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Novi High sophomore Sonja Large plays some John Williams' tunes during an Oct. 24 rehearsal of the school's Novi High Orchestra Band.

#### **Novi High Orchestra** Concert slated for 7 p.m. tonight

The Novi High School orchestras at 7 p.m. tonight will be performing a two-part concert including the Concert and Symphony Strings in the high school auditorium.

The Symphony Strings will be collaborating with a selected group of individuals from the High School's Wind Ensemble and Symphony Bands.

They will perform two tunes together: a movement of the Nutcracker, "Danse russe Trepak", and "A Christmas Festival" that contains familiar Christmas carols that all ages will recognize and love. Along with the combined full orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra will be performing another piece themselves, and the Concert Orchestra will also have pieces of their own.

In an effort to promote this relatively new and growing program the orchestra will have a donation basket located in the front of the auditorium lobby just before you enter, and they would greatly appreciate a donation of any quantity.

Conductor Jim Van Eizenga and the orchestra students are extremely excited to showcase their talent and spread a little Christmas cheer through their music.

### **Novi contracts with CEMS for** emergency medical services

### Response times expected to improve

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Improved response times are anticipated under a new contract between Novi and Community Emergency Medical Services, which Mayor Bob Gatt says is

"one of the most important contracts" for the city.

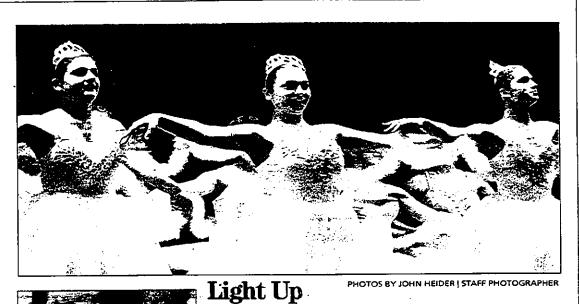
City Manager Clay Pearson calls the two-year emergency services agreement, with options for additional years, an important one and an improvement. "This is not just a rehash of

what we've been doing - it's an improvement in that service,' Pearson told the City Council, which recently approved it by a

CEMS has been providing this

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the Night! Above: Members of the Metropolitan DanCentre & Ballet Company entertain at Novi's annual Light Up the Night event at the Civic Center last Friday night.

Left: Eight-year-old Ben Matas enjoys a Rudolph pair of antlers and lightup nose.

Right: Mrs. Claus and Santa greet the crowd and the light the city's official Christmas tree.



### Needed: A million voices for schools

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Contact your legislators ASAP, says Vickie Markavitch,

know that you oppose the "radical and verv dangerous" pro posed education reforms that are on the fast track in our state capitol.

The superin-



Markavitch

tendent of Oakland Schools spoke to a group of more than 50 during a 4 p.m. presentation Nov. 28 in Novi . High School's media room. A second forum was scheduled

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### Toy Drive: Help area children have a happy holiday

Scoop the Newshound is asking Novi families to join the O&E Media toy drive to benefit youth served by Methodist Children's Home Society and Orchards Children's Services.

"Both organizations help protect abused and neglected children by providing housing, education and other services said Choya Jordan, O&E Media marketing manager and project organizer. "Please consider donating a new unwrapped gift this year. Your gift will help brighten a youth's holiday sea-

Donate a new unwrapped toy and you will receive a voucher for a free Buddy's four-square cheese pizza.

This is the second year the O&E has sponsored a toy drive to benefit these local organizations and help brighten the holidays for area children.

The Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford has been successfully helping children for 95 years, but right now foster children are in dire straits. The cost of caring for

these children has increased, but state funding has not. In these hard economic times, these children need help now, more than

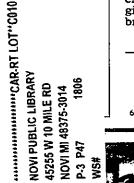
Last year MCHS served more than 270 children through residential, foster care, adoption and literacy programs.

Orchards Children's Services has been a beacon of hope for children and families for more than 50 years.

Orchards seeks to protect and

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### On the grow: Paradise Park aims to expand its services

Paradise Park will be taking a step forward in its services now that it has been granted a liquor license and dance permit by the City of Novi.

However, don't expect it to become a traditional bar setting. It's really just an expansion of its operations that will allow it to become even more of a full-service fun spot. The development will help it bring events to Novi that would otherwise be lost to similar facilities on the east side, said owner Jeff Wainwright.

"This is a game-changer for us, and we are excited about it," he said. "We have lost some business to other places that could offer this, but now we are able to expand. The hope is to capture more business from corporations and other groups looking to hold events at a fun place that also offers some adult beverages and

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Theresa and Jeffrey Wainwright, co-owners of Novi's Paradise Park, hope to soon be toasting their success with real adult beverages after the City of Novi recently granted them a license to sell alcohol. The Grand River Avenue amusement park is still awaiting final approval and modifications by the State Liquor Commission.

Paradise Park is located at 45799 Grand River Avenue, between Taft and

Owner Theresa Wainwright said they seek only to enhance the excellent level of service they

already provide to their guests. It's expected they will move forward on this after they, hopeful-

supporter of local orgaly, receive confirmation nizations. It has donated of state compliance of the to and hosted fundraisers liquor license in January. for organizations, such Established in 2005, the as the Novi Library and Wainwrights said it's the only full-service family local schools.

Councilwoman Terry Margolis said it's a unique place and "top notch facility" that has become a mainstay and has weath ered difficult times. Councilman Jus-

tin Fischer concurred and said this new development should help to attract more visitors to the Novi community. He did inquire about safety as far as alcohol and the gokarts were concerned.

The Wainwright's attorney Kelly Allen told the council this has been thought about and will be dealt with through the use of wristbands to differentiate what a park guest can do at the time. This is Novi's last license and permit of this type that the city can

grant this year.

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By Lonnie Huhman

The city of Novi is worried about the recent decision issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that states the transfers of on-premises liquor licenses do not require approval of the local unit of government.

In response to the LCC's move to make its operations more efficient, Novi City Council voted 6-1 to ask either state Rep. Hugh Crawford or request a state attorney general opinion regarding this recent interpre

Control Commission would see fit to

tation by the LCC, which fers of liquor licenses. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt contacted and agree

ports a local say in how a liquor license would be

entertainment facility on

Paradise Park is open

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door venues such as their

go-kart track along with

a kiddie track, a 26-foot

climbing wall, an Olym-

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ter as well as soccer cag-

es. In addition, the park

has an Interactive Laser

bowling and Arcade cen-

Tag Arena, AMF mini

The City Council

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have put in over \$4 mil-

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of employment to both

young and old, and is a

investment Paradise Park

munity. The Wainwrights

a variety of fun activi-

18-hole miniature golf

course, Formula-style

Detroit's west side.

the Liquor Control Commission would see fit to take over our governing duty to the citizens to approve or disapprove of a license request," Gatt

staff's recommendation the LCC decision includes transfers from one person to another, but would also apply, apparently, to

### Novi may lose control of liquor license approvals

"Frankly, I'm appalled the Liquor

take over our governing duty to the citizens to approve or disapprove of a license request." **BOB GATT** 

Buy Out....

announced new procedures for the processing at the state level of transsaid both men have been with Novi's approach to this issue. Gatt is con"Frankly, I'm appalled

He agreed with Coun cilman Andrew Mutch about there being minimal issues in Novi regarding licenses and that the process has worked in the past. Councilwoman Terry Margolis said she's all for streamlining the process, but said Novi should have a say because this pertains to transfers within the city and from outside. According to the city

"Our ability would be hampered, but we still have the ability to weigh in on any decision LCC has prior to them making the decision,' Staudt said to council and administration

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transfers of licenses into

Novi from other commu-

Mayor Pro Tem David

Staudt was the lone dis-

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The audition packet is available online at citvofnovi.org and at the City of Novi Parks. Recreation and Cultural Services office. It is

suggested that actors call (248) 347-0400 to sign up for an audition time. Interested actors may also sign up online (beginning Dec. 4) at cityofnovi.org. Walkins will be taken on a first come, first serve

Performance dates and times: Friday, March 1 and

Saturday, March 2 and 9, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 3 and10, 2 p.m. In "The Wizard of Oz", little Dorothy Gale

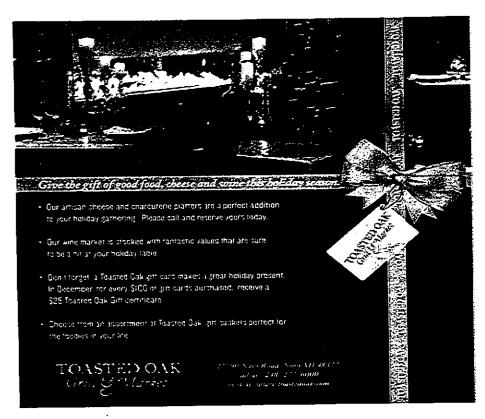
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of Kansas, like so many girls her age, dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away over world. Audience members will join Doro-

thy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination This musical includes the songs "Over the Rainbow", "Munchkin land (Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead)", "If I Only Had A Brain, If . Only Had A Heart, If Only Had The Nerve" and "We're Off To See The Wizard (Follow The

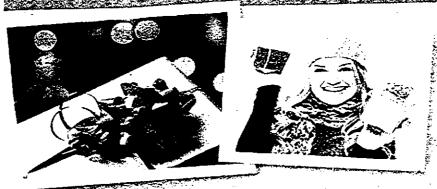
Yellow Brick Road)". Tickets for the Wizard of Oz will be available beginning in February at the Novi Parks Box Office and at cityofnovi.org. Tickets for the December production of The Nutcracker are on sale

For more information, please contact the Novi Parks Office at (248)



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Kowanda Robinson with her children, Sydney and Xavier.

end and next. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bring

City Attorney Thomas

Schultz said Novi could

let the LCC know of its

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City Manager Clay

wants to maintain its

This was why the city

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motion was voted down

5-2, with only Gatt and

Staudt said he under

Margolis voting yes.

stands the concerns,

referring to the Plan-

ning Commission to

Pearson said Novi

review power over

these licenses.

but one reason he vot-

ed against both actions

putting further burden

on local businesses and

was that he's against

piling on new regula-

"Additional regula-

tions on businesses in

our community to me

Gatt said he supports

"We're the governing

body of this city - that

looking into ways to re-

establish local control

we're elected by the

citizens to make these

kinds of decisions, not

mission," he said.

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The bill, she says.

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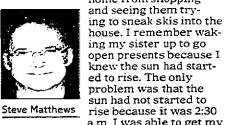
student body they set up

### Traditions bind school community together

By Steve Matthews

ost of us have stories and memories about the holiday season. We celebrated Christmas in my house and it was a much-anticipated day. It snowed the year that I received a bike. Why do I remember that? Well, it never snowed in New Mexico, but my first ride on my new bike was in the

I remember peeking out the windows in our den as my Mom and Dad arrived home from shopping



a.m. I was able to get my basketball unwrapped before my parents arrived to send us back to bed. I also remember our family traditions. We always drove around Albuquerque on Christmas Eve to look at the holiday lights. To this day, I can still see those lights if I close my eyes. We put out cookies and milk for Santa Claus. My sister and I were allowed to open one present on Christmas Eve. It was

Going to bed was always difficult but I knew that I had to get to sleep or Santa would not arrive. Memories and traditions are powerful. They provide a sense of comfort, stability, and meaning to our lives. Even though I have only been in the Novi Community School District a short time. I have come to understand that there

always excruciatingly painful to try

and figure out which one I should open

district as well. During the months of November and December as I visit schools I am privileged to see traditions continue from one year to the next. Yesterday, at the

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are important traditions in our school

As we move forward I am confident that we will discover new traditions to build that will keep our schools strong for the children who are here and the children yet to come.

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high school, I saw art students working with some of our preschool students who participate in our high school child development class. Together they were creating gingerbread ornaments.

The school newsletters are full of reminders for holiday concerts and holiday parties. I attend some of these events and see parents and grandparents eager to watch their child or grandchild participate in activities that tie us together as a community.

These traditions bind us together. They connect us in powerful ways to each other and to our children. As society continues its swift pace of change all of us need to continue to invest our time and energy into our community schools.

Community schools connect people in a way that many institutions do not. As a community we understand this power. That's why the Novi community has invested in our schools.

As this calendar year draws to a close I would like to thank our community for their commitment to our schools. The traditions that bind us together will continue to be a part of our school community. As we move forward I am confident that we will discover new traditions to build that will keep our schools strong for the children who are here and the children yet to come.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at smatthews@novi. k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1204; www.twitter. com/docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent,blogspot.com

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JOHN HEIDER ! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A line of appropriately 50's era-dressed Parkview Elementary kingergartners line up for limbo contest during the school's Nov. 15 celebration of their 50th day of school.

#### **Tech Showcase**

**Tech visit** 



Deerfield students participated on Nov. 28 in the 12th Annual Student Technology Showcase, a day-long event held in the Michigan State Capitol Building to allow lawmakers, business leaders and other citizens to see firsthand how technology is used in classrooms across Michigan. K-12 student teams representing legislative districts from around the state demonstrated best practices of how technology can enhance teaching and learning for the success of Michigan students. The event is sponsored by AT&T Foundation, Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL). Shown are (I to r, back) Jeslyn Wang, Aiden Shires, Elaina Hauncher; (front) Helena Cako, Uzair Mohammed; and Janis Canady, library media specialist. Their presentation, Constitution Day, leads into 21st century learning about the three branches of government and



with Project Based Learning in the 21st Century. As a way to document and create an entry event to launch a Project Based Learning Unit, students used the mobile tools as resources to help in the creation and reflection of their 21st century learning. The backpacks were available to borrow for this project through MACUL's STEMS-MI Champions, of whiich Lee is the team coach and facilitator. Pictured with Rep. High Crawford are Delaney Blanchard, Miles Brown, Sydney O'Neill, Ethan Rush, Arun Rushton and Tristan Whalen.

