program titled "A Floating World: Japan and the Impressionists." During the concert, images of French and Japanese paintings will be show on arge screens behind the performers, and they will introduce each piece and give details on the works.

"It's very exciting to have a concert where not only is this high caliber of music making pres-

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accessible, even for little frankly is record breaking," Wogaman said,

Prior to the concert at the high school, Marshall Music is hosting a free instrument petting zoo from 1:30-2:45 p.m. where people can try a variety of musical instruments. The timing of the petting zoo ties into the instrument selection process for incoming fifth grad ers at Novi Meadows.

"It's a great opportunity "Some of these instruments are hard to make sound on at first, and it gives them an immediate appreciation for what the people on stage are accomplishing. It puts it more in the first person for the listener and may inspire the kid to pick it

Mary Robinson, librarian and liaison for the series, said another goal the series achieved was

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The world renowned woodwind quintet Windscape will close out the Listen @ the Library series at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Novi High School auditorium with their program titled 'A Floating World: Japan and the Impressionists.' The members of the group are Tara Helen O'Connor (flute), Randall Ellis (oboe), Alan R. Kay (clarinet), Frank Morelli (bassoon) and

nient setting of their own

"This aspect of the

series has been wonder-

said, noting that attend-

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multi-generational audiences to classical and chamber music within the comfortable, conve-

ees ranged from babies to a 92-year-old celebrating a birthday. Julie Farkas, library lirector, said the two

bringing another series to Novi next fall and spring

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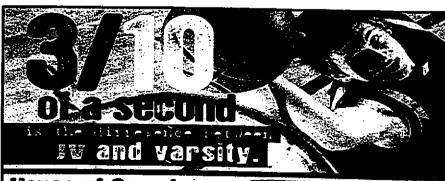
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Haire Gibbons directs the Novi Singers in a rehearsal for State Choral Festival.

# Sing a new song

### Gibbons brings excitement to Novi's vocal music program

By Dana Corbit Nussio

A group of teenagers, several dressed in Legally Blonde" T-shirts. formed a circle in a classroom corner. While minutes before they'd arrived in class, bringing tokes from lunch and worries sets along with them, nov the busyness was forgot ten as the Novi Singers joined together, blending their voices for the joy of

Claire Gibbons spoke in a soft voice from the circle's center, where she stood to listen to individual voices and blends as they rehearsed "Ubi Caritas" by Gjeillo.

"I think it would be great if you closed your eyes," she told them. "I am not conducting. You are shoulder to shoulder. You are feeling the music

In her first year as Novi High School's choral music director, Gibbons could easily be mistaken for one of her students with her fresh face. French braid and, on this particular day, a "Legally Blonde" T-shirt to match the others. Indeed, the 2010 graduate from Michigan State University's College of Music is young, but Gibbons has proven herself to her fellow edu cators and students by combining her enthusiasm and innovation with a strong respect for tradition and has put her own imprint on the highly recognized Vocal Music Pro-

"It's a dream job, that's what it is," said Gibbons, 24. "It doesn't seem right that after just a year, I am doing what I'd dreamed of

Getting the gig The position has had a surreal quality for Gibbons, who had just completed her first year of teaching with Lakeland Public Schools in Otisville. where she taught middle school and high school music, when the position with Novi became available. Although her fiancé, Max Schurig, found the listing and encouraged her to apply, she expected the position to go to a more experienced teacher. But with the Novi program in flux after the retirement of longtime director Don Daniels. and after his successor band/vocal music teacher to accept a full-time band position, Gibbons found a unique opportunity. "I feel like I skipped

like eight steps by coming from Otisville to Novi," said Gibbons, who also served as vocal director for this year's school musical. "I still feel very lucky that it happened. I

realize how lucky I am to

Her students and colleagues are just as grateful to have Gibbons in "She brings in such youth," said junior Dan

Rajkovic, a Novi Singers class representative She's so relatable." Singers class representative Sam Jahr agrees. "Even though she's so

young, it seems that she has more experience than she should have for her e," said Jahr, a senior. "She knows what it's like to be a kid in choir. She knows what's going through our heads, so it allows her to connect with

Caryle Schober, longtime accompanist with the vocal music program, has been impressed by Gibbons' strong choral back-

"For the kids, it feels to them as if she has been teaching her whole life.' Schober said. "She works very hard to enable kids to be musically proficient enough to work indepen-

Coming into any established program is difficult, and Gibbons had heard horror stories about students making the transition difficult for directors, but she found Novi students encouraging.

"They would tell me what they used to do, but they weren't forcing it," said Gibbons, who teaches instrumentals in additional to choral music. "They were so welcoming. They were open to what I had to

A cappella choirs And she had plenty to offer. As a former president of Michigan State's only all-female, a cappella choir, Ladies First, Gibbons had a special interest in a cappella performance. Her fiancé even led Michigan State's men's group, the Spartan Dischords. She wanted to give her students a similar opportunity, so she received approval to form two extracurricular a cappella choirs, the Acabellas for girls and the Acafellas for boys. Eighty-five singers, many not already involved in Novi choirs. auditioned for those select groups, which now include

15 boys and 25 girls. President of Acafellas, Raikovic considers the formation of the a cappella choirs Gibbons' most significant accomplish-

"She kept true to all of our traditions, but she also brought in something that ent," he said.

These choirs have been so successful that A Cappella has been added as a course for the 2012-13 academic year. In the

las and Acafellas and then combine them for certain selections. Other classes for the academic year will be the Novi Singers, the elite upperclass men ensemble; Women's Ensemble, the advanced female group; and the

Wildcat Choir, a mixed

choir for freshmen and In addition to building strong new choirs, Gibbons has been focused on continuing to strengthen the established ensembles. That includes ensur ing that the school's elite choir, the Novi Singers, continues to grow and develop. For her effort, all of her choirs fared well in district and state choir

Jahr said she appreciates.Gibbons' effort in\_\_ helping the Novi Singers live up to previous stan-

"She knows how to lift us up, and that makes us great," Jahr said.

Sight-reading

Another innovation that Gibbons introduced this year was a new form of readily admit that teaching those sight-reading skills could be included among her the roughest moments of the year. She points to the ant infestation in the choir room, the day she became "Custodian Claire," as her other

more difficult moment. Most of her best mem ories of the year blend into a "snapshot" of many rehearsals and performances, but one event

stands out to her. "There was a moment backstage before the first concert when we all circled up and were holdings hands," she said, noting that this was a moment when she and her students recognized all of their hard work to that point. Gibbons has more innovative ideas for the future such as providing opportunities for individual voice instruction, possi-bly within the school day, but she would also like to build on the strong traditions Daniels established For example, the Cabaret event offers singers the chance to perform in an intimate setting, and she would like to develop more similar opportunities. She also plans to restore the tradition-

al New York trip, which offered students a chance to perform at Carnegie Although Gibbons studied music herself and recognizes that some of her

students will take a similar path, she doesn't focus on building a group of future music majors. Instead, she hopes to nurture music lovers.

"I just care that music be a big part of their lives."

### Teacher feedback important part of student achievement

iss Ely was my 10th grade Eng-Sandia High School, and at the beginning of the year, Miss Ely made us

She then corrected what we wrote and identi fied the things we needed to work on. She focused on things big and small. She told me, just like she told everyone in the class that by the end of year we would be better writers than we were at the beginning of the year.

I believed her. It wasn't easy, and she never failed to point out the misspelled words, the forgotten punctuation, or the confusing logic that would come out of a 10th grade student from time

Yet I never became discouraged in her class. She was able to point out my mistakes without making me feel inept. She convinced me that I had potential and that I was going to be a better writer at the end of the year than I was at the beginning. In her classroom, I believed I was going to succeed.

In today's educational world the only assessments that seem to matthat the state gives. A close second are the national assessments that we use to compare the dents with the performance of students from around the nation.

These state and nation-

tant as they pro-

Super Talk

ed meacan argue Steve Matthews about how important they are, but I know these external assessments

ment framework. As a parent I want the assessments that are given in class to have some connection to the state. and national assessments If the performance indicators from the state and national assessments do not match the information that comes from the

have to be part of a larg-

er comprehensive assess-

teacher, my faith in both systems is weakened. If the teacher said my son was fabulous but the state and national test results were not fabulous those conflicting results were hard to understand The same was true when the state and national assessments were fabulous but the results from class were not. Internal is important. The results do not have to be identical, and, in fact, I would be surprised if they were

but as a parent I had to see a connection. In our district goal number one is that each student will make at least a year's growth in a state and national test results to give us an indi cation of the growth of

Equally important measures, in my opinion, are the results students get from their teachers in their classrooms every day. That is where Miss

The state assessment was an event that occurred one or two days a year, but in Miss Ely's classroom it was an everyday event for a whole school year. Every day she was asking me about my writing, work-

ing with me to improve. The best thing about Miss Ely is that she kept track of my progress. When she talked with me about my writing she would grab papers I had turned in weeks earlier and show me my progress. She would point out to me how I was improving by showing me the dif ferences between my new work and my old work.

in our district in all subject areas that have an assessment and reporting system that helps students see their progress. We are working hard to create a district-wide system that will support our students and help them see their progress.

And I know it can be done because Miss Ely did it when I was in her 10th grade English class

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## Novi student is All-Star honorable mention

a student at Lutheran High School Westland, was named honorable mention in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 2012 Academic All-Star Program.

This year's all-star team is composed of 27 students from western Wayne and Oakland counties. In addition, 51 other students are honorable men-

Fairbairn plans to attend Kettering University in Flint to study computer science. He is a member of include National Honor Society and received the Presidential Scholarship for

Kettering University. His extracurricular activities include the Spiritual Life Committee co-founder and lead-

Student Council); varsity cross country. basketball and track and field and drama. He also volunteered at Family of God Soup

Kitchen in Detroit. Fairbairn said he looks forward to "working for a company that requires technical service, whether that be for its employees or for its custom-

He named Nick Kwapis (theology and drama) and Mike Unger (math) as the teachers who influenced him the most throughout his life.

"Mr. Kwapis has shown me

that an ideal teacher is one who personally connects with

the students and cares about them even outside their academics," wrote Fairbairn in his all-star application, "Mr. Unger has shown me care as an individual and not just as another student of his. He has pushed me academically in most of my math classes. (He) has also coached me in track since my freshman year ...

having pushed me to set high goals for myself." Fairbairn is the son of Lisa and Christopher and the brother of Emily, 13, and Joey, 9. The 2012 All-Star Team

marks the 27th consecutive year that the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has honored and celebrated academic excellence in our coverage

A special section featuring profiles of all team member and runners up was published on Sunday, May 13, in O&E print editions and is online at www.hometownlife.com.

possible by the Observer & Eccentric in cooperation with our longtime partner Madonna University, based in Livonia which is committed to teaching, scholarship and service. Also partnering for the second year is Children's Hospital

This year's section is made

Detroit Medical Center. This year's all-star judging panel included principals Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School, Carolyn Witte of Mer-

of Michigan, a member of the

cy High School and Dan Willenborg of Franklin High School. The principals met in March

to review almost 80 nominations. This year's team is composed of 27 students from public and private schools through out the O&E readership area. The all-stars are selected sole ly on academic achievement (grade-point average in academic subjects and SAT or

Another 52 are runners-up and they are separated from the all-stars in many cases by just hundredths of a point.

ACT test scores.)

"The Observer & Eccentric is pleased to have the cooperation of the education community to recognize these students," said Susan Rosiek, publisher and

#### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

Coffee with superintendent May's topics for the Novi Community School District's Coffee with the Superintendent event are summer activities reading program and Community Education program. It will be held at the

Novi Public Library, in the Board Room These next two sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 23. Please refer to the Novi News and the Novi Commu nity School District website www.novi k12.mi.us for additional dates, times and

**Got books?** Orchard Hills is holding a book drive, collecting donations of gently used children's b books and magazines for the Novi

elementary school classroom libraries. Volunteers will coming to the following subdivisions beginning at 9 a.m. June 3: Meadowbrook Glens, Orchard Hills, Wilowbrook Farms, Chase Farms, Deerbrook. and Meadowbrook Lake. At 9 a.m. June 5, books will be picked up from Willowbrook.

