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Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. Saturday, Jan. 26, Nifty Fifties - The 1950's were all about cool leather jackets, slick hair, snug jeans,

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is March 20.

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tion - "M.I.C.K.E.Y.

Feb. 20.

The Oakland County Health Division is urging residents to Dinner, entertainment be proactive. and friendship are on "Everyone should take the the menu at the Meadproper precautions such as owbrook Activity Center getting a flu shot, washing (Novi Senior Center), 25075 Meadowbrook their hands often with soap and water, staying hydrated Road. Participants must by drinking water, and getting be 55 or older and the enough sleep," said Kathy Forcost is \$7.50 per residen

With influenza claiming the lives of four children in Mich-

igan and 338 confirmed cases

so far, this flu season is forcing

everyone to pay attention and decide whether or not to get the

zley, manager/health officer of

Flu's a formidable foe in Novi least 20 child deaths nation-

> Flu shots are \$16 at Oakland County Health Division offices at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac, and 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents may pre-register for a flu shot at an OCHD office by calling (248) 858-7350 (Pontiac) or (248) 424-7120 (Southfield). Walk-in pintments are welcome. Walk-in payment options include Medicare, Medicaid and cash (no credit cards, checks or money orders). For more information, call OCHD's Flu Hotline at (800) 434-3358 or Nurse on Call at (800) 848-5533. You can also find more information by visiting oakgov.com/health or facebook.com/publichealthOC.

OCHD. "If you do get sick, residents are advised to call their medical doctor or urgent care immediately. Avoid visiting the

GET A FLU SHOT

Staudt, managing partner at Impact Media Professionals in Novi, said the business has felt the impact. "Half my office is out sick this week with the flu," said

wide, it's hit locally, too. Dave

Staudt. "I am getting my shot

It's also reached the Novi school district, but so far "we are managing through it," said Steve Matthews, superintendent. "We have seen both staff and students out but overall we have not had significant numbers missing school.

Mark Hicks, a Novi-based Please see FLU, A2

Unity in the Community

Novi students honor Dr. King

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Monday will mark the official observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but tonight students at Novi High School will honor the late civil rights leader at the Unity in the Community event. Held at 7 p.m. in the school's Fuerst Audito-

the event along with the Students Promoting Unity and Diversity club. "I believe it is impera-

emergency room unless you are

extremely ill or advised to go

While the flu has caused at

by your physician."

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Six Novi High School students have been selected to read their essays at tonight's Unity in the Community event in Fuerst Auditorium: (I to r) Daniel Dixon, Moynawk Gangopadhyay, Jakiyah Bradley, Arshpreet Saraan, Brooke Calhoun and Andrew Fokken.

rium, this is the seventh year teacher Korey T. Nuckolls Sr. has organized

Carter, assistant princitive that we honor the life pal at Novi High, and forand legacy of Dr. King in mer Novi teacher/Assisour daily lives," said Nuckolls. "The Dr. King Nationtant Principal Jamii Hitchcock. It took a number al Holiday is a 'day on,' not of years for the student a 'day off.' Dr. King challenged each of us to fight group to gain official club status, but Nuckolls said for social justice and an that SPUD is committed to equality of opportunities using this annual event as

for all people." SPUD was proposed 13 years ago by Nicole

'If I can help someone as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or a song, if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong, then my living will

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not be in vain.'

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Two perish in Novi home fire

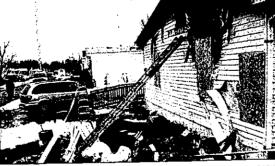
By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Two Novi residents were pronounced dead after being found unconscious in their residence by firefighters responding to a structure fire last Thursday.

At 8:30 a.m. Jan. 10, the Novi Fire Department responded to a 9-1-1 call regarding a fire home community, located near the intersection of Napier Road and Grand River Avenue. It occurred in the 26000 block of Indiana Avenue.

Novi Public Safety Director David Molloy said the fire department arrived on the scene to a "very active fire." He said firefighters were met with a lot of smoke as they entered the home. The couple was found in a rear bedroom.

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Two Novi residents lost their lives in an early-morning blaze on Jan. 10.

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About MLK Day

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ing the Rev. King's birth-

day in January, even

day falls on the third Mon-

though he was born Jan.

15. King was assassinat-

ed in 1968, and President

Ronald Reagan signed

the holiday into law in

1983. It wasn't observed

until 1986, and it wasn't

all 50 states until 2000.