The FIRST Tech Challenge Student Team, the Atomic Toads, and coaches Matthew

Macek and Asha Tiwary presented their robot creation and the importance of sci-

ence, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with students in Deerfield

Large (not pictured), Joe Macek, Max Cai, Ronit Tiwary, Raviraj Rege, Harchint Arora

Elementary on Nov. 30. The Atomic Toads are Jonathan Lee, Wyatt Parsons, Ethan

(not pictured), Advay Muchoor (not pictured) and Colin Bilyeu.

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for 6:30 that evening. "There are unbelievable things going on in Lansing," said Markavitch, who did a similar presentation in Royal Oak the day before where folks were "quite surprised" at what she told them.

Three bills - HB6004, SB1358 and HB5923 were introduced a couple of weeks ago, proposing what Markavitch says is untried, unproven — and they're going to experiment with our kids"

The rumor, she says, is that they're going to be pushed through during the current lame-duck

"Like blind dogs, legislators can lead us but thev may not know where they're going," said Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi schools. "We think (this) will be potentially damaging to all public schools in Michi-

Legislators weigh in State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said recently during a break from caucus that legislators are starting to talk

about the education bills

"I have some major concerns with that in how it affects Huron Valley and the entire district." Kowall said, "It's forcing them to do things that. even as a business man,



ly excited Kowall said he does not expect the legislation to wrap up before the end of the year, although he expects it will move quicker through the state

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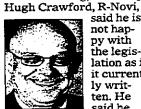
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Senate than the House of Representatives. Speaking Monday before a large crowd at a cation meeting, state Rep.



said he opposes HB6004. and those bills are being revised this week. He doesn't expect HB5923 to go anywhere, either.

"Right now, it's too controversial. No one wants to do anything with it," he said. "We're trying to do something with lowest 5 percent (of schools). I would put up my local districts against any other. I try not to harm my to try to help the bad

Opponents of the proposed bills say the impact to public education students, like this lass at Novi Woods Elementary School, will be devastating. is totally exempt from the state board of education

and its superintendent.

too hard to make a prof-

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First, she said, they've

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Rick Snyder continual-

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from different areas, he More than 20 years ago, expects "we'll end up she said, a group tried to crafting a piece of legislation that would be acceptget public money for private education via vouch-The Novi Board of Eduers, and was defeated

cation has put together a "They've since partthree-per nered with 'profiteers' son comand created an unprecedented to the education the issue. system we know." said Markavitch, adding that George they do not seek to provide free and appropriate education for all. "That's Dennis

and Shari Lebo are to meet tomorrow with State Rep. Hugh Crawford and Kow-

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p.m. Dec. 6. To be discussed at the meeting are three related bills:

employer-supported schools and municipal schools, for example.

districts for its use, primarily for new charter schools.

Vickie Markavitch, superintendent of Oakland Schools, will hold another informational

forum to discuss a package of bills that have the potential to radically change public

education and its funding. The forum will take place at Clarkston Junior High at 6:30

converted to a charter school through a 51-percent vote of parents and/or teachers.

ity (EAA) would have the authority to take over failing schools, but also serve as an

HB5923 – School Choice: This bill would revise state law by adding new forms of

specialized schools, such as single-gender schools, online schools, university schools,

authority that could create new forms of charter schools, such as organized by a cor-

poration. A new EAA would also be allowed to take over vacant schools within public

• SB1258 and HB 6004 – EAA Expansion: A new Education Achievement Author-

SB620 – Parent Trigger: Allows any school in the lowest five percent in the state to be

all, separately and locally. "But we would be willing to go to Lansing if need be." said Kortlandt. adding that the meetings will be on a "regular basis" to discuss the

Ultimately, as legis-

lators get more input

able for all."

"I think this is a good way to operate - to sit down over a cup of coffee," said Kortlandt. "They don't have all the answers either. That's obvious. The positive thing about dealing with Hugh is that he's very

open to listening to us and understanding our situa-As of Monday evening, he wasn't sure what the exact language of the bills is at this point.

"They're massaging them so rapidly," said perplexed to get the true picture of what's in front of them at the moment They're coming at them at very fast pace ... and not just education bills."

How we got here Before she dove into the details of the bills, she first gave background as to how we got to the point where Michigan is on the verge of creating a statewide school system that

no transparency, and who want to "open state coffers to a for-profit raid." passed similar legislation drafted by the ALEC Corporation, which is "spend-

ing millions and profiting

FILE PHOTO

Here, Markavitch said online companies that stand to profit are K12 and Connections, with the former reporting huge profits and a CEO who earned a \$5 million salary, according to her. "How do we fight it?"

she asked. "With a million voices - that can't be bought ... We'll be making noise from now to June and then more if they haven't gotten sense.

Markavitch urged those in attendance to sign up online at Capwiz and fire off a letter to legislators. "Connect yourself tonight and hit the take

action' button before you go to bed," she said. Details of the bills

Markavitch says that HB6004 and SB1358 are identical bills to put the Education Achievement Authority into law, It's been operating for three with persistently low achieving schools (those in the bottom 5 percent).

HB5923 meanwhile

of charter and online

guage was drafted by

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lor's degrees. And, she said, ACT The bills remove the EAA from any overscores are nudging sight," she said, and upward even while poverty levels have gone from exempt it from the same laws that govern pubone out of eight to one out lic schools. It essentially of four in Oakland Counwould operate as a state-

'Does it look like pu lic education is failing?" she asked after giving more examples. "Why would power brokers cast schools. The bill's landoubt? What's to gain?"

Why the changes? Markavitch believes there is a political or corporate agenda for special interests who have no recognition of research,

rate interest — anything except religion. This bill allows for

discrimination based on any number of things," said Markavitch. "This is the dangerous part — It absolutely leads to separation of students and opportunities ... This is aking us back ... I don't know if America was ever this kind of world.'

She says there is a distinct pattern recognized: community schools; promote corporate schools for profit; and disregard for quality, accountability or transparency

"We've uncapped guessing in the state of Michigan," she said. "But people say, 'It couldn't happen in my district."

Local fear One of the speakers at the forum was Bill Pearson, superintendent of South Lyon schools

for the past 18 years.



they're checking off, and now

.. it's getting out of con-He says that even though his district has great test scores, a fund alance and the administrators know how to budget, "the Legislature thinks they're going

to take over," said Pearson. "It's a dismantling of public education that will happen before your very Pearson said he's proud that his district serves

all students, like special education, ESL (English as second language), etc. 'That's not going to happen if this occurs," he

He also encouraged those in attendance to contact their legislators. "but don't say you're an educator or teacher," he said. "They're tired of dents."

Pearson told the crowd that there's no fight that's been bigger and that nothing compares to what's happening right

"It's unconscionable," he said, "and really, really wrong.'

North of South Lyon. Jim Baker serves as

Snyder to rewrite school interim superintendent funding via the Oxford of Huron Valley Schools — 107 square miles with 10,000 students bringing

> in \$6.966 each in state His district has trimmed \$30 million during the past seven years, seen heavy concessions from employee groups and just passed a \$9 million millage.

Baker said Huron Valley is fiscally responsible, yet will be forced to be lumped together with districts that aren't. HV had to make a "gutwrenching" decision to close schools and redistrict, but he said it was the right thing to do, even though there's nov a vacant school building in the middle of the city next to a still-open

If this proposed legislation passes, he says a selective charter could come in and set entrance exam criteria, take the



of students. "Why would a board close a building with an EAA out there to skim off the best and brightest kids," Baker asked. "You won't have districts making decisions that should be done to be fiscally

to serve

responsible This is about to hit us right between the eyes, he said.

#### Taking action

Markavitch said legislators need to hear from constituents before Dec. 12, and she encouraged everyone to do so imme diately. She said after her Tuesday forum, there were 1,500 new Capwiz signups, "and every one of them sent emails.

She said Tri County Alliance for Public Education covered the cost for Capwiz so people could sign up for legislative alerts and easily email their legislators using the form letter, tweaking it, or writ-

ing their own. 'We want, before legislators break, to get 30,000 emails before this lame duck session ends,'

said Markavitch. Then, in January we fight this insidious rewrite of school funding, which is to 'debundle' — code word for dis-

solve — local districts.' Her hope is to have " million voices" disapproving of these proposals to revamp Michigan's education system.

Phil Allmen, editor of the Milford Times and South Lyon Herald, contributed to this story

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### SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they

longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approxi-mately 60% of those who apply Attorneys J.B. Bieske and

Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience represen ing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear ings. Many large firms assign case. And some of these firms away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi nave vast experience before local

Michigan judges.



can often make a winning differ ence at the application stage. nd, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundre cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize it Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentag

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability lav attornev Bieske has written a

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also een interviewed on adio programs and have iven speeches to many

offer free phone or office conthere will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road, Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security

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### Two of McCotter's former staffers enter pleas in petition fraud

By Ken Abramczyk

Two former congressional staff members entered pleas Nov. 27 to all but one of the criminal charges they faced concerning their involvement in former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's netition scandal.

Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills, who worked as Deputy District Director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest today in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Judge Margie Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a fiveyear felony, and six counts of falsely signing

a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as District Director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days

A sentencing hearing for Seewald and Yowchuang is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 18 before Brax-

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year

felony, remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald. Braxton will hold a hearing to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge on Jan. 9. The Michigan Attorney General's office has indicated it will oppose the motion

in court. No plea or sentencing agreement was offered, according to Michigan

Attorney General Bill

"As Attorney General. I have a responsibility to enforce the law and ensure public integrity," said Schuette in a prepared statement. "After a thorough investiga-

tion, my office determined that criminal acts were committed, and the appropriate criminal charges were filed. We will continue to prosecute those involved with this disgraceful violation of the public trust." On Aug, 9, 2012,

Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May mer Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. At that announcement Schuette explained the former conshe will serve 18 months probation, with the first 12 months as reporting probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and court The fourth staffer,

Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court.

Turnbull is next due in court for a pre-trial hearing before Judge Leo Bowman on Jan. 8, 2013.

McCotter was not charged. Investigators say there was no direct evidence of his involve-

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KLOBUKOWSKI.

STEPHEN JOSEPH Age 60, passed away November 30th. He was born December 25th. 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Beloved son of Dolores (Pociecha) Klobukowski and the late Leonard Klobukowski, Father of Joseph Klubukowski and Allison (Bobby) Herrell, Step-father of Eric (Erin) Muir, Grandfather of Chloe and Colton Herrell, Brother of Lawrence Klobukowski, Mary (James) Herro, Luann (Brian) Cook, and Joann (Frank) Malaczynski, He is an uncle, cousin and friend to is an uncle, cousin and friend to many more. Memorial service will take place at 12 noon on Saturday December 8th at the VFW Hall, Post 2502,

125 E. Mel lattie Street South Lyon, MI 48178



DONNA M.

on Dec. 1, 2012 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Arrange-ments by: Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

JOSEPH ANTHONY Age 91, passed away on November 24, 2012 in Birmingham. AL from complications of CIDP. He was preceded in death by Parricia Kuban, his wife of 62 years, sons Jack and Karl and three sisters. Joe was born in Czechoslo-vakia in 1921, moved to Cudahy, WI with his parents at the age of in Wwill receiving many deco-rations and citations including a Purple Heart. Joe married Patri-cia Whidden in 1947. Demand cia Whidden in 1947. Demand for automobiles prompted Joe to move his family to Westland, Michigan in 1957 to work at Ford Motor Company until his retirement. Joe and Pat chose to spend their retirement years in New Port Richey, Florida, Joe was a very laying and supportive was a very loving and supportive husband, lather, grandlather and great-grandlather. All who shared his life will miss his quick wit, storytelling and amazmemory. He was a good man, mild mannered with an un-canny ability to take life's up-and downs with grace and humil-ity. He loved God and was a

and downs with glace and naturity. He loved God and was a good and faithful servant. Joe is survived by his sons Ronald. Rotanda West, FL, and Brian, Westland, MI, daughter Peggy (Dave) Carlington, Hoover, AL, one brother, Frank (Diane) Kuban, Racine, WI, He leaves behind soven erndehildren and May behind seven grandchildren and you find 11 great-grandchildren. A military rites funeral will be held December 6, 2012, 11:00 am at the Florida National Cemetery in in Family SCHOOLMASTER. Age 80, passed away Nov. 27, 2012. A private service was held

#### LANCINA, GEORGE A.

Age 61, longtime Milford resident, November 30, 2012. Heather and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Millord on De-cember 4, 2012. For further info. please call 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LEE, WAYNE August 7, 1928 - Nov.r 25, 2012 On line condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com LITTLE, JOHN C.

Age 87, passed away November 28, 2012. He was born on December 9, 1924, in Finley, Tennessee, son of the late Chester and Lena Little, John was a proud Navy veteran, serving in WWII. Following his retirement as a truck driver. John opened Su-preme Express. It began as a small company and has grown to a large trucking and transporta-tion company based in Dearborn. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sybil of 63 years; his son, John (Robin) Little; his grand-children: John III. Matt. John. Nicole and Kyle; his great-grandchildren: Lity, Camryn and John IV. He is also survived by his son-in-law. John Underwood II. He was preceded in death by his daughter Susan Underwood in 2012 and his brother Nathan

in 1979, Visitation was held on December 2nd at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME. South Lyon. A Funeral service was conducted on December 3rd at New Hudson United Methodist Church www.phillipsfuneral.com

ZUCAL, KARAN L.