If your subdivision isn't included, or if it would be easier for you, please feel free to send your books with your student or drop off your books at the school

#### Local teachers honored

Oakland Schools on May 10 hosted the 25th annual Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards, celebrating teachers that are setting students on a course of discovery. This year, 54 outstanding teachers from 22 local school districts were recognized for their great-accomplish ments in their classrooms. Oakland County teachers with more than five years of teaching experience were nominated by colleagues, principals, students, parents and others for this prestigious award, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP) through the Oakland

Schools Education Foundation (OSEF). The nominees were rated by a ninemember selection committee consisting of education and community representatives. Candidates are evaluated in six areas: Engaging students, meeting individual needs of students, demonstrating knowledge of subject area, demonstrating classroom management, relating to parents and colleagues, demonstrating citizenship and leadership in the school community and support statements

from colleagues, parents and students. The three winners were each presented with \$2,000 from HAP through the Oakland Schools Education Foundation This year's winners include

School districts participating in the 2012 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards program are: Avondale, Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Brandon, Clarenceville, Clarkston, Farmington, Ferndale, Huron Valley, Lake Orion, Lamphere, Novi, Oxford, Pontiac, Royal Oak, South Lyon, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford, and West Bloomfield.

All nominees, including the following locals (listed by school district, nom inee, hometown), were honored at the invitation-only event

Elementary School Novi, Kerry Kowalczyk, White Lake South Lyon, Jennifer Mae Shottroff,

Middle School/Junior High Farmington, Julie Stahr, Northville Walled Lake, Maureen Bratke, Wixom

High School Berkley, Theresa Ferrara, Northville

### Fox Run community education volunteer looks forward to start of each new school year

Schoolchildren may now be counting down the days until summer, but one Novi retiree is already looking forward to the upcoming fall resumption of classes.

Bill Moran, a resident of Fox Run retirement community, has dedicated his life to education and volunteers at City Mission in Detroit where he teaches children to read. He has been doing this for the past eight years and he has no intention of stopping. Moran gathered about

five of his Fox Run neighbors - some of whom are also former educators - and the group started tutoring once a week at City Mission. The Fox Run tutors spend a couple of hours working with the students in small groups. Moran said they focus on reading skills and tailor the lessons to whatever the children are currently learning in their class-

"You do see a good deal of progress as the kids move along," said Moran. who began his career as a teacher in Catholic schools and worked his



Cindy Candela, left, shares an apartment with her mom, Dolores Felice, at Novi's Fun Run Village. Candela moved in

with her mom about a year and half ago.

way up to becoming principal. "And the teachers

appreciate volunteers. Moran has worked with student teachers at the University of Michigan, but he especially enjoys his volunteer work at City Mission, a Detroit organization that provides tutoring and mentoring to children from low-income

families. Moran said the Fox Run volunteers have gotten to know many of the City Mission children because

they work with some of the same students year after year. So in addition to giving the children the tangible skill of reading, the Fox Run volunteers also bestow something more intangible the wisdom and guidance that comes from spending time with an elder.

"The kids really enjoy the program," Moran said. "We're kind of like grandparents to them. and they look forward to the day we come in.

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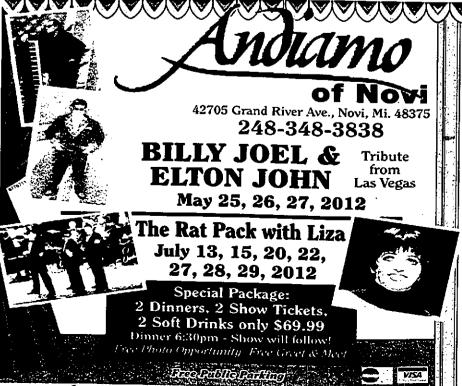
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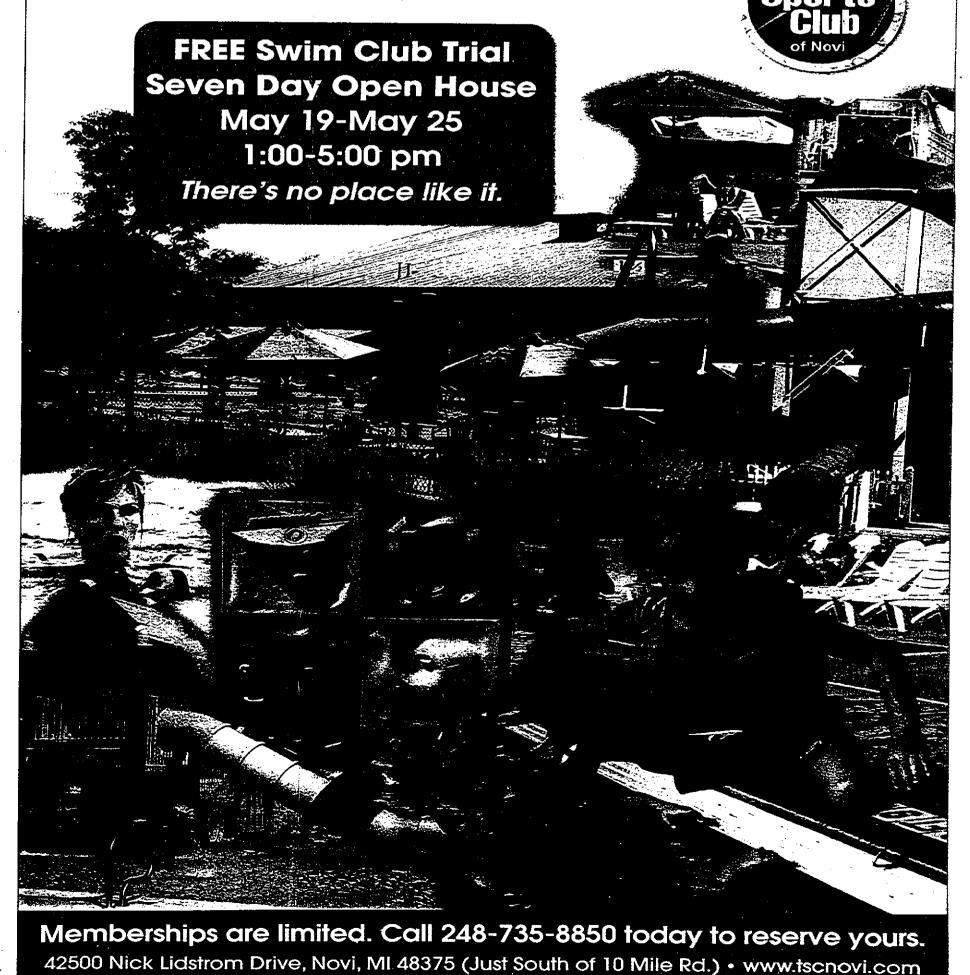
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### Business owner honors influential Novi women

### Betts humbled by daughter's essay and \$500 award

By Nathan Mueller

Wendy Betts was "very much surprised" last Tuesday to find out her daughter Mackenzie had written an essay to recognize her as being one of the most influential women in Novi.

And while the essay alone was enough to make mom proud, it got even better as she was chosen as the top woman and received a \$500 award from State Farm Insurance agent Veroni-

"I felt very special, very humbled and very lucky to hear what she

wrote," Wendy said. "I had a chance to read some of the other letters that were written, and some of them were pretty terrific.

such a great community because there are so many great moms out Betts was one of more

than 20 Novi mothers recognized by their children for their impact on their lives and the lives

Murff, who has owned her State Farm Insurance agency in Novi for 20 years, said she organized the contest

"I am lucky to live in

(From left) Novi's most influential woman Wendy Betts, daughter Mackenzie Betts, event emcee JoAnne Purtan, Amelia Ritter, Laura Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Veronica Murff pose for a photo during the May 8 reception honoring influential women in the comm

make a difference in the community and recognize people who helped

"It was so exciting and very emotional," she

said of the event. "There were a lot of tears." Betts' accomplishments stood out to judges Julie Farkas, Lin-

da Daly, Susie Gatt and

Murff as her daughter wrote about her ing Higher program that helps troubled young adults, and the time her mom took the family to a gas station on Thanksgiving to bring dinner to a woman she had formed a close relationship with. "I've never been so proud of my mom," she

She also wrote that her sented with framed copmom has always been ies of their children's there for her and supessavs.

ported her. "She's the first person I go to for advice, giving it even when I don't want which is when I usually need it most," Mackenzie wrote. "Although being a teenager can be a roller coaster ride of emotions, I can count on her to be my rock when I need support and my

leader when I succeed." mother Judy Allen was recognized as the first runner up and Amelia Ritter's mother Laura Ritter was the second runner up. Both mothers received gift cards for spa services from Visions Spa Salon. All the mothers in attendance were pre-

"I'm really looking forward to next year," Murff said. "The kids really poured their hearts into it, and even if they didn't win they were still excited to do

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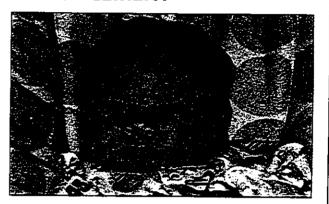
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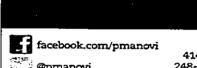
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JAMES KENNETH

A resident of Milford for 60

years, passed away in the care o

his family on Tuesday, May 8 2012. He was 68 years old, He i

survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Beverly; dear sons, J

Parrish Rue and Theodore "Ty" Rue; brother, William Rue; sis-ters, Charlene Cline, Marchita Owen, Michelle Tabata; step-

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Age 60, passed away May 9, 2012. He was born on October 3, 1951, in Ontario, Canada, to the late Royce "Allan" and Cecille (Anthony) Bowman. On July 4, 1996, he married Starla Rhodes. He was formerly of Detroit and He was formerly of Detroit and Canada, prior to moving to South Lyon. He worked for 22 years for Ford Motor Company at the Wayne Assembly Plant. Gary is survived by his wife Starla Bowman; children: Christopher Rhodes, Dale Anderson; one grandchild Justin Christopher Rhodes; one brother Ron (Laurie Rowman, penhew Gare Bowman

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tions may be made to the Humane Society of Livingston County, 2464 Dorr Rd., Howell, MI 48843. Online guestbook:

MERUCCI, FILIPPA South Lyon. Online guestbook

Age 87. passed away May 7, 2012. He was born on October 12, 1924, in Detroit, son of erving during the Battle of the Bulge. He retired in 1982 as a but ROSS, MARCELINE E. driver for the City of Detroit. Don was very active with the Golden Age 82, passed away May 8, 2012. She was born on December K Kiwanis, was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was 9, 1929, in Detroit, daughter of the late Berdine and Evelyn Jones. She was an educator with the Redford Union School District past commander Dearborn Heights. Don was a devoted husband, futher and for 30+ years. Marceline was known for her strong faith. She was a dedicated and active mem-ber of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) churchrandfather. He was a proud and dedicated employee at Phillips funeral Home for many years. He runeral Home for many years. He enjoyed bowling and golfing in his retirement years. Don was a devoted fan of his grandchildren's sporting events. He is survived by his daughters: Donna Griffon and Cathy Cole; his grandchildren: Sara. Kevin (Danielle) and Brian; his great grandchildren: Robert and Riley. He is also survived by his brother Raiph Cole. Don was es where she sang in the choir for many years. She was a talented artist and enjoyed writing poetry. Marceline had a strong interest in her family lineage and enjoyed genealogy research. She is sur-vived by her children: Carol (Jonathan) Glick, Evelyn (Barry) Price, Elizabeth (Nelson) als brother Ralph Cole. Don w Stevenson; seven grandchildren: Daniel, Steven, Katie, Christina, Beth, Kim and Rick. She is also receded in death by his wif Shirley in 2010, his son-in-taw Robert Griffon in 2005 and his survived by eight great-grandchil-dren and two brothers: Paul Jones siblings: George, Jack and Audrey Graham. Visitation was held on Thursday, May 10, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, and Donald Jones and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Clifford in 2002, her son Thomas in 1959, outh Lyon. A Funeral Mass was clebrated on Friday, May 11, at her daughter Marceline in 1964 and her brother Roy Jones. Visitation was held on Thursday, May 10, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Don was laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery where military honors

South Lyon, A Funeral service was held on Friday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran

Church, Plymouth, Memorial

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Online

www.phillipsfuneral.com

Guestbook at

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DeLAUDER, Mildred M. Age 99, Big Rapids, formerly of rline Funeral Home, Northville

were rendered. Online Guestbook

it www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEISE, ANN T. Age 96, passed away May 11, 2012. Private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook:

GRESEHOVER. MARTIN "BARNEY" Died May 9, 2012. Memorial contact Karl at 916-837-8382

KING, MARY E. Age 61, of Royal Oak, died 5/06/12. Service Thurs., 5/17/12, 2:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MACH, ARVEDA P. Age 91, of South Lyon, previous-ly of Northville, passed 5/12/12. Services were held 5/16/2012.