Luther King Day of Ser-

vice challenges citizens

to turn the holiday into a

day of volunteer service

"We've come a mighty

long way down through

the years, but the strug-

gle for core democrat-

ic value application must

continue," said Nuckolls.

"As Gandhi once stat-

ed - 'We must be the

change we hope to see

in the world." Nuckolls.

a history teacher, also

noted another "incredi-

will take place on Jan.

21 as an African Amer-

ican president will be

inaugurated in the same

National Mall Dr. King

spoke from 50 years ago

This year also marks the

150th anniversary of the

Emancipation Proclama-

Nuckolls will be attend-

ing the inauguration, and

called it a "sacred oppor-

tunity." He said it's only

possible due to the tire-

like Dr. King; his parents

(Gene and Shirley Nuck-

olls): and other relatives,

(Charles B Nuckolls) who

was the principal of seg-

regated Booker T. Wash-

ington High School in

"I am riding on the

wings, faith and actions

of my ancestors," said

Nuckolls, "Prayerfully,

we'll be able to take Novi

High School students to

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Ashland, Ky.; and count

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in honor of King.

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The national Martin

FLU Continued from page A1 professional photographer and owner of WestSide Photographinto getting it," he said. In the past, his stock of vac-

ic, said all three of his children got the vaccination Satur day morning. They went to Providence Hospital, where Dr. Robert Zaid, a family medicine physician with Providence and Primecarc of Novi, said two of his patients wound up. One was a 4-year-old and the other had a heart condition worsened by the flu. Both recovered, said Zaid.

"Usually, if you go to hospital with the flu, you've gotten dehydrated," he said. "And the flu makes other issues in your body more apparent, and you need to take care of them.

Zaid said this flu season has been much worse than the past couple. He's seen a lot of people with the flu and many requesting the vaccination. His small family practice's first order was 500 shots, and he's had to reorder

"The flu lasts about two weeks,"

he said, adding that usually one won't have it full blown for that length of time. He believes the vaccine prevents the flu, and he recommends it for everybody. "But I don't try to talk everyone

cine was reserved for his own patients. But his office staff at 10 Mile and Haggerty has enough staff that they're usually able to accommodate walk-ins. "If you can't get it, and you're

new to our office, we'll definitely try to help," said Zaid. Elderly and infants are at the greatest risk of contracting the illness. The OCHD recommends individuals 6 months and older get vaccinated against seasonal

flu every year. "Compared to recent years. we are seeing early flu activity, although it is still within normal range," said Forzley. "We have seen peaks as early as October and as late as March in the past. It's best to get your flu shot as soon as possible as it takes two weeks after the vaccination for the body to develop protection

cies were directed to corporate headquarters for official comments. One local employee did say that demand for the vaccine is high, and when they do get a shipment in, it's gone in hours.

Calls to several local pharma-

Flu can be spread to others up to about six feet away, mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. A person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own eyes, nose or mouth The OCHD recommends washing your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand rub.

The flu usually comes on suddenly and can cause mild to severe illness, and at times lead to death. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: fever or chills; cough; sore throat: runny or stuffy nose; muscle or body aches; headaches; fatigue; and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.

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ation of unity and diversi-KING ty," said Nuckolls.

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a launching pad for community activism "If not you, who? If not now? When? What are we waiting for? Those are the questions I pose to club nembers and social studies students every day at Novi High School," said Tonight's Unity in the

Community celebration, free and open to the public, will feature drama, song, and spoken word. Each year, Nuckolls and SPUD sponsor an essay contest where students write a 500-1,000-word

essay about how he or she actively promotes unity and diversity. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. This year's topic: Given

Dr. King's tireless pursuit of core democratic value application in society, how can you rise up to improve your school and community? How can you let your light shine Teachers Meridith

Somers and Nicole Carter volunteered their time to Junior Andrew Fokken will offer a reading of his

first-place (read it online at www.hometownlife. com) essay tonight. Sec yah Bradley, and Lindsey Kramer earned third place. Other students pursuing excellence to achieve greatness with their essays included Sharanya Gullapelli, Taylor Janigian, Madison Kroetsch, Weixi Li, Megan Liu, Nakoul Makim, Lara