Age 76, passed away November 30, 2012. She was born on October 7, 1936, in Dearborn, daughter of the late Fredrick & Eleanor Rule, Karan was a professional genealogist for over 40 years in the Detroit area and a founding member of the Western Wayne county Genealogical Society, An excellent cook, wine afferonado, and hostess who opened her house to anyone, especially her many rescued cats; Karan enjoyed hosting many gatherings in her home. She also loved to trav-

survived by her loving husband of 55 years. William, her be-loved children, Christopher Zucal and Melissa Zucal (David Maberry). She is also survived the benedabilities. David and by her grandchildren, Daniel and Josh and her brothers, David and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. The family will begin receiving friends on Sat-urday. December 8th at 10:00 a.m. with a memorial service held at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. (http://www.lupus. org) PO Box 418629 Boston, MA 02241-8629. Online guestbook at

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PAYNE, STEPHEN T. Age 67, born on July 27, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan, and passed on December 1, 2012 in Clarkston. Michigan. Beloved husband of Donna M. Payne for 45 years; Loving father of Brian (Alison) Payne; Proud grandfather of Oli-via Benson and Bradley Pennington: Dear brother of Patti Payne; Steve is a 24 year veteran of the Southfield Fire Department. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. A me-morial celebration will take place at a later date. Arrange-ments entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home Highland, MI; In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to the Michigan Human

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Age 63, of South Lyon passed away December 1, 2012. He was born November 12, 1949 in Watertown, New York, son of Ar-thur and Jeanne (Keib) Moore. He was married to Carol for over 38 years. Jim was Vice President of Solutions and Execution Standards for Ryder's Supply Chain Solutions (SCS) busines segment. He was responsible for overseeing Ryder's Supply Chain Excellence organization. Jim had more than 45 years of industry experience, including executive positions at the Marshall Moore Group, Accenture, US Freightways and Leaseway transporta-tion. Over his career he traveled extensively in Asia, Europe and North America, Mr. Moore earned his Master of Science degree in Applied Math from the University of Akron, and a Bach-elor of Science degree in Mathe-natics from Syracuse Universi-ty, He holds a U.S. patent for trailer design and was co-inventor of Ryder's Logistics Re-lease process and technology. He was a frequent speaker on supply chain and was a member of CLM and CSCMP since 1985. He wrote "The Internet Weath-er", published by John Wiley, 2002. Jim had encyclopedic knowledge: he was his sons Google before Google was in-vented. He was a classical pianist and an avid reader; and also

enjoyed playing bridge. He was a loving, devoted, considerate, and generous husband and father. He s survived by his wife Carol; his sons, Gregory Moore of Farm-ington, Matthew (flance Clare O'Conner) Moore of Wisconsin, and Sean (Amalia) Moore of Wisconsin; and his siblings, Lloyd (Jane) Liscum of New York, Dr. Michele (Marcus Christian) Hansen of New Hampshire, Arthur (Sue) Moore of Florida, and Marilyn (Steven Bayne) Moore of New York, He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Maureen Downing. A funeral service was held Wednesday. December 5 at South Lvon. In lieu of flowers donations to research on HLH can be made to the Cincinnati

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With a hand from her daughter Adrian, 11, Becky Hartford sells some photos at

handcrafters were selling their wares at the Friday night gathering.

the Nov. 30 Light Up the Night event at the Novi Civic Center. Many merchants and

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Santa moves into Fox Run

After hundreds of years of hard work, Santa Claus has decided to hang up his jingle bells, park his reindeer, close the woodshop and retire. Old St. Nick sold his North Pole residence, downsized and moved into retirement paradise at Fox Run retirement community in Novi where he is experiencing

life as never before In a new candid video chronicling his retirement experiences, Santa's up close and personal moments with neighbors are captured as never before. While he may have been looking forward to his retirement years. the man in the red suit is shown to be having trouble adapting to life below the

North Pole. While we are thrilled to have one of the world's most iconic figures here on campus, there are issues that still need to be resolved" said resident Marian Ellis, "For exam ple, when he isn't gobbling up all the cookies on campus, he's letting his reindeer run wild. And if that's not bad enough, San-Santa photos: Santa will

season as we know it!' Do a YouTube search for "Santa Retires!" or enter this address in your web tube.com/watch?v=0477FQ T65pY&feature=youtu.be

ta's retirement threatens

to put an end to the holiday

#### "Santa's Shoes"

Talented local youths, ages 5-18, will showcase their acting talents in Spotlight on Youth's upcomta's Shoes" from Dec. 13-16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"This production appeals to all ages from the very young to the young at heart," said director Bar bara Bloom, of Novi. "It has charm and humor and endearing characters with spectacular costumes, sets and, of course, Santa! The story starts when Santa forgets to put on his "magic" shoes. The

Elves worry that he will get lost; meanwhile, the Ice Princess and her pack of wolves plot to take control of Santa's flight. They are foiled when the Elves unleash Robo Elf. Santa himself serves as the nar rator of the play and will be available afterwards for photos with Santa.

The play runs about 1.5 hours with a 15-minute intermission. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday as well as 2 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday. General seat ing tickets are \$10, phone (734) 394-5300.

### Holidays at Twelve

be available for photos at

the Ice Palace in Twelve Oaks Mall. Santa hours through Dec. 23 are during all mall hours with breaks from 12:30-1 p.m. and 5:30-6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 1-1:30 p.m. Sundays. On Christmas Eve. Dec. 24, Santa will be available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break from noon-12:30 p.m. Guests must be in line with a ticket by 3 p.m. to see Santa before he leaves for the North Pole.



**NOVI NEWS BRIEFS** 

#### Thanks for 86 memories

There was quite a festive, colorful group gathered at the 50-yard line at Ford Field on Nov. 16 - just one Detroit Lion (Roary the Mascot) and hundreds of children, several Compuware Elves, unicorns, marching bands, dancers and a whole lot of clownin' goin' on. The 23rd Annual Hob Nobble Gobble brought nearly 2,000 supporters to the "D." The Hob Nobble Gobble, along with the Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) and the Big Heads Corps, help raise needed funds to produce America's Thanksgiving Parade which just celebrated its 86th year on Nov. 22. This was the second year that Ford Field hosted the annual blacktie gala. Pictured are Armen Oknayan (left), of Novi, and

tures great and small are invited to have their photo taken with Santa from 9 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 in Center Court. Space is limited and reservations are a must. Call (248) 348-9438 to reserve a spot. Parking is available in the Green Lot (between Sears and Macy's). All dogs and cats must be on a leash or in a carrier and

Ice Palace and Santa:

Marty Shoushanian, of Northville

light show and, new this vear, the beloved prehistoric herd from the family film "Ice Age: Continen-

> The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps Center is seeking energetic individuals to spread Christmas cheer ringing a bell for The Sal vation Army's 2012 Red

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Funds collected at red kettles go toward the cam paign goal of \$8.5 million. Donations collected will allow The Salvation Army Farmington Hills to continue to Do the Most Good.

The annual campaign runs through Jan. 31. To make a tax deductible con-Visit www.salmich.org

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Flu shots available Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is now offering flu shots for \$16 at their Pontiac and Southfield offices. Flu clinic hours are noon-8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Residents can preregister online at oakgov. com/health.

"We encourage everyone to get a flu shot and ting the flu this season, said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of the Oakland County Health

The Health Division offices are located at the following addresses: North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East,

 South Oakland Health Center; 27725 Greenfield Online registration pro vides a consent form that

selected. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard. Medicare and/ or Medicaid, or residents may select to pay cash at the time of appointment. To register, call (248) 858-7350 or (248) 424-7120. Flu shots are also available on a walk-in basis. Walk-in payment options include Medicare. Medicaid and cash (no credit cards, checks or money orders) For more information, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at oakgov.com/health or on Facebook at facebook. com/publichealthOC.

#### **Two Ultimate Sport Shows** coming to Novi

ShowSpan, Inc. announced 2013 dates for its Ultimate Sport Show tour, including two shows at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The Ultimate Fishing Show—Detroit, to be held Jan. 10-13, is the Midwest's biggest pure-fishing show in America's rgest freshwater market. More than 200 booths of new rods, reels, lures and other tackle, plus outfitters, lodges, guides and charter fishing destinations are in the show, along with 200 new fishing boats representing 40 brands. Led by Kevin Van Dam and Mark Zona. more than 75 free semi-

nars are planned for nov-

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ect as a fourth grader to help a girl who'd had strokes and other complications from a vaccine. "Round Up at the Rink" was created by the family in part for his confirmation at St James Catholic Church

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By Julie Brown

Novi High School

freshman Ryan Rabi

nowitz doesn't take his

family are conducting

a benefit in which ice

arena concessions are

rounded up to the next

dollar and donated to

Make-A-Wish, a nonprof

it grants wishes for chil-

dren who've been hospi-

"I'm truly grateful for

talized or are terminal-

everything that I have,"

said Rabinowitz. He's on

the prep hockey team at

school, and said, "It's the

best sport in the world,

in my opinion. Hockey's

dear to my heart." He

children can't go to

school or live a nor-

started playing hockey

The teen knows some

something very near and

good health for granted.

The 14-year-old and his

mal life, due to illness. "We're really trying to push this," he said. He worked on a proj-

Make-A-Wish told the family wishes usually

nity sernowitz and his fami-"It's a benefit become annugreat program and it really

impacted my life when I worked with them before," Rabi nowitz said. Some other teens do food bank projects, and he wanted something different.

vice

hours.

Hockey goal

Make-A-Wish benefit family

project for NHS teen

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Younger brother Zac, comes along for practices and games, and parents Trish and Alan noted he eats food from the concessions often. The family saw many others using rink concessions, and got help from the Michigan Hockey Association with a rink list for letters and

e-mails. "We still want to get the word out," said Rabi nowitz, who heard back from about 10 rinks. some of which have held their concession benefits. The Grand Rapids Griffins, part of the American Hockey League and feeding into the Detroit Red Wings. have been very support

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December 10, 6:30 pm

Plymouth Christian Academy Choir

CAMERON MUSIC PIANO RECITAL

December 16, Noon - 4pm

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cost about \$5,000 to fulfill. "That's what we're really shooting for," he said, adding they'd glad ly go beyond that. Rabily would like to see the al. "Anything we can do to support that is a great thing," he said.

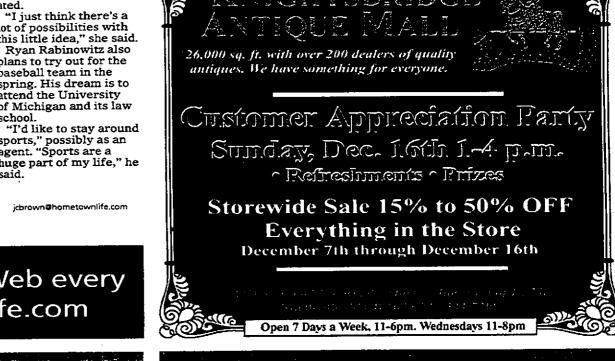
His e-mail for more information is abini44@ att.net. "We're very mom Trish of Novi. She recalled his work in grade school with Make-A-Wish.

"He loved doing that. He loved the smile it put on her face." Teaching hockey wasn't an option due to Ryan's age and the children's illnesses, so the benefit was cre

lot of possibilities with this little idea," she said Rvan Rabinowitz also plans to try out for the baseball team in the spring. His dream is to attend the University of Michigan and its law

"I'd like to stay around sports," possibly as an agent. "Sports are a huge part of my life," he

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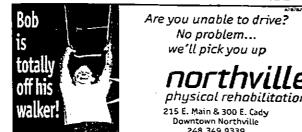




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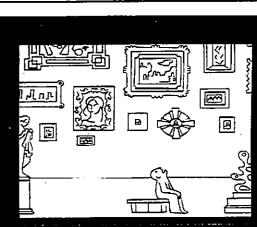


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#### **Sunday Music Bar**

Song stylist Kathy Kosins performs her love letter to the ladies of the 1940s and 50s west-coast jazz scene. 1 & 3 p.m., Kresge Court.

#### Family Sundays

Enjoy interactive stories for children and cozy tales for adults from the European Christmas tradition performed by award-winning storyteller, Yvonne Healu. 2 p.m., Lecture Hall.

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#### Novi Events

**FUN FIRST FRIDAYS** Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. Dec. 7

Location: 27300 Wixom Road at Grand River Avenue (large retail building next to Varsity Lincoln) **Details:** Featuring many handmade items from Lvon, MI 48178, Items people with disabilities. must be received by Anyone in Michigan that makes handcrafted items can get a space. Free admis sion, free parking. Everyone that bowls a strike in our portable bowling alley gets a Free fountain drink. Bow two strikes in a row and get a free hot dog or slice of

Contact: For more information or to reserve a space, email FunFirstFridays@ gmail.com or call (248) 812-9751; www.FunFirstFridays.

### THE POWER OF A MEN-

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m Wednesday, Dec. 12 Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi Details: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women' Association presents "The Power of a Mentor" by Location: 25075 Meadow brook Road

Kris Marshall, CEO of Winning Futures, Donations of thumb drives and \$5 gift cards to fast food restaurants are welcome. as Winning Futures is an award-winning non-profit that serves area youth, who are often economically disadvantaged. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation follow-

includes dinner. Contact: Please see www. abwa-novi.org for registration and payment informa

ing. The cost is \$16 which

#### **GET LISTED!**

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noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife

**BEREAVEMENT MEET-**Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays

Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads) Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available. **NOVI SENIOR CENTER** 

### Contact: (248) 347-0414;

#### Library Lines WALLED LAKE LI-

BRARY Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake Contact: (248) 624-3772 Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first

### NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to no charge for this service Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled. **Book Discussion Group** 

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this

recently-formed group. **NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY** Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile

Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday Details: Unless noted below, all programs take for programs at the library or on the library website. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

#### Business

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

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney Is

land, 21200 Haggerty Road Details: Business network-Church 41671 W. 10 Mile ing focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www. sunriseNETWORKINGgroup. com), or SNG for short, is a

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Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile),

Details: BNI is a structured

networking environment for professionals The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/ education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.

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**NOVI ROTARY CLUB** Time/Date: Noon every Location: Novi Methodist

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

**NOVI TOASTMASTERS** 

**HOLIDAY CRAFT &** 

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every VENDOR FAIR Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West Saturday, Dec. 8 Location: Emmanuel Lu-**Details:** Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club Mile Road, Livonia Details: Over 50 crafters help you find that perfect gift or home decoration sphere in which all can de-There will also be raffle velop and refine their public speaking and leadership

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Details: The Farmington Community Chorus directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied assistant director Susar Garr, will present its annual holiday concert "Glad Tid-' featuring a variety of holidav favorites. Tickets are \$12 in advance and can be chased on our website at the Costick Center (248) 473-1800) or by contactg the ticket line at (248) 682-6562. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15 on the evening of the

Contact: Shelly Addison at add2@yahoo.com), or visit website at www.farming-

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Location: St. Paul's Presby

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"Know the Ten Signs of Aizheimer's Disease" presented by Roxanne Chang who is a member of the Speaker's Bureau of the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and an elder law attorney in Plymouth. Any Social Workers who attend will be eligible for one CEU. RSVP by December 2.