Age 93, passed May 11, 2012. Funeral mass was held May 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church,

STANLAKE, EDWARD JAMES A long time resident of Milford, died at his home on May 11, 2012, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his wife Jacqueline "Jackie" in 2002, and is survived by his son, Dennis Harris; daugh ter, Vicki (B.J.) Smith; grandchil dren, Jayme, Angela, and Christina Smith, great grand-daughter, RaeNelle Smith, dear friend, Bernice Lawrence and many other dear friends, including his Chihuahua, Amigo. Ed served on the USS Tilefish submarine with the USS Tilefish submarine with the USS Tilefish submarine. with the U.S. Navy from 1946-48, and worked with Ford Motor Company for over thirty years. A Funeral Service and Military Honors will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Monday, May 14, at 2PM. Friends may visit on Monday from 12 Noon until time of service. Cremation will follow, Interment Potterville Cemetery. Benton Two Cemetery, Benton Twr Michigan Memorials may American Legion Post 216. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.co



#### Location: 200 E. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up that meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social. Date: May 17

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Worship

Single Place

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Details: Dr. Tom Gerou, whose topic is The Importance of Maintaining Good Health As We 'Age to Perfection'. Ice cream social to follow: \$5 donation requested. Date: May 24

Details: First cookout of the season. Burgers and brats form the grill accompanied by the usual picnic food of baked beans, potato salad, etc. If bad weather, we picnic inside. Afterwards, musical entertainment will be provided by Idell. Cost is \$12 for dinner and entertainment, or \$7 for dinner and \$5 for entertainment. Date: May 31

Details: Cards & Games Night. Enjoy playing Euchre, Mexican Train and other games. Birthday Cake and ice cream follows to celebrate May birthdays; \$5 donation requested.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumc-Sunday Worship: Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m.

Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m. Sunday School:

Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m. GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of

Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible

Study; 10 am, Worship HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@ gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

**Alzheimer's Support Group** Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

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

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

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, be-

tween 8 and 9 Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of

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

Location: 41355 6 Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for

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

1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m.: (cafe©) Wednesday Family Night

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

FOR JEWISH LIFE Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter com; www.novijewishcenter.com

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

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

Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every

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Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and





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

OAK POINTE CHURCH Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit

oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every

Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share: Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted ogether (Adoption/Foster Care)

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

Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries

Groups Ministries, please contact the church office. ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST

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

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Details: For ages three to six;

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olvnorthville.org Time: 5 p.m. Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life

CHURCH

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PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 ongoing event; no need to pre-reg ister: all are welcome. W. 10 Mile Road

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH** 

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or

Saturday Worship Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. **OUR SHEPHERD** 

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. CHURCH Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

ebration Contact: (248) 697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org PLYMOUTH-ST. JOHN'S

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or

Road, Plymouth

Mass Schedule

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Contact: (248) 347-7778 Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. stjohn-lutheran.com Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7

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Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Weekend of Centennial Cel-The Centennial Festival Eucha-

Time/Date: 10 a.m.

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

first use of the banners created by the women and men of the parish. After the service, join the celebration reception and enjoy fellowship with the people of St.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Sunday Worship Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m.

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Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church Pontiac Trail, South Lyon Boom of Pana Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Hefuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Youth at 6:30 p.m. Rev. David Brown, Pastor

The Church of Christ 860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, Mi 4817 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship

Rob Callicott, Pastor

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Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

Wixom

COMMUNITY CHURCH 28930 Wixom Rd. Wixom, MI 48393 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Scho 10:30 a.m. - Morning Word Kenneth Warren - 586-50

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 

the scene when the officer arrived and appeared to be intoxicated. He told police he was trying to turn into

The driver failed field sobriety tests and a prelimi-

nary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of

.19 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michi-

He then told the officer that the vehicle, which did

not have a license plate, was from Marty Feldman

Chevrolet, and that he drove through the front lobby

loors after finding a key on a desk. When asked why

he took the vehicle, he said it was "because of the zom-

Drunk crashes stolen vehicle

the plaza but missed the driveway.

office for review and possible charges.

the van prior to the officer's arrival.

Man arrested smoking pot in van

A 37-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested on

patched to the area of Equestrian Trail and Bridle Run

after receiving a complaint from a witness in the area.

the scene where a house was under construction and

spoke with the van owner. The owner said he did not

drive the van, but admitted to smoking marijuana in

side door. During a search of the vehicle, police found

Diamonds stolen en route to Novi

three marijuana cigarettes, two pipes and a storage box.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police

Department where he was issued a citation and driven

An estimated \$90,000 in mixed/loose diamonds were

missing from a box intended for a business on Crescent

Boulevard from California sometime between May 7-8.

According to the police report, the owner said he was

8. After the package was dropped off he noticed the tape

securing the box had been cut and the box was empty.

The package had stopped in several cities before

Police have no suspects at this time.

\$55 cash taken from the center console

Thief steals bag of groceries

Police have no suspects at this time.

Two vehicles broken into on

Cash stolen from Jeep

looking into the matter.

Police have no suspects

Lakeview Court apartment.

Applebrooke

outside of their homes.

taken from the vehicle.

Pre**mier De**aler

**ESTIMATES** 

sid**e** his home.

arriving in Novi, and the insurance investigators are

A Waterland Drive resident had two vehicles broken

into overnight on May 10 while they were parked out-

ened but nothing was taken. His son's vehicle had

According to the report, his work truck had been

An unknown suspect stole a bag of food that was

According to the report, the vehicle was unlocked,

police when he saw a man running from her vehicle.

being donated to a local food bank overnight on May 8

from an unlocked vehicle parked outside of a woman's

and early in the morning on May 8 her boyfriend called

Two Novi residents had their unlocked vehicles bro-

In one of the thefts, the unknown suspect stole a pro-

ken into overnight on May 10 while they were parked

jector, laptop computer, iTouch, suit coat, gym shoes

and a duffle bag with basketball jerseys inside.

Police have no suspects in either incident.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

The other victim had a lacrosse stick and backpa

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Custodian service

### GCA needs to clean up its act or be replaced

Dec. 3, 2009, was a dark day for many in Novi. It was the day custodians of Novi Community Schools learned that they would lose their jobs within weeks when the district would contract with GCA Services Group as a measure to save \$3.6

It was not an easy decision for the board of education to make back then as 39 custodians, some with more than 20 years of service with the district, were affected by the privatization.

At the time, we stated that how well it worked would depend on how well the district oversaw GCA. Well, here we are now, almost to the end of their three-year contract, and there have been "some hiccups", according to Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business operations for the school district.

He cited issues with GCA's quality of work, employee turnover, light maintenance work and problems finding substitutes, among other issues. It seems other GCA clients have had similar complaints. too. GCA's bid of just over \$1.5 million was the lowest, making this now look like a case of you-get-what-you-pay-for.

The board will discuss the custodial contract, which expires at the end of June, at its meeting tonight. Barr is recommending that the board stick with GCA and use a one-year contract instead of a threeyear. But by now, this company should know what needs to be done and should be doing it. No pun intended, but it appears they've failed the test.

Novi's students, staff and parents deserve better. But perhaps more than any others. GCA owes it to those former custodians who lost their jobs to do better than they've done up to this point. Shame on GCA if their standards and performance can't match what we had - and let's make sure the next company can.

### Distracted driving unsafe, unwise

Recently, a man involved in a head-on collision told Oakland County Sheriffs that he crossed the center line when he reached down to grab his phone.

Thankfully, there were no fatalities. But a 34-year-old Novi woman was not as lucky on April 3. She died after crossing the line and being hit head-on by a pickup truck while she was driving on Pontiac Trail between West

It only takes a split second to be distracted when driving, but the consequences can be tragic. Cell phones in particular are becoming more and more dangerous as drivers foolishly try to stay connected with friends, work or the world as a whole - 24/7.

Whether phone calls, text messages or Facebook are your primary form of communication, all can be done on smartphones smaller than your hand. They're fun gadgets, indeed, but can turn deadly. According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, motorists who engage in texting while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident, or near-crash event, than those who are not distracted.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that one in five injury crashes in the United States involved distracted driving.

Just consider that your car can move the length of a football field in the four seconds it takes to look down and read that most recent incoming text.

Plus, it's illegal to text or e-mail while driving in Michigan. That law took effect almost two years ago, yet people continue to do so.

A ticket shouldn't be the main motivator here, though. If you're driving, and you must use the phone for any purpose, the easiest solution is

to pull over before using it. If there are passengers in the car, let them use the phone. Just remember, keep your eyes on the road

and your hands on the wheel.



Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek.

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

### What is the best part about volunteering in Novi?



"It feels good from the soul. It's a good thing to do.'

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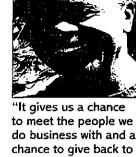
"I enjoy the camaraderie and the sense of truly giving back to your community and being part

Kathleen McLallen



"I like being able to help others and that it brings everyone together."

Cindi Kozlowski



the lives of our readers, nurture the

the business success of our customers

hometowns we serve and contribute to

the community and let them know we appreciate the opportunity to be in Novi. It's a win-win for everyone.

Al Edwards

#### **LETTERS**

#### Use millage for roads only

The front-page headline of the May 10 Novi News states "Voters to decide on road millage increase in August." The article says that road millage can also be used for sidewalks and pathways.

I have observed Novi spending a lot of money on sidewalks and pedestrian pathways while roads have deteriorated to the point that a millage increase is being requested. The only way I would approve such an increase is if the increase can only be used for roads that cars drive on for the duration of the increase. Otherwise I'll vote against it.

Donald J. Collom

#### Thanks, Novi!

Kudos to the Novi City Council for reducing the citizen's taxes for the next year without any reductions in the services. The cutting of millage rate from 10.541 to 10.2 mills will save close to \$1 million. That is fantastic.

Congratulations to all employees under the leadership of City Manager Clay Pearson for excellent work and keeping our city safe and one of the best city in the U.S.A.

Ramesh Verma Novi, commissioner Asian Pacific American Affairs

#### Do more for one in four

One in four: That's how many adults live with a diagnosable mental health condition.

Mental illness affects the lives of 60 million people in the United States each year. Many Americans either know someone suffering from a mental health disorder or they're battling the disease themselves. Mental and substance use conditions are among the most prevalent health disorders in the United States and many experts believe America is facing a mental health crisis.

May is Mental Health Month. This is a time, nationally, when advocates work to raise mental health awareness, provide community education, and implement initiatives to fight stigma. It is also a time to lobby for health insurance benefits that are more expansive and include the treatment of mental illnesses. Together, we can do more to help the one in four who live with mental health

disorders. Even though mental illnesses are medical illnesses, individuals with mental illness, unlike other diseases of the body, are faced with unique obstacles and are far less likely to seek treatment. Many not only have to overcome stigma — in school, at work, in the community, and even in their extended families — but often they encounter insurmountable financial hurdles. Unlike most other diseases, insurance reimbursement for mental health treatment is either severely capped or nonexistent, and funding for public programs is

In Michigan, that is just the case. Insurance coverage is often inadequate or nonexistent for the

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edi-

Online: Due to space limitations, not all letters submitted can be published in our print edition. However, all letters will be published online each week at www hometownlife.com.

treatment of serious mental illness. Michigan legislators should consider requiring health insurance benefits in ways that are more expansive and inclusive.