Maun, Anjami Malli Reddi and Serena Wei. NHS senior Moynawk Gango adhyay won the oratorical portion of the contest. All participants deserve a high five, a standing ovation, and other words of encouragement from each one of us," said Nuckolls. "Their decision to be active citizens is a remind-

er that effective change starts in our own mirror. Food and refreshments will be served following tonight's program. All attendees are encouraged to bring in canned food items for Gleaners to help those in need. "We anticipate that

go beyond the four walls of a classroom. All things are possible! everyone will get involved (248) 437-2011, Ext. 237 in this community appreci-Twitter: @TheNoviNews

Upon entry into the home, officers located 79-year-old Lewis Hampwife Jeanette, both of whom were unconscious ed to Providence Park Hospital in Novi where they were pronounced deceased. No other injuries were reported. Novi received assis-

FIRE

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tance from the Lyon Township Fire Department. Molloy said they were at the scene working to figure out the cause and origin of the fire, but not believe it to be crim-

inal. An autopsy was

and according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner the couple died from accidental smoke and soot inha

The fire is under investigation by the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

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Panera Bread planning drive-through

Final approval from city still to come

By Lonnie Huhman

Customers of the Novi Panera Bread will soon have a quicker option for picking up their purchases once construction of a drive-through window is completed According to Novi City

Manager Clay Pearson, Panera is proposing to demolish the existing parking area on the south end of City Center Plaza, adjacent to Flint Street, in order to construct a drive-through lane adjacent to the existing Pane ra Bread restaurant. Panera still needs to

get final approval, which should happen in the coming months. Mean while, the city sees this as a positive develop-

"Novi has a great diverse base of retail services, and Panera has been one of those for a long time," Pearson said "It is great to see them so successful at the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue location and that they will stay and grow right there as an impor tant anchor to that local retail center."

The City Council passed by a 7-0 vote on of Novi Road just south

Jan. 7 the request of the Novi Panera Bread. located on the west side

the use of the premis-*Under Special Land as prove it will not cause

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es or adjacent premise

agement Plan is still under review and will be fully known when it final approval. However city officials said so far it is in compliance.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Panera Bread restaurant hopes to have a drive-through window up an running by mer on the Novi Rd. shop's south side.

of Grand River Avenue. into three approvals. Novi changed its Zoning Ordinance recentplan must do such things ly to allow drive-through uses as a special land any detrimental impact use in the TC-1 District on existing thoroughprovided certain conditions were met. One fares and will not cause any detrimental impact is that fast food drivethrough restaurants are only permitted on a parpublic services and facilcel with frontage on both

a non-residential collec-

tor and an arterial road,

and Panera has that. City

staff has reviewed all of

its plans up to this point

The decision was split

Plan must demonstrate the modification will not impair the health, safe ty, or general welfare of the city as related to

and that would result in a more desirable relationship between a proposed building and an existing building *The Stormwater Man-

Graduate Portfolio show lets students show off talents

By Lonnie Huhman

Some of tomorrow's upcoming fashion designers, photographers and graphic designers gathered in Novi recently to give attendees of the Art Institute of Michigan's Graduate Portfolio show a look into what they've learned at the education center and will bring to their new careers

'This is the final piece of the puzzle they have been putting together over the last three or four years." said Shannon Delecki, associate director of Career Services at the Art Institute

Earlier last month, 27 students participated in the Portfolio event at the Art Institute, which is located on Cabot Drive. It was their last assignment after successful ly completing a degree in their

Best in Show winner for the event was Kayla Genaw, a fashion arketing and management student from Algonac. She said her

time at the Institute was hectic sometimes, but she put her heart and soul into her education which made the Portfolio event that much more important to her.

"I'm proud of what I've accon plished," she said looking over her portfolio, which was a marketing plan made up of business and event plans along with a product

Fellow graduate Carl Amyoni, a photographer, said the event is a great way to demonstrate their different skills and talents. He said he was very grateful to attend the Art Institute, and added it was the perfect place for him because of the help he received from the teachers

and everyone on the campus. "I learned a lot here," he said "I was lucky to have some great teachers who really helped me.' Around 800 students attend the Institute. The graduate event featured the best of the best. It acts as a bridge between the student and employer. A diverse student body from the greater Detroit

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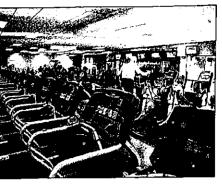
A diverse student body from the greater Detroit area, state and country attend the school.