Winter Holiday Vocal Ensemble Saturday, December 8 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All you who are young at heart, come sip eggnog & enjoy holiday cookies while be entertained by the "Backbeat Boys" from Northville High School!

Christmas in Connecticut Feature Film Friday, December 28 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Road, corner of 11 Mile Road Details: The 16-voice chamber chorale, Cantate!, conducted by Dr. Gerald Custer, will present its "Heaven to Earth." in two performances. Admission

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### Notre Dame students garner military kudos

Three University of Notre Dame seniors with local ties have received the Distinguished Military Graduate nonor through the university's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

online at hometownlife.com

The three are Daniel Courtney of Novi, son of Kate and Bill Courtney: Michael Dompierre of Northville, son of Patricia Dompierre and Mike Dompierre; and Garrett Quick of Northville Township, son of Geralyn and Chris Ouick.

Courtney graduated from Northville High School in the Class of 2009. After college graduation, he as chosen miliary intelligence with a branch detail in Armor. After serving his military commitment he will pursue a career in corporate finance.

Dompierre graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in the Class of 2009. He will graduate in May 2013 from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A., with a double major in political science and philosophy. He will commission in May as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He chose military intelligence, and will attend the MI Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., next fall. He hopes to be stationed either at Fort Carson or Fort Bragg in an Airborne

Quick graduated from Catholic Central High School in the Class of 2009. He will graduate in May 2012 from the University of Notre Dame with a civil engineering degree. He has been awarded a slot as an Engineer Officer As a commissioned second lieutenant he will attend the Engineer Basic Offi cer Leadership Course in Fort

Leonard Wood before taking a post with an engineer battalion. He plans to fulfill his scholarship commitment of four years of active duty as a civil engineer. After four vears, he will decide if he wants to remain in the army or pursue a civilian career with a civil engineering firm.

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Michael Dompierre of Northville (from left), Garrett Quick of Northville Township and Daniel Courtney of Novi are Army ROTC cadets who earned Distinguished Military Graduate status at the University of Notre Dame.

#### **DETAILS**

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### Rare restoration

Fox Run resident takes his time with 129-year-old grandfather clock

Harry Burt has restored 25 grandfather clocks, but the one that he's currently working on is special - there are only two in the world.

The 82-vear-old resident of Novi's Fox Run is putting the finishing touches on a twoweighted, 129-year-old American clock built in Rhode Island by Walter H. Durfee.

"It's coming along pretty good," said Burt recently after a day in the retirement community's hobby shop. Burt said he's clean-

ing it up and overhauling the movement. He doesn't strip the mahogany finish at all: he only hand rubs it and removes the grime from the metal parts. "His clocks were so

well finished when they were made," said Burt. "They look like they just came out of the factory today." He's restoring the clock to its original condition, including a functioning pendulum to sound each hour.

So what makes this particular clock, which Burt purchased in September from a California owner, so unique? "The American



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1885 grandfather clock restored by Novi's Harry Burt.

grandfather clock industry came to a screeching halt in 1815, and only the wealthy could afford them at that time," explained Burt, "In the 1880s. Durfee made the Rolls Royce at today, actually - with high quality, style, design and now historical value."

For nearly 50 years, Burt and his wife, Jo, have been collecting clocks. He learned of the Durfee through is his membership in the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. The Burts



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are particularly fond Welch Manufacturing Company, which made clocks in the 1860-1895 period, but be clocks are in his collection overall.

"Collectors don't tell," he said. "Now and the major collec-

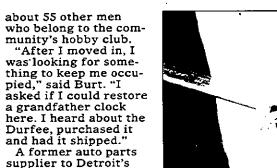


Novi Fox Run resident Harry Burt, 82, has spent a lot of time in the last three months restoring to good working condition this 1885 Walter Durfee grandfather clock. The clock, made in Providence, R.I., was found by Burt in Califorinia, and the lifelong Michigan resident plans on giving it to a grandson after it's displayed at Fox Run for a while.

of clocks from the E.N. won't reveal how many

we're limited by space. tion I have given to my grandson, who is 30. I restore them for him.

The Burts moved to Fox Run in August 2011 from Rochester Jo doesn't work on the restorations, but Burt spends time in the hobby shop along with



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Burt's clock mea-

sures eight feet high:

22 inches at the base;

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around 20 years.

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Fox Run resident Harry Burt spent many hours restoring and polishing up the 1885 Walter Durfee grandfather

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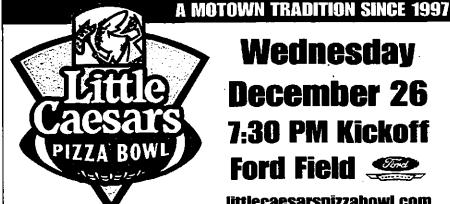
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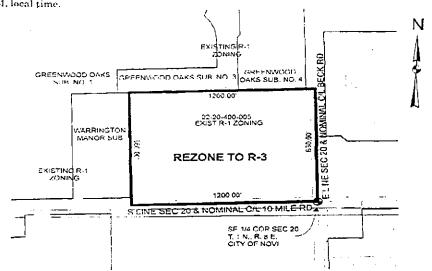
#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.701

That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18,701 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is December 21, 2012.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 13th day of August, 2012. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of Southeast of Section 20, T.1 N., R.8 E., city of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan described as follows:

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#### career decision was made. When Justin Haight he did not waste time. received the invitation in Familiar with the work 2011 to take part in award of a variety of filmmakwinning filmmaker Hunter Weeks's latest project in Montana, the 23-year old Novi resident said "yes"

lunter Weeks (from left), Justin Haight, John Hall, Shannon Ongaro and Mike Dion (far right) fish the banks of the fellowstone River while making the documentary.

Schoolcraft student

takes journey into

filmmaking

By Jill Halpin

before he even knew what

"I didn't know anything

knew that it was a once-in-

work with an amazing film

it," said Haight, an aspiring

filmmaker, currently work-

ing toward a degree in com-

director and if I didn't do

it. I would always regret

puter science at School-

"I was familiar with

er is able to capture the

essence of America. This

was a chance to learn from

one of the best," he added.

'project'' was a full-length

documentary film titled

Goes, and follows a 30-day

drift boat excursion down

er in the contiguous Unit-

a free public screening at 7 p.m. Thurdsay, Oct. 18,

in the Schoolcraft College

VisTaTech Center in Livo-

traits of local residents in

the cities and dusty towns

along the Yellowstone Riv-

ing a filmmaker. He was

the history and controver-

credit for the film.

The experience provided

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ed Haight with a life-chang-

"I learned so much from

ing experience he will nev-

working on this film with

on the set to the people we

encountered living along

the river while we were

actually making the film

I will just never forget it,'

almost two months travel-

ing with the film crewout

west as they filmed their

For Haight, the journey

oegan when he was grow

ing up. After viewing the

photographs he took during family vacations, his

parents Susan and Marcus

designated him the official

"When I was younger, I

just used a point and shoot

something about catching life on film. It adds a whole

liked it," Haight said.

other dimension and I really

A 2007 graduate of Hart-

land High School, Haight

he started thinking about

school yearbook staff, he

ture images

enjoyed the chance to cap-

His "eye" for selecting

quality photographs was

noticed by a teacher who

was in his junior year when

colleges and careers. Work-

ing as a member of the high

"family photographer."

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Hunter. It truly was an

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The movie, scheduled for

Where the Yellowstone

(Weeks's) films and really

admire the way that Hunt-

a-lifetime opportunity to

the project was all about.

about the project: I just

ers, he quickly took matters into his own hands, contacting various directors to ask for guidance and advice through email and Face-"I pretty driven," Haight

encouraged him to pursue

his talents. Haight is clear-

ly a man of action. Once his

said. "I wasn't sure if I realneeded a degree in film to be successful and wanted to get their opinions."

He ultimately decided on pursuing a degree in comouter science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia — as a "backup plan" — while continuing to hone his filmmak

#### Big break

Haight continued to correspond infrequently with Veeks and, in 2011, sent him an email message "out of the blue, just to see if he was working on any new projects," he said.

The response from Weeks "He said if I could get out to Montana in two weeks. I could work on the film. Haight said

The rest is history -- captured on film, of course. Riding along the Yellow stone River in a support. vehicle as part of a sevenmember film crew, Haight spent six weeks learning the ins and outs of filmmak-

I did everything from data management to blog-Haight with some solid footging about our experiences ing on his journey to becomto help set up our camps. He also let me do some touchgiven an associate producer up editing," he said.

#### Kind characters The people Haight met

iving along the river : a big impression, he said, and made for some memorable experiences.

"The people that we net, randomly, as we trav eled down the river really touched me," he said. Montanans are unbeliev ably friendly. They just open their homes to you and welcome you in." Haight recalled two

brothers fishing along the Yellowstone. "It was September 11, 2011, and they invited the whole film crew back to their home to eat the fish they had just caught in the

river," he said. He also recalls a memorable encounter the crew had with two sisters, known throughout their region as "The Cake Ladies" for their mouthwatering delicious angel food cakes.

"These two women are at least 80 or 90 and get up every morning at 4 a.m. and make angel food cakes from a secret recipe," he the area know about their cakes and although they do not sell the cakes, they do donate them to charity auctions, which are able to get a lot of money for them." The ladies, who appear in the film, have lived along

"Lewis and Clark made their canoes from trees on the property these women now own," he said.

the banks of the Yellow-

stone River their entire

### Al Keats Day-Project Heat helps out seniors

### Area heating and cooling companies perform free service calls at homes in need

By Lonnie Huhman

online at hometownlife.com

Jerry and Lucy Hayden, of Farmington Hills, will be getting a new furnace, and a potentially dangerous situation was avoided, thanks to the voluneer efforts of companies participating in Saturday's Al Keats Day-Project Heat event.

For nearly three decades local senior citizens have been helped out by Al Keats Day-Project Heat, which is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan chapter of the Air Conditioning Contracors of America (SEMI-

ACCA). This year, 15 contractor member companies with over 40 volunteer employ es met at Day & Night Heating & Cooling in Novi to perform free furnace cleaning, safety inspections, repairs, and furnace senior citizens in metro

For Robin Aire's Lead Service Technician Mike ing out for the first time, volunteering for this was a no-brainer.

"This is really a cool thing to be able to help out someone who need t, especially going into the cold months." he said 'I'm happy to be part of it. Giving back is not a bad

Last Saturday morning, he made his first volunteer call to the Haydens'

home in Farmington Hills to inspect their furnace. Grenlich initially made

on and then checked the heat exchange as well as inside the furnace for any cracks. He used an extended infrared camera to see into it.

This call turned out to be a really important one because the Havden's furnace, put in nearly 30 years ago, had some cracks in it, which can potentially be dangerous and can leak exhaust fumes into the home. It also lowers the tempera ture and causes it to take longer to heat the home.

"They need a new one, Grenlich said at the house call. "It's unsafe as it is. so we will provide them with some space heaters in the meantime and then replace it early next

The Haydens were very grateful that this was discovered, Robin Aire planned on going to their nome on Tuesday and replacing it with a new

"This is a godsend for us," said Jerry Hayden. "We've been in this home for a year and I've learned more about this furnace today than I did when we first moved in.' There's a lot of need for

the event because many don't ask for help or can't afford it, said Ed Bartram, SEMIACCA's incoming president who is also with Diversified Heating

Service Technician Mike Grenlich inspects Jerry and Lucy Hayden's furnace as part of Al Keats Day-Project Heat, the volunteer effort to help out local seniors in need.

Hills. "This has been very successful throughout the years, so we feel really good about it.' SEMIACCA works

closely with the Wayne and Oakland County's Area Agency on Aging to coordinate the service calls. To date, the group has completed over 1,700 and repairs, and replaced approximately 70 furnaces - at no charge. SEMI-ACCA members have

in the last eight years as Craig Jones, also with

SEMIACCA and Slasor Heating & Cooling in Livonia, said Project Heat is really important because it helps out people who a lot times have to choose

furnace or for their everywas its 26th year and each

day needs like food. time it has made a posi-Local companies helping tive impact. out were Day & Night as To learn more about well as Robin Aire Heating and Cooling of Wiximportant service. This

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**OUR VIEWS** 

### Speak up!

### Tell lawmakers what you think about budget, school issues

As lame duck sessions go, this one is shaping up to be an interesting one when it comes to the Michigan Legislature and U.S.

In the past two weeks, Gov. Rick Snyder has rolled out his plans for sweeping reforms of public education and revamping the state's personal property tax. Congress, on the other hand, is in the middle of a stare down with the President that could take the country over the fiscal cliff.

None of these issues as they presently stand, bode well for taxpayers. Michigan cities could lose money with the elimination of the personal property tax that businesses pay. School districts could lose control of their purse strings not to mention unused school buildings. And taxpayers would lose even more, if there's no agreement on continuing tax cuts and a long-term plan to cut

This all comes at a time when politics is the last thing people want to think about. It's Christmas. There's gifts to buy, cookies to bake and parties to plan.

Wrong. Voters also need to keep their attention focused on what is happening in Washington and Lansing, and let legislators know what they think about their plans.

In the case of the fiscal cliff, the pain will be felt in pay checks. The House and Senate failed to resolve major party differences on \$1.2 trillion in targeted savings over 10 years, triggering the tax hikes and program cuts scheduled to begin next year. Income tax will increase, if the Bush tax cuts are allowed to expire on Dec. 31, and payroll taxes will climb, if President Barack Obama's two-year-old Social Security pay-

It's time to get on the phone, write an email or send a letter. Compromise is needed now, not in the 11th hour. Recovery from the last recession has been painful at best and the financial loses, as the result of it, have affected all citizens. Partisan politics need to be set aside for the good of the country.

Lansing is another place voters need to watch closely.