More people need access to quality and affordable treatment and services, without being stigmatized, and allowed to take advantage of the arsenal of knowledge available to identify and, in some cases, even prevent mental health conditions.

That's why I hope you will join me in observing May is Mental Health Month. Visit the Mental Health America website at www.nmha.org to join the local affiliate and advocate for people with mental illness or the National Alliance on Mental Illness website at www.nami.org to find easy-to-understand information about mental illnesses, mental health care, diagnosis, treatment and

We must spread the word: Mental illnesses are treatable and manageable, and, with proper treatment and accessible, affordable services, sufferers can go on to recover and lead full, productive lives.

Who is in your one in four? Scott C. Mullan Northville; member of the Board of Directors of Rose Hill Center

#### What a night for Northville

The Northville TURF CLUB and the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) would like to thank the 471 supporters that attended our fundraising event, A Night for Northville, on April 28. Especially deserving of our gratitude are the fabulous Northville residents and businesses that supported our cause by purchasing tickets, bidding on silent auction items and donating or greatly discounting their goods and services for the event. In all, over \$40,000 was raised in just one evening!

A huge thank you to Phil Martinez and his team at Northville Sports Den who managed the event's food, drink, security and entertainment; to Margene & Bob Buckhave of Northville Square who donated the event space; to The Randy Brock Group

#### who rocked the event and donated the entertainment; and to Dave Moore who created and chaired the event, sold the most tickets and truly

"made it happen." Our thanks to Bricks, Genitti's, Poole's Tavern, Hudsonville Creamery & Ice Cream Company, Julie & David Cole/Great Harvest Northville, Coca-Cola, Begonia Brothers, Pizza Cutter, West Side Beer Distributing, Fred's Ice Cream, GRBS Cleaning Service, and

Jennie Patterson/Sites Built Right. Over \$4,000 was raised from our silent auctions which were made possible by Donna McDonald, Sue Baldwin, Take 2 Authentics and Russ Gregory. Volunteers at the event included Karen Sourges, Scott Baldwin, Jim Sourges, Maureen Owens, Julia Moore and Kyle Zwarych.

Finally, thank you to the hard-working TURF CLUB consortium (Sue Baldwin, Kim Cooke, Jim Cracraft, Dottie Garrity, Chris Gearns, Scott Gibaratz, Russ Gregory, Randy Holloway, Jeff Hood, Keith Kwasny, Kathy Koupal, Donna MacDonald, Bryan Masi, David Moore, Jennifer Pearson, Joanne Vaghy and Pete Wright) - all of whom have dedicated countless hours, raised significant funds and

are amazingly dedicated to the cause. The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) Executive **Board of Directors:** Eric Barritt, president Todd Knickerbocker, vice president Amy Storm, treasurer Mark Knoth, secretary

#### Choose Nix to lead Northville

Longtime Northville Township resident and homeowner Robert Nix is uniquely qualified to lead the township as it enters an era of substantial real estate development and redevelopment.

These projects will significantly affect the community's character, and include the township's Seven Mile Road Psychiatric Hospital Redevelopment Master plan, the University of Michigan's Health System project, the Five Mile Corridor development, and reuse of the Scott Prison and Our Lady of Providence properties.

Bob is presently chairman of the township Planning Commission, on which he has served since 2001. A real estate attorney and senior partner in the prestigious Detroit law firm Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC, he has expertise in land use and environmental and brownfield matters. He teaches real estate law at Wayne State University's Law School, and he is currently professionally rated as one of the leading real estate lawyers in the state. He is vice president of the Schoolcraft College Development Authority, and has served as real estate counsel to several cities in the

I believe Bob Nix has what it takes to lead Northville Township forward during the next four years. I have known Bob Nix for many years and heartily recommend him as Northville Township's next supervisor.

> Fred Shadko Northville Township

#### Rescue team prepares A 22-year-old Livonia man and recent college gradufor its next emergency ate was arrested at 2:45 a.m. on May 10 for drunk driving and vehicle theft after crashing the stolen car in a ditch at Grand River Avenue and Karim Boulevard. According to the police report, the driver was still at

It's not too often that someone gets trapped in a trench or pinned under a mountain of debris from a collapsed building, but specially trained rescuers are ready when it does happen. And, they're honing

bie apocalypse" which he believed was happening. The driver told police he and some friends had been their skills through spedrinking and talking with his friends all night about cial training operations zombie-type movies and he woke up in the middle of every month. the night "freaked out about the zombie apocalypse." The Western Wayne The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's

County Urban Search and Rescue team is a highly skilled special response unit made up of 47 first responders from 21 juris May 8 for possession of marijuana after police were disdictions, including Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Redford, Plym-According to the police report, the officer arrived at outh, Garden City, Northville, Novi and Westland.

A training exercise May 8 entailed a scenario in which a person was He also told police there was a bag of marijuana in the trapped in a trench. We see this when people are working and

they're not in a trench box," said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch, who adminis tered the exercise. An eight-foot deep hole

was dug on the Greenmead property in Livonia for the training. The over-night rainfall perfectly simulated a realexpecting the shipment at his store and it arrived on May life scenario in which the walls of the trench began to give way, requiring rescuers to place large wooden support panels and cross beams inside Local DPW crews were

on hand to participate in the training. 'We're looking to partFire and DPW crews from around western Wayne and Oakland counties trained in trench

rescue on May 8 as part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team's monthly training. The exercise took place on the property of Greenmead park in Livonia

to get them involved in a response when needed," said Bartsch, who noted the DPW assistance was critical in the December 2010 Frank's Furniture Store explosion in Wayne "The DPWs were there, moving debris out of the way. A lot of people don't

realize the DPW plays a auite well. really big role. They're 'We always try to truly first responders. just like police and fire are. They bring the equip ment and the expertise that we don't have."

#### 'A learning experience'

Bryan Pickworth, road maintenance supervisor at the Farmington Hills DPW, said the training exercises are important for everyone involved.

"It's a learning experience for all of us, knowing exactly what they need in a situation like this," he said. "Anything we can do to help out. especially in an emergency situation — there's nothing like hands-on experience.

The WWUSAR had just received equipment on Tuesday to connect to a Vactor truck, for use in the rescue training exer-

Livonia Fire Department Lt. John Orzech, incident commander, said the exercise was going

improve in every scenario," he said. "This is going exceptionally well, considering we just got the equipment this morning.

#### Collaboration The WWUSAR team trains and provides rescue in the areas of trench

rope, confined space and building collapse. The team was formed in 2006 and operates similarly to the haz-mat multi-jurisdic tional response team that was established in 1987. The specialized servic-

local communities to provide individually, so the partnerships are needed and vitally important,

es are too expensive for

regional methods to provide an exceptional service at a reduced cost."

Recently, that partnership has expanded to include emergency physician Chris Mason, a doctor at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and

former police officer. "The planning, delivery and coordination of med ical care outside the four walls and bright white lights of the hospital is important," said Mason who joined WWUSAR in

January. The WWUSAR, since formed, has responded to trench rescue/recovery calls in Detroit and Van Buren and a search rescue operation following a tornado that struck an apartment complex in Plymouth. The team was on stand-by following the recent tornadoes in Washtenaw County and Dundee. In the meantime, the

anticipating the next call. (313) 222-2369

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#### Novi events

#### **BALANCING YOUR** HORMONES

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. May 17 Location: The Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi

Details: Free seminar - learn natural alternatives to HRT, how to have healthy bones throughout your life, what nutrients can help nourish your skin to bring out a youthful glow, and what you eat can either zap or pump you with energy.

Contact: Reservations for the free seminar can be made by calling 1-888-48-BETTER, or via web site www.thebetterhealthstore.com or visiting The Better Health Store Facebook

#### BE A GARAGE SALE GURU: HOW TO FIND QUALITY SECOND-HAND FURNITURE

Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Saturday, May 19 Location: Carol's Upholstery, 44480 Grand River Avenue, Novi **Details:** Learn tips to look beyond old, worn and dated upholstery for finding fabulous

furniture at garage sales and thrift shops where to look, what to look for and the questions to ask. Giveaways, special promoions and refreshments provided; free event. **NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COFFEE** 

WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT Times/Dates: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 or 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 23 Location: Novi Public Library, in the Board

Details: Summer activities, reading program and Community Education program will be discussed on both dates.

#### ANDIAMO THEATER

Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi The Ultimate Face to Face Tribute Show **Date:** May 11-13 and 25-27

Details: Tribute artists Billy Joel (Jeff Brewer) and Elton John (Jeff Scott) capture Billy Joel and Elton John in their high-energy, interactive rock 'n' roll tribute show featuring dueling pianos.

Contact: (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line

**BLOOD DRIVES** Times/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Thursday, May Location: Henry Ford Medical, Novi

Times/Date: 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sunday, May Location: St. James Church, Novi Times/Date: 2:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 22

Times/Date: 8 a.m.-7:45 p.m. Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi Times/Date: 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Location: Novi City Hal

race cure.

Location: Ridgewood Elementary, Novi

#### Book It!



The Novi Public Library's Book It! event on April 27 raised over \$11,000 to benefit the library's multimedia collections. The fundraising event featured live music by Brian Bagozzi, food by Steve & Rocky's, live and silent auctions, and a photo booth from IMR Productions — all to fit the theme of Hollywood Nights.

Times/Date: noon-5:45 p.m. Location: Novi ke Arena

Contact: To set up an appointment, contact Diane Risko at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or (313) 549-7052.

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

continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. The conference rooms are located immediately to the left.) Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-

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Tuesday, May 22: Stroke

Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent Exercise Details: Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to

Contact: To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the contact information that you would like to supply SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING

WORKSHOP Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Tuesday, June 5 Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10

Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CFP as they present What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income. Contact: Reservations are free, but seating s limited. Call Sigma Financial toll free at

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**GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORK-**Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 22 and 23

Location: Holy Family Parish- 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi Details: Workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who 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 Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.

Contact: Holy Family (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org REREAVEMENT

net or call the Holy Family Parish office.

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

tween Taft and Novi roads) Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing

the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are ANTI-AGING FROM THE INSIDE OUT: **BE A NEW** 

**YOU IN 2012** Date: Wednesday, June 13

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi Details: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association presents Pamela R. Benitez, M.D. Discover the power of the right foods and lifestyle you can slow the aging process through good nutrition. Best of all, become empowered by simple solutions you can start immediately. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following.

Contact: Visit www.abwa-novi.org for regis-

tration and payment information. **NOVI SENIOR CENTER** 

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityof-

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**NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS** 

NETWORKING BREAKFAST Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdavs) Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Hag-

#### **GET LISTED!**

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

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

METRO NOVI BNI

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

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech." develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided

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

**NOVI CHAMBER** OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

**NOVI ROTARY CLUB** 

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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

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

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

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a communitybased club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www. novi.freetoasthost.us.

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freeto-

**NOVI LIONS CLUB** 

Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is

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Hamburg Township Republican Dale Rogers will challenge state Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Genoa Township, on the Aug. 7 primary ballot for the state House's 42nd Dis-

Dale Rogers, a Novi High School teacher, filed this week to challenge Bill Rogers in the upcoming primary So far, either Dale Rogers or Bill Rogers will

Festival that will be held face Democrat Shanda from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat-Willis on the Nov. 6 genurday, June 2 at James eral election ballot. Candidates have until 4 p.m. May 15 to file for Milford Road, New Hudson). Kites of all shapes

the August primary. The 42nd district as of 2013 will include Brighton city, and the townships of Brighton, Genoa Green Oak, Hamburg and Putnam. Gannett News Service

#### identification card for veterans

Oakland County's 73,000 veterans may now obtain a Veteran Identification Card from the county, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard Jr. announced.

Local veterans told Bullard they wanted the card. With the support of Patterson and the Board of Commissioners, especially Commissioners William Dwyer and Mike Bosnic (the resolutions primary sponsors), the Clerk's office issued its first Veteran Identification Cards last week.