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Delecki said being in Novi is an ideal location for the Art Institute of Michigan because it is so easily accessible from major highways and offers a variety of fun things.

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dile-aged and senior adult customers.

Botsford will close doors on health and fitness center

By Joanne Maliszewski

A gap between membership revenues and expenses will close the Botsford Center for Health Improvement on Grand River Avenue in Novi at

the end of January. The 26,000-square-foot facility on the north side of Grand River, west of Haggerty, has primari ly attracted the middle-

age customers and senion adults who joined the cen ter for exercise and for continuing rehabilitation following medical rehabil-"The cost of the facility

has outstripped the membership revenues," said Margo Gorchow, Botsford Hospital vice president clearly had a mission and a goal for the center. The is that we never accomplished our financial goals

Lease rates

Gorchow said Botsford officials had been trying to negotiate new rent rates with the building's owner. "We just wanted to get the rent to current market levels," she said Ara Topouzian, Novi economic development

director, said he was aware Botsford was seeking a lower rent rate. "I wouldn't say that area is any higher or lower due to that portion of Grand River. Rents can vary due to type of building and other primarily attract a young amenities."

Topouzian said he is unaware of other tenants interested in the building. Botsford's Total Rehabil itation and Athletic Conditioning Center, which opened before the fitness facility, and is liter ally across the sidewalk from the fitness center, the rent on that building TRACC will remain open because customer health insurance payments play a role in its finances. Gorchow said.

Unfortunately, die-hard, loval fitness members will be disappointed because

the health improvement and fitness center will no oe relocated or reopen in the future. There no plans to move it to the Farming ton Hills hospital campu "We are pretty landlocked

there." Gorchow said. The center's closing also means employees will lose their jobs. Some staff members are contract employees. As Botsford struggled with the center's expenses, staff reductions were gradually taking

place, Gorchow said. When the center opened in 2006, Botsford's mission was to provide a medical model for a fitness facility. The center offers a lap swimming pool, a warm water pool, cardiovascu lar and strength equipment, massage facilities free weights, a cushioned track, group exercise rooms and executive-style locker rooms, as well as a juice bar. It also offered a ing tai chi, yoga and oth-

Narrow margins

Despite compliments from members, who said they felt comfortable as older adults exercising and swimming at the facility, the decision to close is purely financial. "Every hospital has to look at its expenses," Gorchow said "Hospitals are operating on narrow margins. Gorchow said it has also been difficult to compete with privately owned or corporate-owned health and fitness centers that

er clientele and that have larger marketing budgets than nonprofit Botsford could maintain. Marketing typically cor sisted of direct mailings. word-of-mouth and pub licity in the hospital news letter, Gorchow said, "It's really a challenge for a nonprofit to go into what

is essentially a retail business." she added. Membership fees will not be charged this month and those who have already paid fees will be

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Following the Newtown, Conn., mass shooting in December, teachers and staff at schools throughout Oakland County are being provided training should they ever encoun-

ter an active shooter. Experts from Oakland County Homeland Security Division and the Sheriff's Office will conduct five training sessions for school personnel on how to react in an active shooter situation in January and February.

Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Com-After a shooter killed munity Schools, said the district found about the classes late last week, and officials haven't decided yet if they're going to send people at

"We have had trainings like that in our disrict in the past," said Matthews, "We under stand its importance, but day and we were not really consulted on the timing of it, we need to take some time to figure out if we can schedule people

tion in the district.

DETAILS

Training will take place on the following dates: session)

Thursday, Jan. 24 One session: 1-3:30 p.m. Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference

2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

Monday, Feb. 11 Two sessions: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Oakland Schools Building 2111 Pontiac Lake Road,

20 students, six adults, his mother and himsel in Newtown, Homeland Security Division Manager Ted Ouisenberry contacted Oakland Schools about collaborating on large-scale active-shoot er training sessions for school personnel in Oak-

land County. Tom Brenner, president of the Novi Educa tion Association teachers' union, said that neither the local or the Michigan **Education Association** has had any discussion

Waterford (Limit 60 attendees each

> Tuesday, Feb. 19 Two sessions: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Oakland Schools Building 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, (Limit 120 attendees each