Gov. Snyder has done well to turn around the state's finances, but at what price. Support to public schools has been cut, and cities have seen revenue sharing slashed. Both entities now must meet a number of devised best practices to get a little extra

While the elimination of the personal property tax would be phased in, it's still a loss for cash-strapped communities, even with the creation of an authority that would send back money, if the loss is a minimum 2.5 percent of the general fund revenues.

School districts, for years, have said that the funding mechanism for K-12 education out the proposed changes which would revamp the School Code go well

beyond tweaking. The governor has said the state's educational system has not given taxpayers, teachers and students "the return on the investment" they deserve." Last month lawmakers rolled out proposed bills that will, among other things, create a new any time, any place, any way, any pace public school learning model in which per pupil school aid would be tied to the student not to a specific

The bills also expand the use of virtual learning, putting education just a mouse click away, use performance as the basis for funding and create a list of unused school buildings that could be taken over by the state and repurposed for public academies and charter schools.

Politicians are always good about telling constituents what they want and what they need, whether or not they want it or need it. In these instances, people need to make it perfect clear what it is they want: Higher taxes? Giving up local control of their school districts? Giving up control of school buildings they paid for with their tax dollars?

Whether the answer is yes or no, now is the time for people to let their voices be heard loud and clear. Today is the day to send the Beltway and Lansing a message: You, the people, elected them, and they need

represent your interests, not theirs. Don't wait, don't hesitate. Tomorrow will

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#### Do you know what is significant about Dec. 7 in our country's history?



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'Pearl Harbor. I got an Aiden MacDonald 'A' in history class."



"No, I honestly don't know. Kent Gruber

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#### **LETTERS**

#### Bills bad for education

It's been encouraging lately to see high school students writing letters to the editor expressing opinions about their schools. They should know that if the Michigan Legislature and governor have their way this week, funding for schools and overall conditions are going to get a lot worse. The Michigan House and Senate lame duck sessions are quietly blitzing through a group of bills that will realize the 20 years of relentless efforts to dismantle ("harvest") public education in Michigan by ALEC, the Mackinac Center, and the Oxford Foundation. These groups' collective goal is to corporatize public education in Michigan and redirect public tax dollars out of our schools to Wall Street profits.

The various bills are House Bill (HB) 6004, its twin Senate Bill (SB) 1358, HB 5923, and SB 620. Specifically, HB 6004/SB 1358 will, if passed, circumvent the voters' recent rejection of the Emergency Manager Law by codifying the Education Achievement Authority in a new law. The EAA creates an entirely separate education system statewide that isn't required to abide by state laws or tests or answer to any voter or school board, but is funded

by the taxpayers. HB 5923 allows for unlimited online and charter schools. and allows for discrimination against students based on academic achievement. These organizations take full public funding for each student but don't provide the full set of resources that we expect, like bus service, art classes, sports, band and choir, well-trained teachers, AP curriculums, and special education. The biggest provider of online schools today in Michigan is K12, Inc. K12 is based in Virginia, was started by convicted felon Michael Milken, and in 2011 paid its CEO \$5 million in compensation. That's a lot of buses.

It's difficult to summarize in a few paragraphs the threat these bills pose to the outstanding public schools we have. You can Google any of these bills and find a lot of information. I can suggest going to Oakland Schools' website (www.oakland.k12.mi.us) and looking for the message and resources from the superinten-

The superintendents of Birmingham, Farmington, Rochester, Grosse Pointe, Northville, Flushing and Chelsea schools have already spoken out against this legislation.

Please contact Rep. Hugh Crawford at (517) 373-0827 or (hughcrawford@house.mi.gov) and Sen. Mike Kowall at (517) 373-1758 or (SenMKowall@ senate.michigan.gov) and request that they oppose these

Kathleen Hood

#### 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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#### Fair is back in business

The state fair was the highlight of many's summer, an amazing experience that Novi is happy to host.

The state fair was established in 1849, and the fairgrounds were later established. The fairgrounds have been shut down, so the fair was looking for a new home. Blair Bowman decided to open his land up to

All of Novi banded together to make this fair possible. The Great Lakes Agricultural Fair Board gave back, as stated Lakes State Fair gives back to Novi." by Lonnie Huhman). Due to the contributions made by them, this will benefit two park projects — which makes them happy, showing that hard work pays off. The fact that Mr. Bowman decided to give back shows us that the state fair is a good thing that should be welcomed back for years to come. Adrian Hart Novi High School

#### Attacking education

Education is again under attack. This time it is serious, and it is coming from some of our legislators and governor during a dangerous lame duck session. Senate Bill 1058 and House Bill 6004 have been drafted under the pretense of codifying the Educational Achievement Authority (EAA). House Bill 5923 expands upon provisions of House Bill 6004. These bills are nothing but Trojan horses housing a group of anti-public schools voucher and charter warriors.

The EAA was established to address the unique needs of the lowest rated 5 percent of schools in Michigan. These bills go well beyond their original intent. In addition to codifying the EAA, these bills: Extend coverage to all

schools in the state, not just

the lowest 5 percent of failing

· Provide an end run for

charters and vouchers allowing selective enrollment for charters so they can select students based on abilities and needs, thus skimming off the best and brightest and most talented

 Exempt these schools from a vast majority of the requirements of the Revised School Code that all public schools must follow;

students from public schools;

• Remove the EAA schools from supervision of the state Board of Education and the state school superintendent, placing them under the supervision of the governor:

• Are silent on any quality measures for EAA schools;

 Provide for a takeover of unused, vacant instructional buildings in local school districts for use by EAA schools; districts would have to divert funds for instruction to maintaining vacant buildings for potential use by the EAA;

 Make charter schools unaccountable to any board and are removed from oversight by the Michigan Department of Education

 Make a mockery out of, and totally ignore, local control; It totally by-passes community governed public schools.

These bills are on a fast track for action in lame duck. Please support public education and the Novi Community Schools by calling Sen. Mike Kowall, (517) 373-1758, and Rep. Hugh Crawford, (517) 373-0827, and tell them to vote a resounding no on Senate Bill 1358 and House Bills 5923 and 6004. **Bob Schram** 

#### Wrong notes in

#### orchestra story

As a member of the Novi High School Symphony Orchestra, I greatly appreciate the Nov. 15 article regarding the orchestra program. However, within the article, several mistakes were made that should be addressed. In a caption on the front

South Lyon

page, the Novi High School Orchestra was referred to as the "Novi High Orchestra Band." This title is a misinterpretation of when select band members join the orchestra to perform select pieces. Collectively, this is called "full orchestra" and, as a combined group, the ensemble is still called the Novi High School Orchestra.

Similarly, in another caption, the orchestra was identified as "the band's string section." Though the Novi High School Orchestra does practice with certain band musicians on a weekly basis, the orchestra is certainly not one of the band's sections. Instead, the brass. woodwinds and percussionists who participate in full orchestra are part of the orchestra — not the other way around. Overall, the article was an ex-

program, and I commend you for bringing it to the public's attention.

cellent review of the orchestra

Ethan Lu Novi High School sophomore

We, the people of Novi, can help make this holiday season the best yet for these families if we just get in the spirit of giving. It can be as simple as donating an on-sale food item at the store or some old clothing that is too small for you or your children. This can also include an old toy that isn't use anymore. That old toy could mean the world to some other child. I hope the people of our community join me in giving these few items to the Goodfellows or the Salvation Army because it is definitely a gift they will treasure and never forget.

wonderful holiday as well. During the Christmas holidays, some families' happiness depends on the generosity of others. For those who cannot afford the presents or food on this day, they rely on these giving people to help make their holiday a good one. Because of the economic recession and loss of jobs, there is an increase in the number of families living in poverty. In order to give these

families a great holiday, I believe the people of Novi should open their hearts and donate a toy to the Toys for Tots organization or drop money into the Salvation Army Red Kettles.

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TUTOR TIME

Mallory Buha Novi High School student

#### Candidate's post-election thoughts

want to take this opportunity to thank all of my supporters in my unsuccessful bid for Oakland County commissioner. With friends I campaigned during the summer and fall by knocking on doors throughout Novi and Northville. I met many interesting people. Quite a few said they had never had a candidate come to their door before. I learned about our community from the people who

live here. Whether they live near Walled Lake, in an apartment, or in one of the diverse neighborhoods, many people took the time to have a conversation with me about their ideas for our government. Thanks to everyone for your time and encouragement I congratulate Mrs. Crawford on her victory, and I wish all of our community a safe and happy holi-

#### Snyder's draft of major K-12 changes 'opens the door to private inves-

Extra school is a choice. Many students these days dread school. However, there is a small minority that actually enjoys learning. Why not give students the chance to learn more, and perhaps end high school earlier? Despite what the . critics say, we as fellow citizens and active voters should vote for the Michigan Public Education Finance This act allows students to take

advantage of the Internet, a very powerful resource. Students are

available to learn information online. Also, you can take courses that you may not be able to fit in your schedule online. Schools can also receive funding from this amazing program! Schools can obtain \$2,500 per semester just by allowing their studious pupils to

study online Even though some may say that anybody could open up a bogus internet school that won't be useful, schools could recommend some legitimate sites that would actually benefit students. You as voters

CAN make a difference. Vote YES for the Michigan Public Education Finance Act. Help those students who want to accelerate at a faster rate than normal classroom speed: If enough voters support this act, we can better educate the up-andcoming generation.

Michele Bhagwagar Novi High School student Stopping obesity

In our society, obesity has become a huge problem. It's starting to affect our children now and the children in future generations. It starts with the parents. Kids look up to their parents and act the way they do. Parents need to step and take control. They need to help

lead their children on the right path into life. If they don't live a healthy lifestyle, neither will their kids. Weight problems cause more than the feeling of being "bigger"; it can lead to life threatening

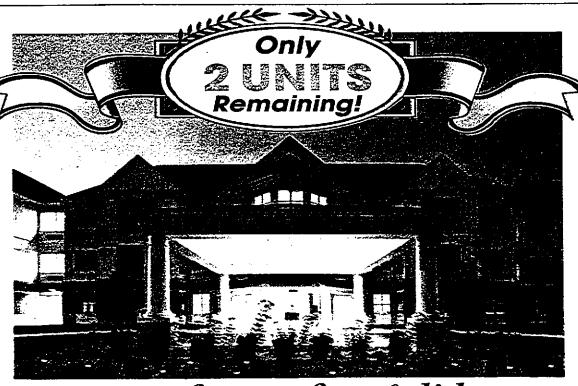
Some places like New York City have tried to ban unhealthy food They tried to take action and ban that no sugary drinks be sold over 16 ounces. Their hope was to help bring obesity to an end. But is that really helping anything? When it comes down to it, it's not about taking away unhealthy food — it's about being able to personally choose the right, healthy lifestyle. It's up to us to promote daily exercise and healthier food choices. We shouldn't let fast food commercials persuade citizen to go eat their unhealthy food. We need to make a change on the choices some people choose to make about their unhealthy lifestyle. It will take more than one of us to

make this change happen. It will

We need to help our kids and put

take a majority to get things going.

an end to obesity. Hannah Lonergan



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service to Novi for many years. The current contrac is up at the end of January Under the new agreement, CEMS will work to get the response time down below eight minutes in 90 percent of its calls. and there will now be three dedicated ALS units for

Emergency units will be placed in stations at 11 Mile and Beck roads, Providence Park Hospital, and Haggerty and 10 Mile roads as well as other areas where needed. This service will be shared with the City of Northville.

Getting the response cult, and Novi's public safety department will be monitoring the calls each month to see if improvements are

"We will be closely working with them to assure that we're getting the quali ty care that we need for our residents," said Jeff Johnson, Novi Fire Departmen

The cost to Novi is \$0. According to Victor Cardenas, assistant city manager, all costs associated with billed to the patient.

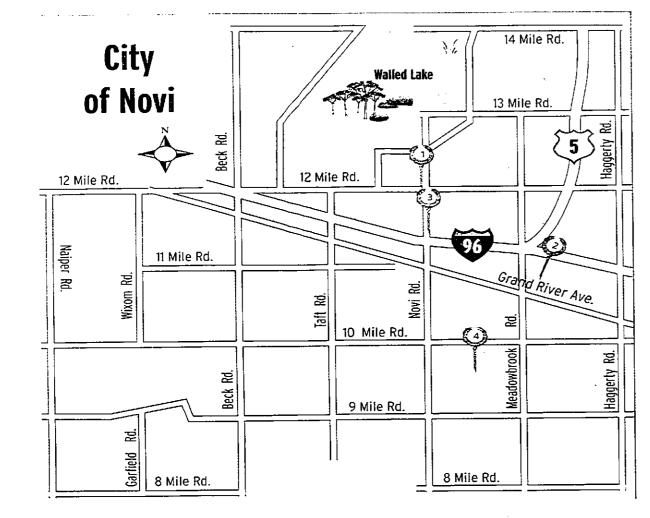
"The current pricing model mirrors the previous contracts the city ha entered into with CEMS,"

The Novi Public Safety Department stated the core purpose of the agreement is to provide the best quality health care to all community members and guests of Novi.

Also considered was a bid from Huron Valley Ambulance, but the long-standing relationship with CEMS and its guarantees helped win the bid.

"These are really extraor dinary enhancements to said David Staudt, mayor

#### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



#### Car keys taken

4 An employee of the Tilted Kilt had her car keys stolen on Nov. 29 from the new bar/res taurant on 12 Mile Road. The employee went to Novi

Police to file the report after finding the keys missing from her purse, which was stored in the location's changing room. There are lockers, but the victim was unable to fit the bag inside of it. There are no witnesses/sus camera for that room.

The victim's vehicle was left parked at the lot at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk. It

was watched by police before a new set of keys were acquired.

Snowmobiles stolen Over \$15,000 in snowmobile

equipment was stolen from Lacy Tool sometime during the last 60 days. A snowmobile trailer valued at \$10,000 as well as \$5,000 black Skidoo, two kiddie snowmobiles and an ice shanty at the location at 40375 Grand River Avenue. There is no surveillance video and no leads for possible suspects at this time.