"I know from personal experience that a little recognition means a great deal to veterans." said Oakland Coun ty Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "That's why l created my 'Proud to be a Vet' button and whole heartedly support the Oakland County Veteran Identification Card."

The Veteran Identification Card may be purchased for \$10 from the Clerk's Office, located at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Oakland County Veterans who have filed the requisite paperwork at the Clerk's Office or have their unfiled discharge papers in their possession are eligible to file and purchase the card. Along with the military discharge paperwork a valid state ID is needed to purchase the Veterans Identification Card; both must be brought in person to

have a photo taken. For more i go to www.oakgov.com/ clerkrod/vitalrecords/ military\_discharge.html.

#### Fox Run residents ready show bowling skills

Fox Run retirement community residents in Novi are now preparing for their upcoming June 6 Wii bowling tour nament against Henry Ford Village residents in Dearborn.

In the past few weeks, there were 42 games bowled with scores of 200 or more. Residents Geneva Patton and Nan Wiegand both rolled nine strikes in a row. Patton's score of 279 was a new high for the Fox Run Wii bowling group. Residents who bowled

games with scores of 200 or more included: Geneva Patton, Karen McRoberts, Hank Kruzel, Nan Wiegand, Ernie Bulgarelli, Bill Wilson, Virginia Ball, Elsie Kerr, Theresa Litke, Joyce Miller, Mort Sterling, Carol Canavan, Justin Marinelli, Don McRoberts, Mary Parsons, B.A. Rays, Ralph Rays and Marian Shurmur.

Free kite kits The Lyon Township Kite Festival in New Hudson will be held at the James F Atchison Memorial Park on Saturday, June 2.

So that every child has

Aging public hearing The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will be holding a public hearing on the 2013 Annual Implementa-

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The plan is a public eral Older Americans

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Area Agency on

For those who cannot tion Plan from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30 at their office located at 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400 in

document that provides an overview of how fed-Act and state funds will be spent to support com-

for older adults living in the AAA 1-B's six-county region of Livingston. lacomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washt-

The public (seniors, family caregivers, service providers, elected officials, advocates, and other interested parties) is welcome to attend the public hearing and comment on the 2013 plan.

attend, you may call-in to the hearing at (641) 715-3840; access code 1042980# (please note this is not a toll free call). The AAA 1-B will also accept written comments on the Proposed FY 2013 AIP until June 1, 2012. Written comments may be sent to the AAA 1-B Southfield office, sub-

mitted at the hearing, or

emailed to the AAA 1-B

at alayman@aaa1b.com.

Participants must be 21 years old and do not

have to be a Novi resident to attend. Registration forms are available at the Novi Police Department, or online at cityofnovi.org. The \$200 course fee may be paid by cash or money order. Class size is limited, and all partic-

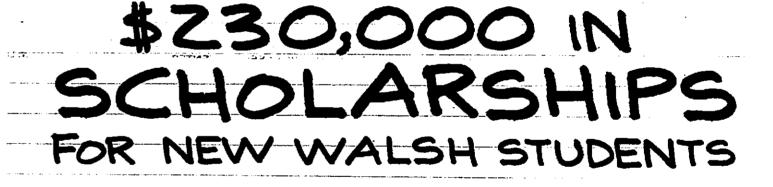
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check. The course fulfills both Department is current-

the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Students must bring their own equip ment, including a person al handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's

earmuffs or ear plugs. For more information visit cityofnovi.org of contact Sergeant Michael cityofnovi.org or (248)





Walsh College has over \$230,000 in scholarships available for new undergraduate students who enroll in summer classes. Registration now in progress. Summer classes begin June 27.

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### CALENDAR

Continued from page A14 to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving locally, in Michigan and worldwide as there is the need.

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

#### Reunions

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1974,1975,1976,1977 **AND 1978** Date: Aug. 11

Location: The Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi Details: combined class reunion Contact: Please refer to www. NoviHighReunion.com for more

#### Library Lines WALLED LAKE

LIBRARY Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

Contact: (248) 624-3772 **HUD Counseling** Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays **Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for

be scheduled. **Book Discussion Group** Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thurs-

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

this service. Please call if you wish

to attend. One-on-one sessions will

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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

Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the chure for details. Library closed all day Sunday, May 27, 2012 and Monday,

**Clothing Drive** Time/Date: 10 a.m. Monday, May 14-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19 Details: Help the Library's teen

representatives and local teen Interact members to give back to the community. Simply clean out your closets and donate any pently used, laundered articles of clothing. There will be a box in the library's outer lobby for your drop offs during the library's regular business hours. The Church of the Holy Family will help distribute the clothing. Clothing of all ages and sizes will be accepted.

Knit 2gether Knitting Circle Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, May 17 and 24

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

Creating Japanese Crafts and

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Partnering with the City of Novi and the Novi Community School District and in recognition of the "New Blooms in Novi," we will be exploring and constructing Japanese crafts as well as composing beautiful Haiku poetry together. Hope you will join us for an inspiring and fun time for all

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting Time/Date: 3:15-4:15 p.m. Friday,

May 18 Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the Library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. For grades 9-12.

**Decorate Your Own Kite** Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19

Details: Prepare for the 4th annual Kite Festival in Lyon Township at the library. Decorate your own kite to take to the festival and learn about kite safety. Participation is limited to the first 20 people. Registration required. For grades K-6.

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo Time/Date: 1:30-2:45 p.m. Sunday,

Details: Before the Listen @ the Library Family Concert at the Novi High School, stop by the Library to touch, hold, and try out a variety of musical instruments to enhance

the concert experience. **Chinese Story Time** Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Monday,

Details: Chinese-speaking volunteer storytellers read Chinese picture books to preschool aged Open Office Hours in the Local

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

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

Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, Details: Join us once a month for Lego show-and-tell and building

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tion Group Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 21

Details: Want to sharpen your Chinese? Adults & Teens interested in practicing the Chinese language are invited to meet-up at the Novi Public Library on the 2nd Monday of the month. Registration required. If you are interested in starting a language conversation group at the Novi Public Library, please contact Maureen Simari at 248-349-0720 ext. 7269.

Spanish Story Time Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday,

Details: Spanish-speaking volunteer storytellers read Spanish picture books to preschool aged Help for Families from OLHSA

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, May 22 and May 29 Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Ser vices Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food, cash, losure, many other human services. Please call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2686 to make an

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Novi Community Schools - Coffee with the Superintendent Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 and 10:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 23

**Details:** Novi Community Schools Superintendent, Dr. Matthews, shares coffee and conversation at the Library twice a month through

**Hindi Story Time** Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 23

**Details:** Hindi-speaking volunteer storytellers read Hindi picture books to preschool aged children. **Historical Commission Meeting** Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Wednes-

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Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24

Details: Novi Public Library and Michigan Works! North Oakland Career Centers-Novi are co-hosting this workshop to highlight available tools to help you find your next job. The Library will introduce participants to databases to research potential employers

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Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Satur-

day, May 26 Details: Marathi-speaking vol-unteer storytellers read Marathi picture books to preschool aged

German Story Time Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Satur-

day, May 26 Details: German-speaking volunteer storytellers read German picture books to preschool aged

Japanese Story Time Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29

**Details:** Japanese-speaking volunteer storytellers read Japanese picture books to preschool aged

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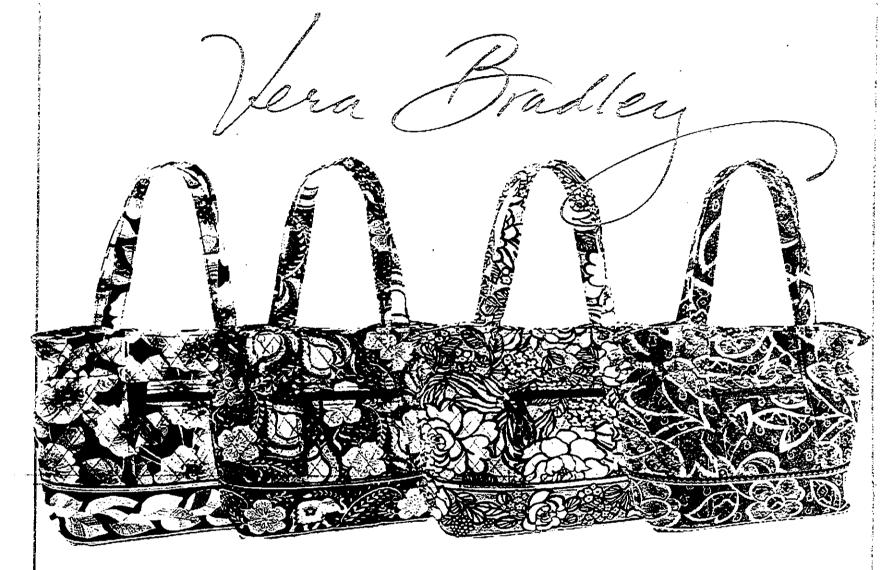
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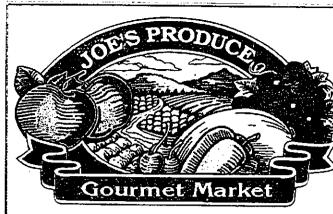
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#### in 3 flights, finish second as team Mustangs get the best of Novi for second time this season By Chris Jackett tournament, two points behind and sophomore Asawari Kanit-No. 5 Northville (5-0 Central) Two points is all that stood and 15 points ahead of thirdtitle and sophomores Rachel between Novi's girls tennis team and a KLAA champion-Bailey and Dina Fawaz (14-3)

"I thought collectively as a team we played some of our best tennis of the year." Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Ranked No. 9 in Division I, Novi (10-1-1, 4-1 KLAA Central) crowned champions in three of Senior Abby Wang (13-3) nine flights and finished with 28

kar (14-3) won the three doubles won the four doubles title.

"Abby continues to play well for us." Hanson said of the tour nament's top student-athlete.

Ranked No. 9 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team (10-1-1, 4-1 KLAA Central) was scheduled to visit No. 7 Ann Arbor Huron Monday before hosting Regionals tomorrow in Novi. The odd-number flights and finals for all flights will take place at the middle school, while the even-numbered flights will take place through the semifinals at the high school.

"We're going to need the same effort this Friday at Regionals," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We're sort of at the time of the year where the stakes are a little higher. Don't get ahead of yourself and enjoy it It's high school sports, It's supposed to be fun. The team that makes the fewest mistakes, the chances of them winning goes up." From there, the 'Cats visit No. 2 Grosse Pointe South Monday before States June 1-2 in Midland,

### **Catholic Central** splits week

Squad defeats U of D, falls to Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston

In the Catholic High School League there is always a guar antee that the teams are going to come and play their best

For the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, that meant a win and a loss last week. The squad, coached by Dave Wilson, earned a close victory over University of Detroit Jesuit High School last week but couldn't seem to get their game together for a one-sided loss against the Warriors of

Against University of Detroit, the Shamrocks found themselves with a comfortable 8-4 lead with just minutes remaining in the Catholic High School League tournament semi-finals-a comfor that almost lulled them into a loss as U of D fired home three goals in the final two and minutes to cut the lead to 8-7. The Shamrocks woke up in time to fend off their surging foes to earn the victory. Danny Meyers, a senior attack for the Shamrocks, had

four goals in the game. The sweetness of victory could not be found in the following contest, however, as the Shamrocks ended up on the wrong end of a 13-5 beat-

Brother Rice controlled most of the second half and earned the easy victory of the CHSL "We didn't have the ball almost the entire second half,"

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

said Wilson.



#### **NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP**

By Chris Jackett

#### Boys golf leads division

Although a May 9 contest at baseline rival Northville 3-2) was rained out May 9 Novi's boys golf team (4-1) edged out South Lyon (4-2) in a 158-159 contest May 10, moving themselves to the top of the division.