> > Teachers and school staff who want to attend a training session should register with Oakland Schools

he feels teachers ought to receive some basic trainof possible incidents that could occur. "The extreme rarity of an event, such as what

happened in Connecticut,

must be balanced with the available resources and time we educators currently have at our disposal," said Brenner. 'I have to admit, in the days following the New town tragedy I did sit at my desk during my planning period and envi-

sion the worst-case sce-

nario. I inventoried the

day prior to the training session by calling (248) 209-2500

or via email at EMRegistration@oakland.k12.mi.us. Oakland County Homeland Security Division recommends that all participants complete a 45-minute online training program send the link to registered

items in my room that could be used to defend myself and my students and placed them within close proximity of the most common locations I might find myself. I also considered how the furniture in the room could

be rearranged so as to provide some sort of barricade in the doorway."
Brenner said his school was reminded of its lockdown procedures and nolicies, and he's "highly confident" in the protection the local police provide and the security

schools. "The ongoing collabo-

OaklandSchools

trict has in place. David Molloy, Novi's director of Public Safety/chief of Police, said he's not familiar with the county training or its contents and that he first learned of it last week-

"Like many bad things in life, tragedy will strike again somewhere, whether on purpose or by accident," said Brenner, adding that he tries to live by the motto: Be prepared for the worst, but expect the

have the resources of

Oakland County Home land Security available to the local schools," said Dr. Vickie Markavitch Oakland Schools superintendent, said we are fortunate to have the resources of Oakland County Homeland Security available to the local

rations between Oakland

Schools, local school districts and Oakland County government make it possible for us to work

> Earlier in 2012, Homeland Security Division and the Sheriff's Office trained hundreds of county employees as well as hospitals and long-term care facilities on what to do in an active shooter situation.

> uations are unpredictable and evolve quickly, which requires people pared both mentally and physically while waiting for law enforcement to arrive," said Bouchard, who also has had numerous inquiries of late and

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ogether to keep our schools and our communities safe," she said.

"Active shooter sit-

recently gave a school an active shooter presenta-

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Kicking up their heels



Members of the varsity pompon team take to the gym floor for their routine at halftime of the Jan. 11 basketball game.

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Brad Malarkey, center, and the band Go Home, Freshmen entertain at the Jan. 11 Rock the Box night at Novi High. The school hosts an occasional Friday night of high school bands at the school's drama department's black box theater

SCHOOL BRIEFS

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nis O'Connor were sworn in as newly-elected trustees

on the Novi Board of Edu-Tracey Cadwell and Den- al Meeting of Jan. 10. Both trustees were elected last November. They will serve

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O'Connor is serving his second term on the Board of Education. He was first elected in Nov. 2008. He has a master's degree in business administration in marketing/management from Wayne State University and a dachelor's degree and secondary teaching certification in journalism and mathematics from the Universi-

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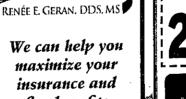
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Shaping up

Chiropractor recommends eating fruits, veggies, as well as exercising

Novi resident Tom Sladic, a Walled Lake chiropractor, got a wake-up call when he had a heart attack at age.38. Sladic wasn't overweight, "I was not the typical heart attack tient," said Sladic, who'd exercised regularly before the heart attack "That was the catalyst, I guess you could say, that led me on this mission."

That increased his interest in nutrition and overall health. Sladnews; he's now a Certified Nutrition Special ist through the American

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College of Nutrition, as well as a member of the Institute for Functional "It's very important,"

the chiropractor said of nutrition. Many have sensitivities, such as to gluten or to proteins like Sladic, who earned his doctor of chiropractic

degree from Life University in Georgia, has been practicing 15 years. He noted a poor diet can lead to autoimmune diseases.

You have to find something you're going to make a lifestyle," Sladic said. He recommends the is heavily plant-based

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these days," he said. "You can get creative with the recipes," especially if tests determine you have food sensitivities "I eat a Paleo diet.

said Sladic, whose family includes children ages 12 and 14. "Kids are always a challenge. I'm not going to lie to you," but said his

The chiropractor recommends avoiding processed foods as much as oossible, "You're much further ahead," he said, adding, "You can get all the foods you need from

His office is at 1881 Pontiac Trail, Suite B, between Dexter and Lake, the phone (248) 926-0455. His website is www.

ents nutrition seminars, and is eager to share The intent of eating food is to supply our bod-

Sladic, 45, often pres-

renair and be healthy, Sladic said. The selection of foods becomes the cornerstone of health, becoming healthy or unhealthy.