Lug nuts stolen

3 A rental Chevy Malibu had its lug nuts stolen from its wheels in what appeared to be an effort to steal the tire.

It was reported to Novi Police that on Nov. 29 the car was discovered in the parking lot at the Crowne Plaza Hotel without the 20 lug nuts. Police believe the suspect was trying to take the tires/wheels, but was probably scared off by something. There is no security camera in that area of the lot and no suspects.

> Tires slashed A Novi woman has had her car tires slashed twice in the

last several weeks. She went to police to report that her car, while parked at her residence on Pheasant Run, had its tired slashed. She said this was after she had replaced the previously damaged tires from a previous incident the day before. The woman said she

hasn't had any bad encounters

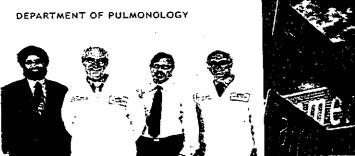
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these crimes. There are no witnesses.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie

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death, a spokesman there said. Sunday was uneventful, after the family went to church and David hung out at home, according to his

**Standout Detroit** 

**Catholic Central football** 

player dies in his sleep

"We have no idea," she said. "I went to wake him up for school and he was already gone. And he went to bed healthy. He had a good day. The day before, there was no

The Catholic Central community mobilized immediately upon learning of the tragedy Monday. A handful of administrators kept the situation quiet, so the family could tell David's older brother, Stephen, 20, a Michigan State University student, who was traveling back to Michigan Monday after participating in a mock trial at Yale over the weekend. They also called the parents of David's closest friends and asked them to come to the school with their child Monday evening. Together, they learned that the stand-out football player had passed. Later Monday night. the boys sent a picture to Barbara

Widzinski, their hands in fists, sur-

rounding David's number on the Shamrock's football team, 33. "He was very strong in his faith, and he just loved Catholic Central," said his mother. "And he felt it was a brotherhood and those were his brothers there. The sup-

been amazing. We feel the love and support from Catholic Central and our friends and family." David, one of two sophomores on Catholic Central's storied football team, was at Ford Field Nov. 26 for Catholic Central's 36-21 loss to

port from Catholic Central has

Cass Tech for the Division 1 title.
"He had a lot of just natural athletic ability, but he was always very humble, very generous, very loving," his mother said. "He just had a lot of friends. He connected very well with people and was very sensitive to people's needs just a wonderful, son, brother and

Leading the team in tackles as a linebacker, he continued playing even though he broke his

Please see PLAYER, B4

### South Lyon's Reinig spikes top position

South Lyon's Chloe Reinig is easy to spot on the floor. The 6-4 senior played front and back row while knocking down ridiculously hard shots at the net all night

Reinig is the 2012 All-Area Volleyball Player of

Reinig finished with 631 kills with a .354 hitting efficiency. On defense she accumulated 292 digs and had 72 blocks while also serving 36 aces. "Even though Chloe was out for 10 games this

year injured, she still managed to rake up some serious numbers in the stat column," said coach Mindy Collins, "This is a testament to how dominating of a player she really is. She is not only our strongest force at the net, but is also our most consistent passer in the back row.

"Chloe set numerous records for South Lyon throughout her career and would have broken her own kill record this year if she hadn't been out with her ankle injury. We will miss having her presence on the court next year, but are excited to see her playing down the street and look forward what she can do in her collegiate years."

Reinig recently signed her letter of intent to play at Michigan State University.

#### First team

Rebecca Martin, Northville The senior filled the stat sheet with 1,331 assists, 179 kills and 89 aces. On defense she had 297 digs and 115 blocks (23 solos). Martin also picked up

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B3



South Lyon's Chloe Reinig is the 2012 All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year.

McMahar jumps up for a shot against Walled Lake Central on

to know that.'

As the Catholic Central High

of a standout football player and

er hopes he's remembered for his

"It's just a huge loss — we're in a

fog," Barbara Widzinski said today

from the family's home in North-

ville, as her husband, Paul Widzinski, a lawyer for General Motors, and daughter, Emily, 17, a student

at Northville High School, attend-

ed a Mass held in David's honor at

the Novi high school. "I just want

David's memory to live on. That's

was an amazing son, amazing in so

many ways. And I want everyone

just really important to me. He

friend, David Widzinski's moth-

wit, dedication, generosity and

School community grieves the loss



### Wildcats rout first two opponents By Chris Jackett

As it was for former MLB All-Star Roger Maris, 61 was the mag ic number last week for Novi's girls basketball The Wildcats (2-0) tal-

lied 61 points in two consecutive victories where their opponents combined for 56 points. Friday's home opener against Farmington was the closest of the two, but the 'Cats put the game away with a 21-2 run in the third quarter en route to a 61-35 victory. In a battle between

**ON TAP** 

Novi's girls basketball team (2-0) was set to visit Walled Lake Western (1-0) last night before hosting Pinckney (0-0) 7 p.m. Tuesday.

speedy point guards in Novi junior Kerri McMahon and Farmington's Novi senior forward Jade Antolec who stole the show. Not only was Antolec effective under the basket, but her midrange jumpers seemed flawless in the first half as she amassed a game-

high 19 points on 8-for-14 shooting. She also had 11 rebounds for her first double-double of the sea-

"I think she's working her way back into shape from the second ACL" injury, said Novi coach Bill Kelp. "She's got to finish more around the basket, but each day she's slowly getting

McMahon and Howell each tallied 15 points apiece, but Howell didn't get a lot of help until Tay-Suemeyer caught fire in the fourth quarter against Novi's reserves to tally 11 points.

girl to guard and it was Kelp said McMahon's match-up with Howell "That girl's probably as fast, if not faster than her, so it's a good experience for her to guard someone like that."

The Wildcats traded blows with the Falcons early, taking a 21-13 lead after a full-court press in the first quarter that led to nearly as many turnovers and free baskets as it created. Novi had 19 turnovers and Farming-

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12/5 8 p.m. @ Plymouth (@ Arctic Edge) 7 p.m. @ South Lyon (@ Kensington Valley ice House)

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Arena) 8 a.m. @ Team Arena)

# Novi icers cut through Chiefs

### Wildcats cruise to 7-1 victory

**By Chris Jackett** 

There continues to be an upward trend for Novi's hockey team, as the Wildcats exhibited a season high in goals and season low for goals allowed.

The Wildcats (2-2-0, 2-0-0 KLAA Kensington) defeated Canton (0-5-0 0-4-0 Kensington) in a 71 battle Nov. 30 at Novi Ice Arena. "The guys worked

hard and played smarter against Canton," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "Seven forwards had a multiple point game. I Lynch to forward and he had a goal and an assist. Novi's offense was pretty well spread

between their top three

omore Bryan Fegert ed with an unassisted goal, which senior Luke Bageris followed up with the eventual game-winner for a lead that the Chiefs wouldn't catch up to, off assists from

offensive lines. Soph

From there, the goals

junior Christopher Ken-

nedy and senior Kyle

just kept flowing. Lynch fed the puck to senior Collin Pew, who set up senior Mark Baker for a goal. Soon after, Baker got the puck to Pew, who then fed Lynch for a goal

Not to be outdone, the line of Bageris, Kennedy and Lash would strike twice more, so all three linemates had a goal, Bageris fed Kennedy, who set up Lash, and then Bageris fed Lash, who set up Kennedy.

Fegert, who scored the

first goal, was the only Wildcat to score twice as senior Carl Faraon and sophomore Bradley Hofelich set him up for the team's final goal. Despite the sev-

en goals, Canton's netminder had 31 saves. Senior Patrick Carney improved to 2-1-0 on the season with 29 saves in the 7-1 victory. 'Carney played well

in net and made some very key saves at critical points in the game to keep our momentum

ngton) was set to visit Plymouth (5-1-0, 2-1-0 Kensington) last night before visiting South Lyon (2-5-1, 0-1-1 Kensngton) 7 p.m. tomorrow at Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton. The 'Cats will then host How ell (0-1-0, 0-1-0 Lakes)

Novi's hockey team

(2-2-0, 2-0-0 KLAA Kens-

going," Krygier said. "I really liked the way Patrick has competed the last two games."

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

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



### Novi cheers way to third in season-opening invitational

By Chris Jackett

The Wildcats hosted 17 other teams Dec. 1 for the sive third-place show

ing behind 688.90 points. The competitive cheerleaders were third after each the first and second up to Southgate Anderson (754 54) or Allen Park (698.60), but keeping a

er 15 teams, including a late surge from Farmington (fourth in 654.82). The Wildcats tallied 213.50 points in the first round, 208.70 in the sec-

one of 11 squads not to be penalized any points during any of the three

The junior varsity team finished sixth of nine

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Three Wildcats look to catch at teammate during their Dec. 1 meet at home.

302.98 points, as Southgate one the JV categorv. as well, with 562.08 points. The Novi Middle School team finished fifth of six schools with 100.46 points, as Scranton Middle School's Brighton-based eighth grade team was first with

The varsity squad will next compete 6 p.m. meet at Howell against the host Highlanders. White Lake Lakeland and Westland John Glenn.

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and eighth grade boys - don't

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Continued from page B1

Martin earned a ton of awards in helping Northville to the final four in Divi-All-National team, 1st team 100 recognition for the Unde Armour All-American Team. She is a four-year varsity player, senior captain, Northville volleyball's all-time leader in assists, second all time in blocking, second all time in aces and signed for Georgia

"Rebecca Martin has left a legacy to live up to at Northrille," said coach Amanda Yaklin. "She is an intelligent, driven teammate that works hard on and off the court. Her work ethic leads by example to show what it takes to be successful. Rebecca has made huge improvements every year to take a below .500 team her freshman year to a state semi-finalist team her senior "Thank you for your con-

tribution to the program. You will be missed.'

Cassidy Minghine, Northville The junior outside hitter was a jack-of-all-trades for the Mustangs. Minghine recorded 349 digs, had 219 perfect serve receptions, 186 points on serve, 151 kills, 82 aces, 30 assists and 15 blocks. She was yet another force as the Mustangs captured a North Division title and made it to the final four in the state playoffs. "While Cassidy is not a lead-

er in any particular stat category, she leads the team with a balanced skill set as a six rotation player," said Yaklin. "Her heart and work ethic proved to be the rock we needed to

**ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL** 

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Chloe Reinig, South Lyon FIRST TEAM Rebecca Martin, Northville Cassidy Minghine, Northville Kelly Merkle, Lakeland

Jonna Villemure, Milford **SECOND TEAM** Olivia Landis, Northville isabelle Glancy, Novi Brooke Laney, Novi Carolyn Neihaus, Lakeland

lead the team to a semifinal Kacey Sheldon, Novi

The senior outside hitter accounted for 572 kills on 1,291 attempts for a 44.3 kill percentage. Sheldon averaged 4.2 kills a game while also putting together a strong defensive game with 631 digs. She also had a 93.3 serving per centage and had 58 aces. She was named All-KLAA as well as All-Region, Sheldon was one of the main factors in Novi winning the KLAA Association title.

"Kacey is one of the best allaround players in the state." said coach Jen Cottrill. "She consistently took the offensive load for our team from the front and back row, was our best defensive player and passed in a two-person serve reception pattern for most of

"She is a three-year varsity player as well as team captain this season. She is the hardest worker in the gym, extremely passionate and a great team-

**Emily Robb. Novi** The Novi junior setter passed out an astonishing 10.2 assists per game en route to

Maddie Harris, Lakeland Peyton Skupin, South Lyon

**HONORABLE MENTION** South Lyon — Abby Sigler Novi — Kati Timar (jr) Northville — Isabel Fabacher (jr) Lakeland — Lindsey Tanner (sr), Shanna Gitre (sr), Jordan Bromley (sr), Stephanie Leonard (so) Milford — Madison Carr South Lyon East --- Mackenzie Nieto (so), Samantha Cook (sr), Sydney Tasker (jr)

> 1,294 assists on the year. Robb was strong all over the floor with 242 digs, 53 blocks, 120

"Emily had an outstanding season running our offense," said Cottrill. "Her 1,294 assists and 10.2 assists per game ranks among the best in the state. She also is efficient at the net with 53 blocks as well as 120 kills. She does a great job of spreading the offense and getting our attackers in a great position to

Kelly Merkle, Lakeland The senior setter did more than just set for the Eagles. While dishing out 1,003 assists, she also recorded 200 kills, and 270 digs and 90 aces. Merkle earned the team honors MVP and the Eagle Award while earning All-KLAA and All-Region honors.

"Kelly is the complete package," said coach Jean Dukic. "She works hard at all she does and was a great leader on the team, She played in every set, sweeping the KLAA North without losing a set."

Jonna Villemure, Milford The senior finished off a three-year varsity career with 752 assists and 431 digs to go

with a 94 percentage serving with 52 aces. Villemure finishes her career with 2.021 assists (4th all-time for Milford), 872 digs (6th) and 120 aces (4th). She earned All-Region, All-KLAA and was voted the Milford Player of the Year. Villemure is commit-

ted to Michigan Tech. "It was because of Jonna's skill set and leadership that we were able to bring up our young attackers this year and find success," said coach Jeff Stark. "She is the complete student-athlete. She will long be remembered in the line of great Milford setters that went on to the next level."

Second team Olivia Landis, Northville The junior middle hit-

ter recorded 247 kills and 86 lsabelle Glancy, Novi The junior outside hitter knocked down 315 kills on 771 attempts (40.9 kill percent-

age) while producing 587 digs and had a reception percentage of 94. Glancy only had eight service errors on 431 attempts and had 49 aces. Brooke Laney, Novi The junior middle block-

er had a 48.7 kill percentage with 253 kills on 519 attempts. Laney also had 88 blocks. Carolyn Neihaus, Lakeland The senior libero earned All-KLAA honors after producing 442 digs to go with 71 aces.

Neihaus had just 11 errors on 370 serve receptions. Maddie Harris, Lakeland The sophomore outside hitter earned All-KLAA and All-Region honors after recording

318 kills and 123 digs. Peyton Skupin, South Lyon The senior 6-1 middle block

er accounted for 211 kills, 240

digs, 106 blocks and 66 aces.