The 'Cats were scheduled to visit Livonia Stevenson (3-1) Tuesday and host Plymouth Salem (1-4) tonight before battling South Lyon East (0-5) Monday and South Lyon Wednesday. All meets

#### Girls lacrosse bouncing back

After starting its inaugural season 0-5, Novi's girls lacrosse team (2-6) has picked up the program's 14-8 contest May 2 against

Walled Lake Northern (1-5) and a 19-8 win May 7 over West Bloomfield (0-7). The team has since dropped a close 17-15 game May 8 at

The 'Cats were scheduled to host Plymouth (10-4) last night before Canton (5-10) comes to town 7 p.m. Mon-

#### Softball

Novi's softball team fell to 0-10 (0-10 KLAA Kensington) with a 4-2 loss to Livonia Churchill May 4 and then a 7-3 and 11-1 pair of losses at South Lyon East May 11.

The team was scheduled to host Wayne Memorial (0-14, 0-13 Kensington) last Monday and then a doubleheader against South Lyon (12-11, 4-8 Kensington) last night pefore Monday's Kensington Conference crossover with Wayne Memorial and Wednesday's crossover at a Lakes opponent such as Mil-

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Wildcat John Walker in action on May 9.

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in the first round," Han-

and Ori Nagasaka (14-

4) had a little more luck

at two doubles, defeating

Walled Lake Western 6-

0, 6-0 and Grand Blanc 6

4, 6-1, but also ran into a

roadblock against North-

Seniors Emily Kwederis

son said.

### Jaguars Invite champs



The Michigan Jaguars 98 Green team won the 2012 Jaguars Invitational Tournament on Mother's Day. The team went 2-0-1 in pool play and defeated FC Nova in the finals, 2-0. Team members include (I to r, front) Brayden Stephan (Highland). Nick Harder (Novi), Joey Carn (Novi), Sam Sheeran (Novi), David Schulte (Novi), Kiah Finley (Holly), Alan Xiao (Novi); (back) Ammar Chishti (Canton), Brandon Sebou (Bloomfield Hills), Mason Accetturo (White Lake), Roland Gibson (Milford), Nate Giese (Novi), Val Qejvani (Livonia), Garret Weaver (Northville), Takaki Okamoto (Novi), and Matt Netter (Novi). Missing from the photo is Parker Neal. The team is coached by Mike Scobie.

# Shamrocks earn strong finishes in tourney play

### Golf team takes second and fifth at U of M and fourth at Oakland Hills

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks golf team had some outstand ing performances last week as they played in two tournaments and a conference match.

The squad, led by coach Bill Haves, collected a win in their head-to-head match against Notre Dame Prep. In tourna ment play, the team fin ished fourth in the Oakland Hills invitational and second and fifith at the

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"We were able to take two teams and played very well," said Haves of the trip to Ann Arbor for

the U-M tourney. Leading the way was Corey Smadzinski, who scored a 70 on the day while Charlie Green added 71. Both Pat Luther and Dominic Scopone shot 76s in the tournament, followed by junior Preston Dooley, who carded a 77. In the Oakland Hills

invite, the Shamrocks took fourth as they followed the lead of juniors

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Austin Koleszar each shot a 75 while Smadzinski carded a 77.

> Against Notre Dame Prep, the Shamrocks earned a victory as they followed freshmen Will Coffman and Glenn Piot who each recorded a 38 in the win. Joey Handba also had a strong day, shooting a 39, followed by John Doolev's 41.

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### Schwanz pitches no-hitter for Wildcats

The three-week hot streak Novi's baseball team was on ended Saturday after 10-

The Wildcats (13-7, 7-4 KLAA Kensington) had two games delayed due to rain, but rattled off four more victories last week, including a no-hitter, before Milford (5-13, 2-10 Lakes) ended the streak May 12. Novi's last loss had been April 25 against division-leading Northville (22-3, 13-0 Kensington).

"It was a pretty good week for us," Novi coach Rick Green said. "It was a little bit disappointing we didn't have our streak going anymore. Hopefully we'll get back on track and start a new streak."

Novi got in the first game of a double header May 9 at Plymouth Salem (3-7, 3-6 Kensington) to start the week, winning 12-10 after taking a 12-5 lead into the final inning. Jimmy Eloff got the win, allowing six hits, five earned runs, one strikeout and one walk in six innings. Logan Regnier came in and gave up one hit, three walks, zero strikeouts and five runs (one earned) in 2/3 of an inning before Alex King came in and grounded out the only batter he faced to end the game.

Although Regnier struggled on the mound, he had one of his best games of the season at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two home runs, two doubles, three RBIs, three runs and a walk. Tyler Schwanz (one RBI, one run) and Alex Davis (one RBI, two runs) added three hits apiece, while Ryan Caputo (two runs), Eloff (two RBIs, one run) and King each had two hits. Mike Zugaro added one hit, one RBI

"We wound up having 17 hits in that game," Green said. "Our bats are really starting to heat up and I'm excited." The very next day, the Wildcat offense was fired up once again for a doubleheader at South Lyon East (4-13, 2-10 Kensing-

ton) and the pitching staff also came out in full support as Novi won both games 13-3 and 11-0. The first game was a continuation of an April 20 contest, and Ryan Davis pitched all seven innings, allowing five hits, three runs, 11 strikeouts, three walks and three

hit batters. The offense rolled out four hits, four RBIs and two runs from Schwanz, as Matt Forche (two RBIs, one run), Regnier (two RBIs, one run), Caputo (two runs) and Alex Ferrini (two RBIs, one run) each had two hits. Eloff and Blake Boron each added one hit and one run, while Boron had

Novi's sluggers (13-7, 7-4 KLAA Kensington) were scheduled to host Wayne Memorial (11-12, 4-8 Kensington) Monday, visit Westland John Glenn (2-7, 2-7 Kensington) Tuesday and host South Lyon (4-14, 3-8 Kensington) for a doubleheader yesterday before facing White lake Lakeland (7-14, 4-8 Lakes) and Wyandotte Roosevelt at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday in Novi. All games start

Despite the solid finish, the second game was the gem of the day May 10 as Schwanz pitched a no-hitter, ringing up eight strikeouts and three walks in six innings during the 11-0 victory. He also went 3-for-4 at the plate with one RBI and

"Tyler Schwanz, I thought he was going

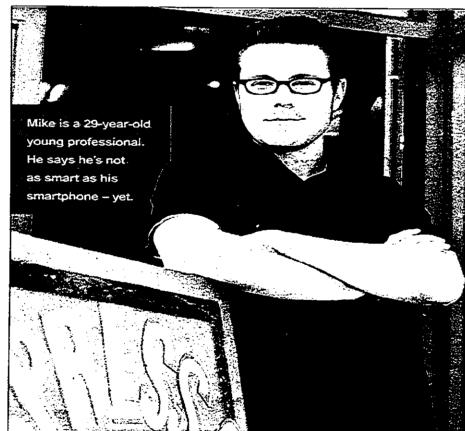
to pitch exactly the same as he did against South Lyon East. He had a tremendous fastball and knuckleball." Green said. Ferrini led the offense with four hits and one run, while Caputo (one RBI, one run) and Zugaro (one RBI) added two hits apiece. Eloff (one RBI, two runs), Luke Bageris, Grant Wheeler (two RBIs), Jeff Weber (one run), Boron (one RBI, one run) and Alex Barry (two RBIs) each added one hit, while Kyle Matel had a ground-

out RBI. Novi followed the no-hitter victory with a 6-0 shutout against visiting Milford May 12 in a contest that raised more than \$1,600 for breast cancer. Forche pitched an impressive seen innings, allowing one hit, two strikeouts and five walks.

Regnier led the offense to the 10thstraight victory with two triples, three RBIs and two runs. Caputo (one RBI, one run), Schwanz (one RBI), Weber (two runs), King (one run) and Derek Ince each added a hit and Ferrini had an RBI on a sacrifice fly.

The second game didn't go nearly as well as the Mavericks broke the Wildcats' streak behind a six-run third inning, handing them a 9-3 loss that only allowed hits from five Novi batters while going through four Wildcat pitchers.

Bageris got the start, allowing one hit, four runs, four walks and one strikeout in two and 1/3 innings before Ferrini took over and allowed four hits, five runs (three earned), two strikeouts and five walks in two innings. Ryan Davis came in and allowed one hit, two strikeouts and zero walks in one and 2/3 innings before Alex Davis pitched one inning with one strikeout recorded.



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After both the boys and girls teams went 5-0 in the KLAA Central Division with a final May 8 victory over Livonia Stevenson, each also won the 12-team Kensington Conference meet May 11 in Plymouth.

The boys followed a 74-63 victory over Stevenson with an 89-point performance and the conference meet, 11.67 points ahead of runnerup Stevenson

The girls dismantled Stevenson 114-23 before racking up 146 points 57 ahead of runner-up Northville

Several Wildcats claimed conference titles during the meet last weekend. D'Mya Davis won the 100-meter dash in 12.75 seconds. Jasmine Ward won the 200 dash in 25.67 seconds, Kerri McMahan tied for first in the high iump at 5-foot-3, Sam Pavlika won the shot put toss with a 40-foot-5.5 heave that was 5-feet-6.5 further than the rest of the pack and HanON TAP

With both Novi track and field teams finishing 5-0 in the KLAA Central with Kensington Conference titles also under their belts, the teams will head to Rochester 3 p.m. May 25 for the Oakland County Championships.

nah Lonergan won the 3,200 run (ie. two mile) in 11:38.56 just ahead of teammate Jackie Mullins at 11:39.0.

Additionally Davis. Mariah Smith, Ward and Janee Hood won the 4x100 relay in 49.46 seconds and Kelly McCloskey, Ward, Lina Davis and McMahan won the 4x400

On the boys end, Derek Cingel won the conference high jump title at 6foot-2, while the 4x100relay won in 44.02 seconds and the 4x400 relay won in 3:29.82. Relay team member names were not listed for Novi's boys.

The 'Cats also got runner-up finishes from Mike Jocz in the 200 dash in 22.8 seconds (first was 22.75), Ali Taha in the long jump is 20-feet-7.25 (first was 21-feet-1.25) and the 4x200 relay in 1:32.09 (first was 1:31.76). Jordan Love also took

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11.14) and Lance Lilla was third in the 110 hurdles at 15.29 seconds

had several podium-worthy finishes despite not sweeping first place. McMahan was second in the 800 run in 2:23.96 (first was 2:20.33), while Abby Downs took second in the 100 hurdles in 15.85 seconds (behind 15.48), McCloskey took second in the 300 hurdles in 46.88 sec

(first was 14.86).

The Wildcat girls also

onds (behind 46.45) and Mullins took third in the 1.600 run in 5:16.38 four doubles title. (behind 5:12.18) after "Both three and four finished second in the doubles played extreme-3,200 run to her Novi ly well. They went out and played aggressively at the teammate. Additionally, D'Mya net," Hanson said. "Bailey Davis, Taylor Mosley, and Fawaz move extreme-

Ward and Logan Flynn ly well on the court. They took second in the 4x200 move and attack. Chen relay (behind 1:46.14) and Kanitkar probably and Sam Pavlika was played some of their best second in the discus at tennis of the season. 119-feet-10. Sophomore Four other flights sister Taylor Paylika three and four singles, was third in the discus at two and five doubles

115-feet-11, but the disadvanced to the finals for tance to beat was 120-Novi, but each lost their championship match to For full Kensington Northville. The Mustangs Conference meet results, also got the best of the visit www.athletic.net/ Wildcats in a one doubles TrackAndField/MeetResemifinal. sults.aspx?Meet=156482.

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### **TENNIS**

Blanc. The score is mis-IS hits. She's very good. Very quick on her feet and serves well.'

Wang got past White Lake Lakeland 6-0, 6-2 and Grand Blanc 7-6(2), 6-0 before defeating Livonia Stevenson's Aimee Moccia 6-1, 6-0 for the one singles title. Chen and Kanitkar beat

Hartland 6-1, 6-0 and Brighton 6-3, 6-1 before knocking off Chloe Paige and Nicole Khamis of Northville 6-4, 6-2 in the three doubles champion-At four doubles, Bailey

and Fawaz defeated Canton 6-3, 6-2 and Stevenson 6-3, 6-3 before getting the best of Northville's Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 for the

> more Amy Zhou (8-2) won a tough 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 match over Brighton before running into Mackenzie Powers and Claudia Ma of Northville in the semis where they lost 6-4, 6-1 "Sheeran and Zhou ran

battle each time out."