Diets loaded with sug-

ar and toxins lead to

obesity, insulin resis-

weeks for new habits to tance, cardiovascuform and become seclar disease and can be ond nature, he said. linked to a host of diseases, Sladic said. those with healthrelated New Year's resolutions, Sladic recommends "baby steps." Start eating less sugar, start eating less

some real food into the diet slowly. Change is difficult and it takes about two

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starches, start adding

Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

IOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Walled Lake chiropractor Tom Sladic was recently granted the title of a Certified Nutrition Specialist by the American

College of Nutrition. The Novi resident's office is off of Browse hundreds of exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors. windows and doors, flooring products, furniture, cabinetry

In summary, Sladic said, if you feed your Home Improvement body improperly it becomes toxic and sick and you will eventually feel it. Stop engag-Show coming to the ing in physical activity and your muscles and frame become weak Suburban Collection and frail, he said. Showplace

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our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at hometown life.com that allow you est news and features

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"Be Fit for Life" at Ladies Night Out Ladies' Night Out, a community event hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health. on Thursday.

Feb. 21, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Auditorium, Know Your Numbers screenings esterol and body mass index – as well as massages will be offered rom 4-6:45 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7-

8:30 p.m. St. Mary Mercy physician Delair Gardi, MD, medical director, Endovascular Services and interventional cardiolo gist, will be the guest speaker. Learn everything you need to know about women's cardiovascular health,

 Reducing your risk for heart disease Heart conditions including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack

with an emphasis on:

Light refreshments, prizes and com-

munity vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Please contact the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes

Flu shots available

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

The Health Division offices are located at the following addresses: * North Oakland Health Center; 1200 N.

Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pon-South Oakland Health Center; 27725

Greenfield Road, Southfield For more information, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at oakgov.com/health or on Facebook at



GAME ON BY LYNETTE CURTISS

Atrium Gallery exhibit es Department is hosting the work of Lynette Curtiss and Kim Kozlowski, local photographers, in the Civic Center Atrium Gallery through March 1. Kozlowski's collection focuses on natural landforms while Curtiss' collection focuses on manmade structures and buildings. 'To purchase any of the artwork, contact the

Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at (248) 347-0400. Upcoming exhibits in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery include Made in Michigan, a Cassell and Associates collective in March 2013, and the Novi High School Select Art Show in May. The full schedule and more information can be found online

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North American International Auto Show • Jan. 19-27

Local dealers like the buzz about Cadillac ATS, Ram 1500

By David Veselenak and Nathan Mueller

Edward Pobur is look ing forward to a good year

With the Cadillac ATS being named North American Car of the Year earlier this week, the sales manager at Cadillac of Novi is hoping the award will prop up the vehicle line and attract interest that might not have been there

"It gives you a leg up on the competition," he said. "It has a long shelf life." Pobur said he still has customers come in look

ing for the Cadillac CTS, which was a finalist for North American Car of the Year in 2008, showing the power of winning the prestigious award.

Also named North American Truck/Utility of the Year was the Ram 1500. at Snethkamp Chrysler Dodge Jeen Ram in Redford Township, said the selection is a great one, since it's garnered so much interest with buyers.

"Everybody is wanting to come in and get information on them," the ketplace, those were also said. "We cannot keep the



different than its compet-

small, sedan segments of

the marketplace. We can

any of those cars and win

"We haven't been able to

stack that car up against

the battle." Pobur said.

say that in years past."

Bob Pollock, general

Dennis Locklear polishes up the Ram 1500 before the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards were announced Monday. The vehicle won top honors for truck/utility.

after a jury vote from several dozen journalists in North America, returned to domestic automakers after going to two international makers last year. The car award is the first for Cadillac and the fifth

for General Motors. The win is Chrysler's third for This was the first year with a change in the title for the awards. With an emergence of utility vehi cles coming into the mar-

The top honors, awarded American Truck/Utility of

Other finalists for North American Car of the Year and Honda Accord. Finalists for North American Truck/Utility of the Year were Ford C-Max and Mazda CX-5. Several factors led to the

manager at Don Massey ATS winning the award, Pobur said. He believed ATS sales in January have an aggressive marketing campaign by Cadilsurpassed all of December before the announce lac is helping the consumment. He expects them to er buzz, showcasing the get even better after the