**Holiday Hoops Camp** Boys in grades third through eighth are invited to attend a Holiday Hoops Camp from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Novi High School. This camp will feature a morning session of individual offensive and defensive skill improvement

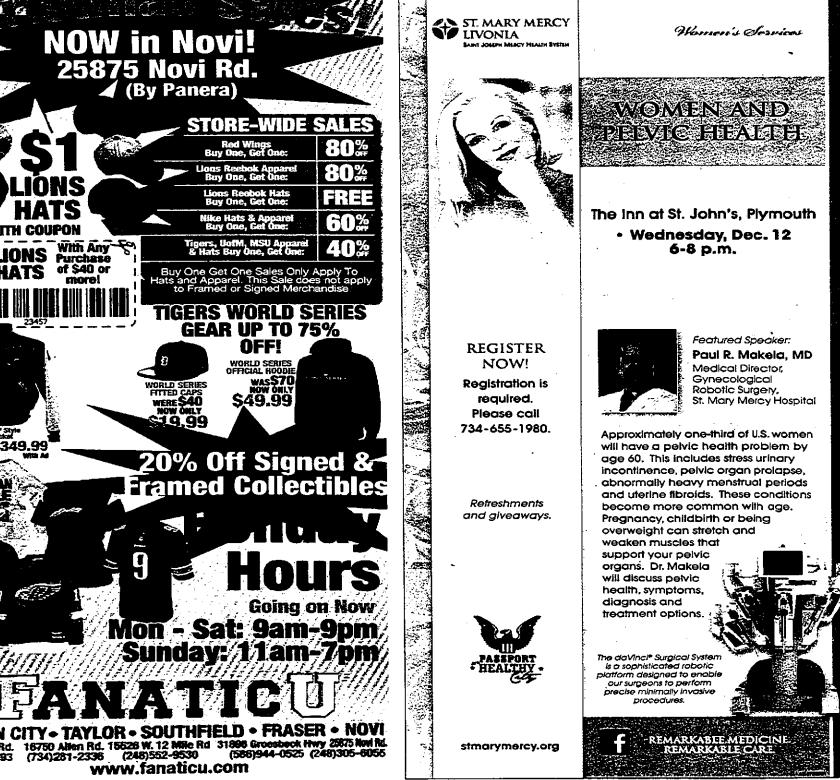
and contests along with an afternoon session of action-packed games. In addition to Coach Tass and the Novi High School staff, campers will learn from current Novi Varsity players.

Attendees should bring gym shorts; T-shirt; a bag lunch; basketball shoes; enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn.

Cost is \$25; register online prior to the event at https://www.totalgatesolutions.com/SelectEvent-Fickets.aspx?eventId=31474

For further information, contact Brian Tass, Novi boys varsity coach, at (248) 408-2463 or btass@





"Too many turnovers." defense needs to get better and we had too many turn overs. We've got to take

care of the ball." The second quarter was a bit quieter, but a 10-4 Novi advantage led to a 31-17 halftime lead.

The big third quarter featured a 23-6 Novi advantage before the reserves took over. Despite a 12-7 fourthquarter deficit, Farmington needed much more to pull back into the game, as the Wildcats cruised to a 26point victory.

The Wildcats shot 27-for-61 (44.3 percent) from the field, compared to the Falcons' 16-for-36 (44.4 percent), but Novi grabbed a 29-12 rebound advantage and 15-1 assist advantage which proved to be the difference makers as both teams committed 10 fouls.

Also chipping in for the 'Cats on offense was juniors Amanda Geiger (nine points), Nicole Solakian (six points), sophomore Alex Felice (four points) and two points each for juniors Taylor Pavlika (four rebounds, game-high four assists, game-high three steals). Dina Fawaz, Rachel Whitens and senior Kasev

"Amanda had been a good addition." Kelp said. "She can shoot and she's smart. so she's helped out.'

Turnovers were also a problem in the Wildcats' season opener on the road Nov. 27 at Walled Lake Central. Novi won 61-21 after leading 29-7 at halftime, but committed 15 turnovers in the process, just one fewer than the Vikings. A 30-7 rebound, 12-1 assist and 18-1 steal advantage were again the game-changing factors.

"We came out and struggled early in that game and had a big third quarter." Kelp said.

The possession led to 25for-63 (39.7 percent) shooting for Novi, which had one fewer shot than Central took, at 7-for-26 (26.9 percent). No Viking studentathlete scored more than four points, which four did, but Novi had seven studentathletes tie or surpass that

McMahon led with a game-high 17 points to go with three assists and four steals, while Antolec added 11 points, five rebounds and three steals. Pavlika dropped in five points, but filled several holes with game-highs of six rebounds (Central had seven as a team), five assists and four

Also scoring for the Wildfor Geiger and Lowney, four points each for Fawaz and junior Kristen Schubring, three points for senior Lena Burgess, two points each for Marzonie and Felice, and one point for Solakian.

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### Catholic Central notches two big wins Squad topples Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Port Huron Northern

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks rehounded nicely from their first loss of the season two weeks ago by picking up two big wins last week in league play.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, took home a 4-1 victory over Port Huron Northern before collecting a huge 6 1 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's just two days later.

Against St. Mary's, the Shamrocks got on the board early and often and began the scoring when senior Charlie Green intercepted a pass and skated in for the unassisted, short-

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice at 7:15 p.m. Friday when they visit Cranbrook before taking to the road for a 4 p.m. showdown against DeLaSalle Saturday. The team will then host Trenton at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

handed goal to give his squad a 1-0 lead. It was long until that lead was doubled off a shot by senior Mike Babcock, who took a pass from Luke Turner and fired it home for the 2-0 advan-

pressure, making it a 3-0 game on an unassisted play by junior Matthew Sorisho before they nailed the coffin shut with goals by Green, Babcock and Sorisho for the 6-1 final. Earning assists on the final three goals were Dan Middleton, Nick Daigneau

Babcock (2) and Sorisho (2). Derek Moore earned the victory in net for the Shamrocks, which climbed to 4-1 on the sea son with the victory.

Two days before, the Shamrocks earned a 4-1 win over Port Huron Northern. Scoring began when Connor Gaffney, a junior, took assistance from Wade Orlowski and Andrew Kinney and fired home the shot for a 1-0 lead. Babcock added the second, and eventually the fourth, goal of the game with assists from Austin Linville and Evan Kearns on the former and Green and Sorisho on the lat-

online at hometownlife.com

The other goal scored by the Shamrocks came off the stick of Brady Jones, who took a pass from Max Wanko and finessed it past the Port Huron Northern goalie for the score Moore earned the victor

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ry between the posts for the

### CC grapplers look to repeat as champs

It goes without saying that the wrestling program at Detroit Catholic Central is one of the most respected and feared in the state of Michigan. This year, as defending state champions, they will no doubt be a measuring stick for all the other teams to compare themselves with. Coach Mitch Han-

cock doesn't mind a bit. Coming into his seventh year at the helm of the program, Hancock knows exactly what his teams are capable of. The

MHSAA state team titles to its name. He said his team knows what the potential for this season is as well.

"This is an experienced group that knows what it takes," said Hancock. "The challenge is filling some big shoes of the graduates from last season.

Hancock returns plenty of talent to lead the way this year. Ken Bade, a senior, is a twotime state champion and will be a big part of the squad's success this year. Also returning

are junior Drew Garcia and junior Logan Marcicki. Malik Amine, a junior, was a state runner-up last year and senior Bob Coe and Trevor Zdebski both placed individually in the state tournament last year.

to do the work," said Hancock. It's the hard work that paid off last year for the Shamrocks, who finished with a 25-3 dual meet record and earned the state title with a 47-9 defeat

"This year's team has great

senior leadership and is willing

of Oxford. This year, they are hoping to do much of the same.

"Our goal is to win another state title and to represent CC proudly," said Hancock. "Our challenges are to stay motivated to win another title and our extremely challenging sched-

On that schedule are perennial powerhouses St. Ed's of Ohio and Montini Catholic of Illinois as well as state-ranked Davison, St. John's and Lowellamong others.

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### Shamrocks ski team looking to compete in two strong leagues

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks alpine ski team has a lot of work to do this season if they hope to defend their Mt. Brighton League championship from last year-especially considering the competition they are going to face this year.

The squad, coached by Tom Gable in his 20th season, will have to take on the likes of Okemos and Birmingham United in the league as they look to fend off their challenges to keep the championship under the

flag of the blue and white. But that won't be the only challenge they'll face this year-Gable said Brother Rice will be the biggest challenge in the Catholic High School League as the Shamrocks look to regain the title after finishing third last season. Last season, the team also finished fourth in the South Eastern Michigan Ski League.

The squad picked up plenty of experience last season, and Gable said his returning letter winners will be key in the team's suc cess this year. Of course, he said the offseason dedication will be a big factor, too.

"The team has been fully committed to

That can do nothing but help returning skiers like Joe Talbott, Evan Hicks, Alex Tokarz, Sean Kageff and Derek Schira. Talbott, Hicks and Tokarz were named team captains this year.

"(They) will need to show strong leadership both on and off the hill," said Gable. "Their performance will take the team in a winning direction.

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### Shamrocks hope to continue success

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team has several positives and a few negatives to consider as the season

The largest negative that the team will have to overcome is the late football run. That sounds like it shouldn't be a problem, but many of the team's standouts also play on the gridiron and their run to the

Remember your loved ones that you've lost by planing of

second-place finish in the state finals kept them off the basketwho has helmed the varsity team of 15 years, isn't worriedhe knows his squad will start the season with plenty of gusto.

Leading the team will be senior forwards Nick Malzone and Garrett Moores, while junior guards Mitch Katkic and Austin Beyer and junior forward Noah Lee will look to gain experience right out of the gate.

"We are young and don't have a

lot of late-game experience," not- past four years, they have made ed Dyer. But the team knows what it

takes to be successful. Last year the Shamrocks finished with a 17-7 record, earning the first Catholic League title in 15 years, capturing the first City Championship in 44 years and collecting a District Tournament title. They fell to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Regional final, 48-46, to end

The Shamrocks are no stranger to a playoff run, either. In the quarterfinals three times.
The Shamrocks will be looking

to make a run at defending their titles this year, but Dyer said getting experience for the younger players is the first focus of the team as they build into the season with a highly-competitive

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#### **PLAYER** special holiday remembrance tribute for the holidays oserver and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspaper will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page Continued from page B1 for the holidays. Here is the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones hand on one of the downs. "He had the most tackles on the team who hold a special place in your heart

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wouldn't strain it and would just do his lower body workout," she said. "And that's what he did that Monday. He was Monday, December 17th just very determined and very strong in his convictions, and very committed to Catholic Central and the Catholic Central football team." Fax: 313-496-4968 Email: oeads@hometownlife cor

Catholic Central Principal John Huber posted an announcement about David's death on the school's Website

and just an amazing game," said his

mother. "He didn't want to hear any-

thing about that. Every time I talked

about (his prowess), he said, 'It's about

the team' and it was a loss and how he

was looking forward to next year."

Despite his hand swelling, David

day's team workout - to be with his

insisted he wanted to attend the next

"He begged and begged and said he

"Our entire community stands with

David's parents, Paul and Barbara, his sister Emily and his brother Stephen," Huber said. "Their pain is our pain: we are all one family.

The school held a Mass for students and expects to have counselors in each of his classes. The football players was also meeting as a group with counselors and school staff. Funeral arrangements, which are being handled by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, are pending.

It's the second tragedy in a year for the school. Tanner Cipriano, whose brother is accused of bludgeoning his father to death and attacking his mother and another brother, is also a student at the school. Tucker Cipriano and a friend are accused of using baseball bats to kill Robert Cipriano, 52. and injure Rose Cipriano and Salvatore

Cipriano on April 16 "The hearts of our CC community have been tugged in several different and painful directions over this past year," Huber wrote. "We are confident in the prayers, love and support of the greater community, as we have already experienced over this past year."



THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2012 HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

Novi's Tilted Kilt, a pub-themed tavern and eatery located on the south end of Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain

### Novi eatery is first in Michigan, one of 85 in U.S., Canada by year's end

By Julie Brown

Sixty percent of sales at the Tilted Kilt restaurant are food, and 40 percent of customers are women and families.

The group was slatrants in the U.S. and Canada by December, said Sean Cahill, with Tilted Kilt. Dec. 1 was opening day for the Novi location the first in Michigan, at 44175 W. 12 Mile, Suite F139, west of Novi Road

"I have big plans for Michigan," said Cahill. He noted negative press about our region, which he didn't agree with. "I still saw Detroit and Michigan as a great market," said Cahill, who has bought a home in Walled

Lake. The Novi Tilted Kilt will

provide some 200 jobs. not counting contractors or distributors. Servers are still being hired, said Cahill, who takes pride in having used local busi

"You're actually beneby doing so, he said. The Novi restaurant is

Scotland and Ireland. There are such traditional pub favorites as fish and chips and shepherd's pie, but the menu doesn't end there. You can order pasta or meatloaf entrees, with calamari as an appetizer.

fiting the local market" 8.000 square feet and has 60 TVs that will carry such major sports events as NFL games and boxing on pay per view. Its decor is designed to pay homage to old public houses of America, England

There are many salads,



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themed tavern and eatery is located on the south end of the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

burgers, wraps and piz-

The menu is six pages, Cahill noted. "There's literally something for everybody," he said.