At one doubles, senior

"We all had BYEs, so sometimes that's tough when you're waiting around," Hanson said, noting some Wildcats didn't

until late in the afternoon Freshman Erin Day (9-6) was one of those at two singles. The meet began at 9 a.m., but Day didn't play until 2:30 p.m. when she defeated Stevenson 6-4, 6-0 before losing to

Livonia Churchill's Ouin-

cy Banini 6-1, 6-2. ville's Elizabeth Sakoraf-At three singles, freshis and Jordan Hermiz dur man Dhivya Sridar (11ing a 6-3, 6-3 loss. 8) beat Grand Blanc 6-4 Five doubles seniors Angela Huang and Alice 6-0 and Lakeland 6-3, 6-4 before Northville's Paige Jiang (5-2) capped the Baal got the best of her 6-Wildcats' performance Lakeland and 6-1, 6-1 win Junior Caitlin O'Brien over Grand Blanc before (10-7) pushed her chances

for the four singles associ falling to Northville's Rachel Crittenden and ation title to the limit, but inevitably lost 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 Alison Kozerski 6-2, 6-2 in to Northville's Alex Jeanthe final. notte in the final after. Prior to the associadefeating Lakeland 6-0, 6tion tournament, the 'Cats 1 and Churchill 6-4, 6-1. blew through Plymouth "Our other three singles (4-1 South) in the Kensing players did well for us in ton Conference crossover

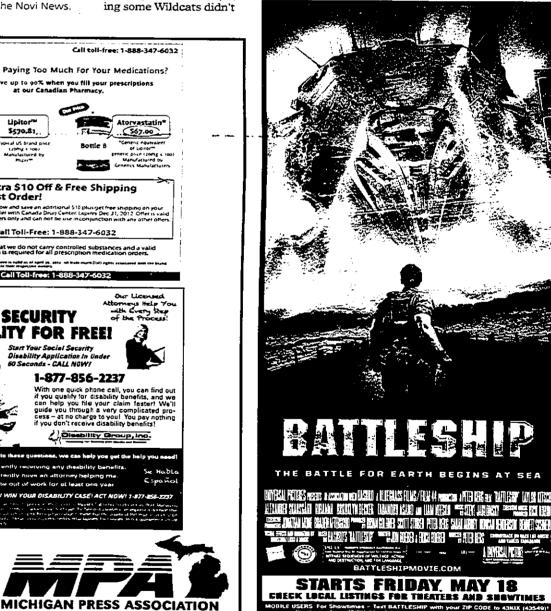
the tournament." Hanson match with victories in all said. "O'Brien's doing betnine flights. ter for us each week. Our Junior Melanie Murtwo freshmen continue to phy teamed with Huang at five doubles instead of Jiang, but still captured a Emily Sheeran and sopho-6-0, 6-1 win.

"We faced Plymouth in our third crossover and I thought we did nicely against them," Hansor

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer into a good Brighton team

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, per Section 380.1310b of the School Code, Novi Community School District will conduct a public hearing to consider the Anti-Bullying Policy. This public hearing will be held on May 17, 2012. at 7:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423.





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### Wildcats come back from 5 down to edge out Adams

By Chris Jackett

Since dropping a 12-11 decision to KLAA Kensington Conference champions South Lyon Unified on the road May 2, Novi's boys lacrosse team has rattled off four-straight victories to maintain their ranking of No. 15 in the state.

During the past four games, Novi (13-3, 5-1 KLAA Kensington) has outscored its opponents 56-33.

The streak started May 4 against No. 81 Walled Lake Western (3-13, 0-6 Kensington). The 'Cats jumped out to a 13-4 halftime lead before cruising to a 17-9 victory. Senior Kent Burnett led the way with five goals and one assist, while senior Adam Haynes added three goals. Justin Danska and Mark Ghannam added two apiece while Brian Stewart, Chris Kennedy, Aaron Quinley, Derek Stockman and Alex Caprara chipped in with one apiece, Senior Matt Brasil won 14 faceoffs and Kennedy, a sophomore, added eight faceoff victories.

Junior netminder Mitch

ROUNDUP

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ford (8-14, 2-9 Lakes) or

Walled Lake Western (2-

18-22 for girls in grades

two through nine. Com-

petition will be separat-

13. I-11 Lakes).

Ranked No. 15, Novi boys lacrosse team (13-3, 5-1 KLAA Kensington) was scheduled to visit No. 45 Hartland (9-6, 5-2 Lakes) Monday to battle for third place in the KLAA before hosting No. 2 Holt (13-1) 6:30 p.m.

Adams had 10 saves and four goals against in 24 minutes, while senior Alex Kinnamon and junior Jake Bielenda each played goalie for 12 minutes, with Bielenda saving six of 10 shots and Kinnamon saving

three of four shots. The momentum carried over to a May 7 contest at No. 42 Plymouth Salem (8-8, 3-3 Kensington). Burnett fired on all cylinders, scoring eight goals and an assist on 18 shots, of a team total 51, to lead the Wildcats to a 14-8 victory. Kennedy and Ghannam each added a hat trick, while Cormac Littleton tal-

down a bit more May 9 while hosting No. 74 Canton (3-10, 1-5 Kensington). A low-scoring affair saw Novi leading 5-3 at halftime before pulling ahead with a 7-1 second half for the 12-

Danks led the way with five goals as Burnett and Curtis Herzog each tallied hat tricks and Keith Pravato added a goal. Brasil won 17 faceoffs as Adams saved 11 of 15 shots in 39 minutes and Kinnamon saved the lone shot he faced during his nine minutes in goal.

A visit from No. 47 Roch-

ester Adams (6-9) last Friday provided an intense matchup as the Wildcats fell behind 6-2 in the first quarter before taking an 8-7 halftime lead. Led by six goals from Burnett, the 'Cats pulled out a thrilling 13-12 victory. Danks, Herzog and Haynes each had two goals and Littleton add ed one more. Brasil won 23

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## **Motor City Madness**

al tournament on May 6-7 at Novi's Powers Park. Madness teams swept the tournament and took first place in all three age brackets - 10U, 12U and 14U. As a special touch, since the tournament theme was Spring is Eternal, the girls from the champion and runner-up teams left with dirt in their shoes and a flower in their hand to go with their individual trophies.

#### 13U Red



Madness 13U Red went 3-0 in pool play, and defeated ICE Black in the semifinals and Livingston Breeze in the finals to take the 14U championship. Shown are (I to r, back) assistant coaches Chris Soltesz, Genny Soltesz, Sydney Jascoe and Aziza Afzal, coach Scott Ampe; (front) assistant coach Adam San Juan, Shirley Hao, Sydney San Juan, Kaitlyn Wolschlager, Nicole Ireland, Madyson Ampe, Rachel Hendrickson, Isabella Buttazzoni and Nicole Rinkel. Not pictured is coach Brian Wolschlager.

#### **12 Red**



Madness 12U Red went undefeated throughout the tournament, bringing home the trophy. Shown are (I to r, back) coaches Mark Dixon, Jeff Sweeney and Russ Holton; (middle) Sidney Kist, Sarah Holton, Kelsey O'Brien, Emma Paryaski, Ally Cummings; and (front) Jaime Gustitus, Alissa Sweeney, Anna Dixon, Chloe White and Emily Mc Cleary. Not pictured is Bethany Kopel.

### 10 Red



After losing to the South Lyon Stealth 8-2 in pool play, Madness 10U Red pulled out a 2-0 win in the finals behind a no-hitter by Maria Gustitus. Shown are (I to r, back) coaches Rick Cummings, Greg Page, Bob Fish, Bob Medendorp; (middle) Sarah Fish, Megan Medendorp, Maggie Murphy, Lauren Franklin, Gaby Cummings and Jordyn Taylor; and (front) Allison Page, Grace Nieto, Anna Mizerowski, Maria Gustitus and

**Youth Girls Basketball Camp** Novi girls varsity bas-ketball coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp 9 a.m.-noon June

ed between grades two through five and six through nine. The camp, which will

lied two goals. Brasil won

20 faceoffs and Adams

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

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If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at <a href="https://www.cityofnovi.org">www.cityofnovi.org</a> or at the the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk's office) is Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

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# Wildcats tie unbeaten No. 1 Mustangs, 0-0

# Pavlika notches 10th shutout in 14 games

They may not be winning every game, but there is still just one loss on the ledger for the defending Division I state champion girls soccer squad at Novi

The Wildcats (8-1-5, 6-1-1 KLAA Central) are now ranked No. 6 in Division I after posting ties against both No. 1 Northville and No. 2 Okemos earlier this month.

Novi's lone loss was a 1-0 decision April 19 at Northville (12-0-4, 7-0-1 Central). The 'Cats battled the top-ranked Mustangs to a 0-0 draw May 8 at home as Novi senior netminder Sam Pavlika tallied her 10th shutout of the season. "It was a good game that could have

went either way," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Either team could have won, but both defenses, including the goalies, held strong,\* Northville outshot Novi 14-13, but the

Wildcats hit the post three times and the Mustangs hit the post twice. The 'Cats followed the tie with a 3-0 victory over Plymouth Salem (5-6-1. 3-4-0 Central) on the road May 10, an improvement on the 1-0 decision from

the April 24 match-up at home. Novi senior Kelli Timar set up the first goal with a split pass to sophomore Taylor Pavlika for a breakaway goal three minutes before halftime. Junior Natalie Krygier set up Timar for a similar goal with 12 seconds left in the half to knock the wind out of Salem with a 2-0 halftime lead.

Krygier sent a cross into the goal box to a cutting Kendall Kramer with 20 minutes left in the game. The sophomore converted the cross with a onetimer past Salem's netminder to give Novi a 3-0 lead that would hold.

"It was a game we controlled throughout," O'Leary said. "Kaylin Hoomaian and Jacqui Kozlowski did a great job in the center of our defense and Natalie Krygier and Kelli Timar both had exceptional games.'

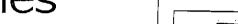
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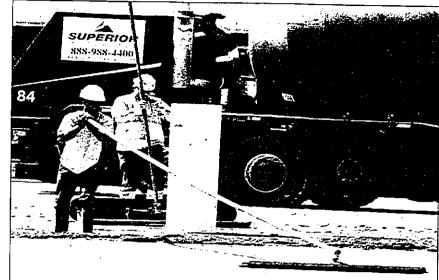
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**Getting ready** 

Workers smooth out new parking lot cement at Novi Town Center on May 11. Work was taking place in front of the center's Walmart store, scheduled to open in August. Look for a full story on the complex, including new stores coming, in next

#### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Cooper Standard reports first quarter results

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (OTCBB: COSH), the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive, a global supplier of automotive sealing, fluid and anti-vibration systems, announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31. The company also reaffirmed its previous outlook for 2012.

"Our strong sales performance is reflective of our strategic initiatives taking hold as both our acquisitions and footprint expansion are contributing to our sales growth," said Jim McElya, chairman and chief executive officer, Cooper Standard. "Over the next several years the industry is expected to continue to grow at the compounded annual rate of more than five percent and Cooper Standard is poised to exceed this rate."

The company reported revenue of \$765.3 million for the first quarter of 2012, representing growth of 11 percent as compared to \$688.8 million in the first quarter of 2011. This increase is reflective of strong vehicle production in North America, varying volume and vehicle mix in other regions, and businesses acquired during 2011. Foreign exchange had an unfavorable impact of \$17.5 million.

Gross profit for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 was \$121.7 million compared to \$120.8 million in the first quarter of 2011. The company's revenue growth and lean initiatives offset increases in raw material prices, operating costs and expenses related to launch and expansion activities.