"I just thought it would be a great opportunity for the first location," he said of Novi, which will be run by General Manager Brian Meussner. There's Twelve Oaks Mall nearby and I-96, Cahill said. "The demographics are great.' Hours will be 11 a.m. to

to 2 a.m. Friday and Sat-There are 30 beers on tap and many bottled as well. Cahill's proud of the high end decor, including

midnight Monday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m.

oak paneling. "We don't really have

tion." he said. He cited good food, the sports bar aspect and the beers. "I really feel it's the best of many worlds." He appreciates the warm welcome Tilted Kilt has received: "The

city of Novi has been very helpful." Cahill's been in the res-taurant field 15 years and with Tilted Kilt for three. The restaurant can be found on Facebook and Twitter at tiltedkiltno-

vi. Its national website is

www.tiltedkilt.com. The

local phone is (248) 374-

Cahill sums up Tilted Kilt with the phrase "the best looking sports pub

you've ever seen.'



and fami lies ofter visit the eatery,

### Obamacare: Is it a tax?

■ith the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Consti-tutionality of the Affordable Healthcare Act (or "Obamacare"), the political analysis came from all of our elected leaders as expected. Whether you agree with this new program or not, I have to say I was extremely blessed to have such high quality care in my neighborhood following an emergency room visit and surgery at Providence Park this past summer; and extremely

ance to cover this completely unanticipated Much of the debate following the Supreme Court's decision related to the Chief Justice's opinion that refer-

blessed that I had insur-

enced Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution; this section is called the "Tax and Spend" clause. In other words, the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to pass laws that include a tax, duty, excise or levy to pay our country's debts or for the overall general welfare of the country. In

other words, to "pay for Obamacare." What had become the rallying cry for both supporters and opponents of the program was that it was a "tax." In my opinion, it is a penalty and, until some better legislation is crafted by our Congress, a well-deserved penalty for those who choose NOT to abide by the statute's mandate. I want to emphasize, "until some better legislation is crafted" because I do not think this program will work if only one-half the country is in

favor of it to begin with. Most people seem to gripe about per-ceived "loopholes," what rate their income is taxed, and how corporations seem to pay no federal income tax. What few seem to discuss is tax policy and how it has failed in the past to fix two American problems: the increasing cost of health care and whether citizens can retire with some financial safe

Congress has used its taxing authority in the past to "encourage behavior" in these two areas for decades. Look at the number of above and below the line income tax deductions to encourage people to save for their retirement or pay for health insurance and medical care. But these deductions and credits haven't worked; how many people really take advantage of the tax benefits we get for contributing to an IRA or Health

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Savings Account? What bothers me is that I do pay,

every month, for private health insurance and I pay into the FICA system. I have been doing this since I graduated law school. In other words, I'm doing what "I'm supposed to be doing" as a U.S. citizen, yet my health insurance premiums and costs continue to climb each year because so many are either uninsured or abuse the local ER driving up all of our costs. The FICA has been an employment

to pay for both health care (Medicare

since the 1960's) and retirement (Social Security since the 1930's) for millions of taxpayers. For some reason, however, we still have people without health insurance and many are concerned that they will not have a nest egg to retire. So my feeling on this "penalty" is that it encourages behavior; it penalizes those persons (business owner or employer) who should or can - but refuse to - provide health insurance for their employees. In other words, it lessens the overall costs for those of us who have been doing things the right way but are too strapped to keep carrying these costs. For those reasons, Chief Justice Roberts read the taxing authority as providing this authority for the

overall general welfare of our country. While Congress approaches, yet another, "fiscal cliff," I have to shake my head wondering whether we will have a longer-term tax policy or another "kick the can" until the next election. As citizens, we should not tolerate this behavior - from either political party - because sound tax policy allows the entire country to plan for the long term. There are many social programs, tax benefits and penalties that are "on the books," our elected officials should be reviewing them and should be considering whether these make sense practically, not politically.

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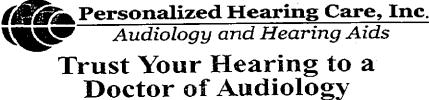
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# As temps fall, be aware of safety in home heating

ton-down coats, and cranking up the heat. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), it's also the time of year when home fires peak, many of

which are caused by heating equipment. "Half of all home heating fires occur during December, January, and February, when we are fully utilizing our heating systems," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "The public can reduce their risk of getting left out in the cold by following NFPA's safe heating behaviors."

In NFPA's report "Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment," in 2009, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 58,900 reported home structure fires, 480 civilian deaths, 1,520 civilian injuries. and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. Stationary and portable space heaters accounted for one-third (32 percent) of reported home heating fires, but nearly 80 percent of the home heating fire deaths, two-thirds (66 percent) of associated civilian injuries, and half (52 per cent) of associated direct property dam

Overall, fires, injuries and damages from fires involving heating equipment were all lower than in 2008 and fit into a largely level trend over the past few years. The number of deaths from heating equipment was virtually unchanged. As temperatures begin to drop, here are

some safe heating behaviors to follow: All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space

· Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters. Never use your oven to heat your home.

· Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions. · Have heating equipment and chim-

neys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to

 Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burn-

ing space heaters. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before put-



ting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your

 Test smoke alarms monthly. NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mis-

sion of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and stan-

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 13-17, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed

below are cities, addresses, and sa	iles prices.
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32850 Bell Vine Trl	\$389,000
16233 Birwood Ave	\$219,000
18860 Devonshire St	\$326,000
16993 Kinross Ave	\$255,000
32300 Lahser Rd	\$520,000
31794 Mayfair Ln	\$185,000
15955 Reedmere Ave	\$203,000
20100 Village Dr	\$456,000
BINGHAM FARMS	6364000
23920 Greenglen Ct	\$264,000
BIRMINGHAM	\$210,000
1358 Bowers St	\$111,000
1662 E Maple Rd	\$220,000
1626 Hazel St	\$1,100,000
1340 Latham St	\$125,000
1113 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$400.000
356 Pilgrim Ave	\$875,000
1497 Pilgrim Ave 671 S Bates St	\$489.000
1269 Willow Ln	\$970.000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	•
2558 Aspen Ln	\$207,000
2975 Aspen Ln	\$265,000
4403 Barchester Dr	\$360,000
211 Barrington Rd	\$97,000
1439 Kirkway Rd	\$4,500,000
285 Barden Rd	\$802,000
87 Boulder Ln	\$590,000
142 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$125,000
4402 Ramsgate LD	\$448,000
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246,000	40598 Lenox Park Dr	\$257,00
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125,000	45342 Sedra Ct	\$40,00
\$68,000	40437 Village Wood Rd	\$212.00
	2012 West Lake Dr	\$158,00
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295,000	20919 Greenbriar Cir	\$210,00
150,000	435 Lyon Ct	\$81,00
225,000	24739 Martindale Rd	\$35,00
152,000	24317 Padstone Dr	\$75,00
175,000	24445 Peters Barn Ct	\$325,00
234,000	23497 Prescott Ln W	\$406.00
139,000	24848 Purlin Ct	\$71,00
121,000	1143 Shetland Dr	\$305.00
\$93,000	53903 Springwood Dr	\$25.00
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\$98,000	21754 Frazer Ave	\$55,00
	30161 Marshall St	\$72,0
\$385,000	23012 Plumbrooke Dr	\$29.0
\$222,000	28540 Selkirk St	\$2,050.00
\$413,000	21700 W 11 Mile Rd	\$124.0
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	8706 Cooley Beach Dr	\$155,0
\$530,000	2008 Drury Ln	\$115,0
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\$505,000	9463 Marina Dr	\$43,0
\$635,000	1490 Midwood Dr	\$160,0
\$425,000	10225 Pontiać Lake Rd	\$110,0
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\$124,000		

### strong college town

'By Robert Meisnei

Q: My son is thinking about going to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. I am vondering if you happen to have any information about the opportunities for rental and/or purchase in that city? A: I find that the

market is similar to that of Ann Arbor, There are lots of apartments and condominiums available for purchase and/or rental, and the economy is relatively strong. Indeed. I have



that the people there are extremely friendly and helpful Robert Meisner to persons visiting

they appreciate the basis for an energized economy. You should consult with at least two or three Realtors to find who is best

O: Has the property in San Francisco, in terms of residential housing, taken a dip at all because of the recession, and how does it stand now?

A: It has basically stayed stable. It has not decreased as rest of the country; however, the constant appreciation that you would continue to see in, for example, Marin County, has not directly benefited San Francisco proper itself, but it is still extremely expensive to buy or rent real estate in the city. There are opportunities if vou find the right location, but obviously zoning limitations preclude new construction in various designated historic areas and as always you are an experienced real

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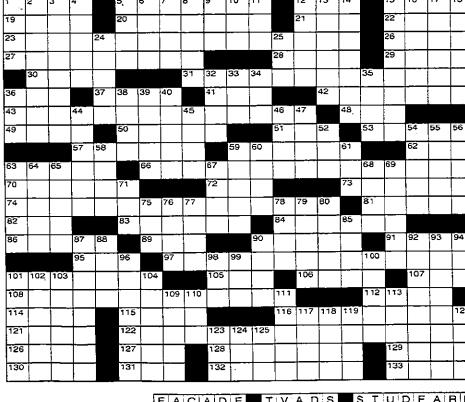
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### It's time to shake your job search blues

#### Kaitlin Madder CareerBuilder writer

In both his books and speeches. Donald Trump often mentions a story that his father told him when he was a child that goes something like this: There once was an entrepreneur who started a soda company called Three Up. Despite the man's passion for his company, though, Three Up eventually went under. Undeterred, the entrepreneur started another cola company called Four Up, which also went bankrupt. He persisted on, but after Five Up and Six Up failed as well, the man was tired of struggling and gave up. A short time later another company came along and invented 7 Up, which was wildly successful. The point of the story, according to Trump, is that if the man hadn't quit, he would have created 7 Up.

If you're a job seeker, you can probably relate to the entrepreneur in the story. It may seem hard to stay motivated in the face of rejection and success can seem elusive - you might even feel like giving up on your job search or settling for a job you don't really like. But, if you quit when the going gets



tough, you may miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime — like the entrepreneur did.

The job search blues can certainly be tough to conquer but it can be done. Here's how to get through the tough times in a job search.

#### Pay attention to your thoughts

"Listen to the things you say to yourself about your job, your abilities and your chances of achieving your career goals," says Colette Ellis, founder of leadership consulting firm In-Step Consulting and author of e-book "Focus on your vision."

If you realize that your "selftalk" is predominately negative, make an effort to change it any time a negative thought pops into your head. "When you hear your negative messages and begin to feel badly, say 'stop!' and replace the thought or message with a more positive statement," Ellis says.

Dave Sanford, an executive vice president at recruiting firm Winter, Wyman, agrees: "You can't force hiring decisions to go your way. But you can control your reaction to

the circumstances. Allow yourself that healthy moment of disappointment and then pick yourself up and dust yourself off. This will help you move on a lot more quickly, which is imperative to your search," he says.

#### Set goals

Let's face it: The mod-

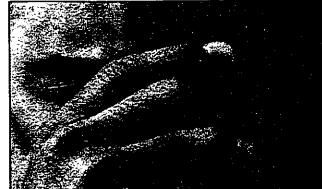
and tedious process — but that doesn't mean it can't also be rewarding. Set smaller goals throughout your job search to keep you focused and give you a sense of achievement.

> "As part of your job search, you will certainly have set goals for yourself, such as the number of networking meetings you will have each week, how many résumés you will send out per day and the number of hours you will dedicate to researching opportunities," Sanford says. "Feel good about completing your objectives and find ways to celebrate accomplishments."

Be careful not to be too hard on yourself when setting goals, though. When outlining your job search goals, don't limit yourself to an overly-stringent time deadline for getting a job. "It may feel proactive to say 'I will be working by June 30' but you are really setting yourself up to be let down," says Chervl Heisler, president of Lawternatives, a career coaching firm for lawyers. "Concrete goals are good — as long as they are within your control. Do commit to goals that you can reach, like 'I will make five new contacts each week."

#### Talk to people

Making an effort to talk to people in your industry can give your job search a much-needed boost for a number of reasons: It's great for networking, it can provide you with a renewed sense of motivation and energy, it'll help you stay abreast on what's new in your field, and it can present you with options



#### and opportunities you may not have known you had.

Best of all - talking with your industry peers can help you get a job faster. "After speaking with someone and building a rapport, they are much more likely to bring up potential job leads or contacts for you, rather than you having to ask for them," says Kathryn Minshew, co-founder and editor-in-chief of Pretty Young Professional, a blog and online resource for young professional women.

Is there someone in your field that you'd like to know, but don't? Reach out and ask the person for an informational interview. "I firmly believe in informational interviews," Minshew says. "Everyone loves being asked for advice, and sometimes the best thing you can do to get your foot in the door is to find people who work at the company or industry you're targeting, and ask them if you can

#### Take a break

Although it's important to

maintain momentum and keep up a steady job search, it's also important to take time out of your day to de-stress. "Stress can be palpable and you don't want to present yourself to prospective employers or netvorking contacts as someone who will crack under pressure," Sanford says. "Whether it's a morning yoga class or walking around the block, find what works for you and incorporate it into your daily routine."

Reducing stress also means fighting the e-leash during "you" timé. While you may feel compelled to check your e-mail or voice mail every five minutes, fighting the urge will help you relax. "Access your voice mail and e-mail a few times a day - and then let it go," San-

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models sold in the United States. The new TDI-powered Audi A8, Audi A7, Audi A6 and Audi Q5 will debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show this month, joined by an updated Q7 model that has been clean-diesel equipped since 2009.

Each TDI delivers up to 30 percent better fuel economy and 30 percent lower carbon-dioxide emissions than gasoline engines, Audi said, resulting in longer range and fewer trips to the fuel pump. By being denser than gasoline, diesel packs more energy content into the same amount of fuel, which helps maximize the miles per gallon when that energy is released during a more powerful combustion cycle.

The move means that Audi has made by far the most extensive commitment to clean-diesel technology of any automaker in the United States; previously, the brand made only its A3 and Q7 available in TDI. Sibling brand Volkswagen of America makes a number of its U.S. models available in TDI.

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In fact, in order to "fuel" the conversation surrounding the benefits of TDI technology in the U.S., Audi will use the hashtag, #FuelForThought, and invite fans to weigh in through a social experience at the display and online. Audi buyers have steadily ramped up

their demand for TDI versions, as gasoline prices have risen and word-of-mouth about the performance and mileage characteristics of the Audi A3 TDI and Audi Q7 TDI have spread. In October, about 45 percent of all Audi A3 models sold in the U.S. were TDI, while about 29 percent of



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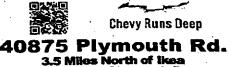
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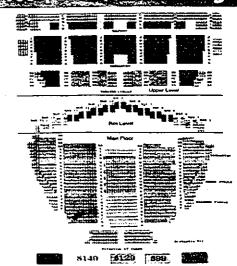
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