The company reported net income of \$23.8 million in the first quarter of 2012, compared to \$44.9 million in 2011, which included an \$11.4 million gain from a sale of a portion of the company's interest in a joint venture. Other factors contributing to the lower net income for the quarter included increases in selling, generplanned additions to engineering resources to support the company's research and development efforts and customers' global platform initiatives, foreign currency movement and slight increase in restructuring charges and effective tax rate. The Company reported net income of \$0.90

per share on a fully diluted basis. For the first quarter, Cooper Standard reported adjusted EBITDA of \$83.2 million or 10.9 percent of sales, as compared to \$91.9 million in the first quarter of 2011. Financial metrics remain strong with

net debt [1] of approximately \$195 million as of the end of the quarter and liquidity of \$392.4 million, comprised of \$296 million in cash and approximately \$96 million in availability under the company's revolving credit facility.

The company reaffirms its outlook for 2012, as provided when it reported fourth quarter 2011 results. For 2012, the company expects to generate sales of between \$2.85 billion and \$2.95 billion assuming North American vehicle production volume of 14.4 million units and European production volume of 18.9 million units. Cooper Standard expects to make capital expenditures of between \$110 million and \$120 million as it continues expanding its emerging market presence to support customer growth and new business opportunities. The company expects to incur cash restructuring expenses of between \$45 million and \$55 million, of which approximately half will be related to the previously announced Cooper Standard France joint venture restructuring. Cash taxes are expected to be in the range of \$25 million to \$30 million.

of their new North American Technical The 20;000 square foot facility will further enhance Kistler presence in the Detroit area to support customers with specific product expertise, on-site service, local calibration to ISO-17025 and product training.

#### **Community Financial** hosting free shredding

Community Financial Credit Union is inviting local residents to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's free shredding events on Saturday, June 9. The shredding events are being hosted in partnership with Iron Mountain, the world's leading provider of secure information destruction. The Iron Mountain trucks will be in Community Financial's branch parking lots from 2-4:30 p.m. at 6355 N. Canton Center in Canton and 23890 Novi Road in Novi.

"If you want a safe and convenient way to recycle papers that contain personal information, this is an ideal opportunity," said Sarah Cousineau, Community Financial's marketing manager. "We're extremely diligent about protecting our members' identity, and we strongly encourage everyone to take advantage our free events." There will be a limit of two shopping bags or two banker's boxes or equivalent per car at either the Canton or Novi location.

Paper collected by Iron Mountain for secure shredding is recycled and repro cessed into a wide assortment of paper products. "Our event is an effective way to help protect and save the environment," added Cousineau

#### **SOCAP** golf outing

SOCAP Great Lakes, a part of a 25year-old international network of professionals devoted to consumer affairs and satisfaction issues, is taking registration for its 19th Annual Golf Out-Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon on

The event is open to members and non-members alike and provides an opportunity for members of local industry to network with specialists across a variety of platforms, learn about customer service opportunities and methods, and play 18 holes of golf.
The Early Birdie event, which begins

at 8 a.m. and includes breakfast, offers a panel of experts in the field of industry and customer relationships discussing emerging technologies in customer experience management. The presentation and Q&A session features officials from Unilever and Kellogg's who will share key methods they are using to adapt to the next generation of custom-er care, such as mobile apps and more. "This event is an excellent opportu-

nity to learn about opportunities available in this dynamic, growing field," says Jason Wolcott, president of SOCAP Great Lakes.

Following the Early Birdie presentation, teams of four will take to the golf course for a scramble on 18 holes at the Tanglewood Golf Club. Dinner and awards will take place at 5 p.m.

"The outing, both social and competitive, provides an excellent opportunity to network with peers in the customer care industry," said Wolcott.

The events take place at Tanglewood Golf Course located at 53503 W. 10 Mile Road in South Lyon. The Early Birdie event begins at 8 a.m. followed by golf at 11:30 a.m. and dinner/awards at 5 p.m. Cost for the Early Birdie event only is \$20: golf plus the Early Birdie event and dinner is \$100; a foursome is \$390. For more information, contact the chapter president at admin@socapgl.org or to register online go to www.socap.org/ greatlakes

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# Social media tips for small businesses

**Guest Columnist** 

mall business owners are routinely asking what things they should be doing to promote their brands on social media. While there is no "one size fits all" content plan or engagement strategy for your small business, there are a few best practices you can follow to help

strengthen your brand. Whether you are interacting with fans through a Facebook page, Twitter account, YouTube channel or combination of sites, make sure your branding remains consistent. Nothing is more confusing for customers than a company with different logos, colors and other inconsistencies.

Brands should also make sure to link their websites and social properties together. That means if you have a Facebook page make sure your website is linked in the info page. If possible, put links to your Facebook page on the footer of your website too. This easy linking strategy will help drive traffic and fans that arrive to your Facebook page via your

sistently engaged. When creating a social platform to represent your business it is important to stay committed to your page and your goal. If you created a page to inswer fan questions. then set a goal to answer all questions within a cer-

website can also be con-

your goal

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week to a post a day will be enough to build lasting relationships with your custom-

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If your page is abandoned, however, fans will likely think less of your brand and label it as disorganized. Moreover, if you stop posting enough on Facebook, you run the risk of your posts not showing up in fans' news

Having crisp profile pictures, background art and cover photos are also a must-have for any brand in the social space. Images are the first thing fans see when coming to your page. Owners can either have

art professionally developed like they would for promotional brochures or a website, or they can try to shoot the photography themselves using the best digital camera available. Whichever option you choose, be sure to edit your images to fit the space they will occupy on each respected social network. You never want to have distorted or

you didn't take the time to

in the right size or dimen-

**Accuracy counts** Depending on the size of your business, you may be writing the content yourself. When doing so, be sure to check and double check your content for any spelling or grammatical errors. Mis takes in copy will make your brand look sloppy

and lazy. Lastly, when posting text based content to any social network (Facebook, Google+ LinkedIn, MySpace, etc.), try to accompany your text

with links or photos. When links or photos are added to status updates or Tweets they not only catch readers' attention at a higher rate, but fans are more likely to click through and read more content. The end result is a fan spending more time listening to what your brand is saying helping you further strengthen your business

relationships. Strengthening relationships within your community is what your social network strategy should be focused on - not simply selling. By adhering to this one simple rule, you will be more likely to win over fans in the long

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Wildcat Karissa Koomen, right, guards another No. 3 in Mustang's Jamie Cheslik during the teams' May 8 meeting at Parkview stadium.

nder Kiki Hilmer scoops in a Novi shot near the goal during the teams' May 8 meeting.

#### **ON TAP**

The No. 6-ranked Novi's girls soccer team (8-1-5, 6-1-1 KLAA Central) was scheduled to host Livonia Stevenson (7-5-1, 4-3-0 Central) Tuesday before visiting South Lyon (5-12-0, 0-8-0 Central) tonight. The 'Cats then face the South Division runner-up Canton (7-2-3, 6-2-0 South) Monday and the Lakes Conference third- or fourth-place team Wednesday. All games are at 7 p.m.



during Northville's May 8 game at Novi High.

A bunch of Mustangs and Wildcats go up for Mustang Rachel Yaggi tries to catch up to the ball  $\,$  a header near the Novi net — including Tess Bradley (26) and Alexis Mencotti (21).



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# Basic safety steps reduce risk of electrical fire

Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in an estimat ed 46,500 home structure fires reported to the U.S. fire departments in 2010, accounting for 13 percent of reported home fires. These fires resulted in 420 deaths, 1,520 injuries and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association's Home Electrical Fires Report.

NFPA is marking National Electrical Safety Month (May) by reminding the public to be aware of the risks associated with the use of electricity and providing safety tips and information to assist individuals in taking steps to reduce the risk of home electrical fires. According to Lorraine Car-

li, NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The risk of electrical fire may not always be on your mind, but it probably should be - there are actions that can be taken to eliminate electrical hazards in your household and safety guidelines that can be followed to reduce the chances of having a home electrical fire."

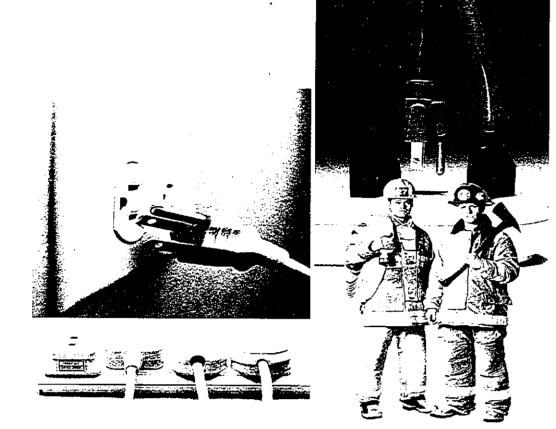
Any type of equipment that uses electrical power can have an electrical failure or malfunction. In 2005-09, nearly half of the fires started by electrical failures or malfunctions involved some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment such as wiring, out lets, extension cords, and fuse or circuit breakers, per year. Other key findings in the

report include: • Some type of electrical failure or malfunction was cited as a factor contributing to ignition for 73 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment

home structure fires. One-third (31 percent) of civilian deaths in these incidents began in the living room, family room, or den.

· Wire or cable insulation is what ignited first in 31 percent of electrical distribution or al circuits or outlets added lighting equipment home struc-

"National Electrical Safety Month is the perfect reminder that it's time to review home



electrical safety and put a plan into place that can be followed all year," said Carli.

NFPA is offering the following electrical safety tips: Replace damaged or loose

electrical cords. Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.

 In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant (TR) Consider having addition-

by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.

· Follow the manufactur-

er's instructions for plugging

an appliance into a receptacle outlet.

 Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time. • If outlets or switches feel

warm, frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuits, or flickering or dimming lights, call a qualified electri-· Place lamps on level surfac-

es, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended watt-

• Make sure your home has ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in the kitch-

ment, and outdoor areas. Arc-fault circuit interrupt. ers (AFCIs) should be installed in your home to protect electri-

cal outlets. · When you are buying, selling, or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.

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### Check with lawyer on boat slips

By Robert Meisner

O: The developer of our condominium has constructed and has leased the spots to tenants. Does that constitute a violation of the restriction which prohibits trade or

business of any kind? A: In a recent case court in citing Black's the American Heritage Dictionary, concluded that the restriction's a lot's residential



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you should consult who presumably has experience and expertise regarding this issue.

Q: We have the old adage in our condominium that the coowner's car should be towed away as opposed to taking other legal action. What do A: For years, I have

indicated that while the association may have the right to tow the vehicle, there are obviously risks involved in doing so. I am aware of one situation where a handicapped owner without a handicapped tag on his car claimed a disability prevented him from recovering the car from the tow that he had been discriminated against This is just another example of what I have said for over 40 years, get a court order that the coowner is violating the restriction and if they do not remove the car within a certain time frame, they are in contempt of court and the association can tow. No board wants to hear this when they put a signature on a tow sheet at no cost to them and have the car gone immediately, but it is a lot better than being sued by the co-owner who has lost his million dollar sale because he didn't have his car or is otherwise disabled.

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out of Louisiana, the Law Dictionary and purpose was to protect nature by ensuring nonresidential uses were prohibited. The court further indicated that the phrase "no trade or business of any kind" as used in the restriction should be interpreted as a ban of all gainful activity on

Association property except for forbidden business activities that don't result in regular traffic. Of course,

each case is fact-intensive and with your community

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

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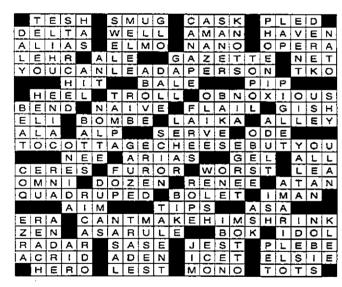


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· Give you an active role in the interview

· Offer explanations about the position and the company, which helps you decide if you want to work for that organization

· Showcase the depth of your knowledge and help you guide the discussion into a particular area of

Langland suggests preparing at least three questions in advance and taking notes during the interview to record the responses. "A few insightful. knowledgeable questions can speak volumes about you and distinguish you from other job candidates," he says. "However, as important as asking questions is asking bad questions. such as, 'How many vacation days does the company offer?' is worse."

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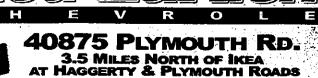
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