The Cadillac ATS was named North American Car of the

"Anybody looking at a car in that segment owes t to themselves to drive the car," he said. "It truly competes and performs and handles better than the BMW and Audi offer

ings in its class.' Cadillac's chief engineer, David Leone, said the idea with the ATS was to lighten the vehicle, something that consumers will begin to see more as the company releases

"The performance's aser-light focus was on being nimble, quick and fun to drive," he said. "To do so, we wanted to be the and we accomplished just that. It took a new way of thinking, and a new way

of engineering to get that

done. This is the first of

you're going to see that

Wenzel, se-

er of the ZF

Group, talks

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tional Auto

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fresh new approach." The Ram 1500 returned to the podium after nearly 20 years. It won North American Truck of the Year while still under the Dodge name in 1994. Fred Diaz, president and

CEO Ram Truck Brand and Chrysler de Mexico, called the honor a "surreal moment" considering "the hell" the company went through three years ago. "This means so much," Diaz said. "It's the proud-

Ram Truck Brand to be able to accept this award." function is appealing to customers stopping in at

"The pickup truck isn't what it used to be anymore," Schmid said. "It gets great fuel economy and people are using it for 'practical purposes.

Fresh approach to spiritual development

New First Presbyterian minister eager to reach out to area youth

to cope with tragedies,

"It's really a chance for

By Julie Brown

The Rev. Emma Lee Quellette of Northville is only 26 years old, but don't expect her to shy away from tough questions on faith

"It's a hard question and the youth have been asking that a lot," she said of young people at her new church. First Presbyteask about the Newton, Conn., school massacre. Some teens from the congregation know the young man from Detroit Catholic Central High School who recently died

"We don't know God's Ga., in 2011. plan and that's not for us to know," said Ouellette, who came to First Presbyterian in October as assistant pastor for famtion and I was in transiin a God who shares our

tears when we cry and When the Newtown shooting happened, she thought of young children in Northville at church she saw rehearsing for their Christmas play, and teens talking about their everyone," she said. "My dates. Faith helps people

us to connect with God. But it's hard and it's hard Northville has a long and proud history, and church for us to understand," she Local roots She grew up in Allen

Melvindale High School in 2004. Quellette, who is College for a bachelor of focus on getting the kids arts degree in interpersonal communication and sociology, which she completed in 2008, and her master of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur,

She took a year off after grad school, working at her home church. Allen Park Presbyterian. "They were in transi

tion so it was a perfect The Northville congregation of around 1.100 people has an interim senior pastor now and 10 a m. worship on Sunday.

Ouellette works a lot with "You're ministering to time, followed by a sec-

The church next to

eaders seek growth and spiritual development. One of the things they would like to work on is "becoming more active" in community outreach. Quellette said. "We're really trying to

and the youth active. I really great for the community to know we're y great things in the future for us," she said Presbyterian church-

in inviting new clergy. and a lot of individual say among lay leaders. "I really liked the

> and become more family friendly," Ouellette said. In the hiring, church leaders were open about the past and what they wanted for the future. She recalled her first interview by phone, due to her strep throat at the

urgency of the congrega-

tion for wanting to grow

Oullette's mind for some several years before

'Felt called'

"I really felt called to

actually going down that

ond interview with a por-

tion of the committee

face to face. Her third

interview was with those

representing many seg-

ments of the church. She

explained her philosophy

"They did a really good

of ministry and ideas.

job of getting a diverse

group together. It kept

Being a minister was

a teen. The church has always been a part of my

she said.

Women have been ordained in her denomination since the 1950s, and many women have held leadership roles in her congregation. Oullette was more concerned about being young, how-

ever, though that hasn't "I think people really wanted a fresh, young face. That's the impres sion I've gotten. I have

First Presbyterian Church of Northville assistant pastor the Rev. Emma Lee Quellette re-

turned to Michigan after beginning her religious training in Georgia and South Carolina.

the ministry when I was

not felt anything but wel comed and supported,

Quellette, who preaches about once a month, lives in Northville with new

dog Ziggy, a Christmas "We're getting used to each other." she said. add

ing Ziggy tends to chew She loves life in North-

"I love it. I just got back from Rebecca's and I'm oving their chicken salad. I love the little shops I love walking downtown I'm really enjoying it.

ZF Group continues to grow in Northville

There is a positive vibe emanating through the North American headquarters of ZF Group in Northville ownship these days.

The German company had a record setting 2012 — which included a total sales volume of \$23 billion, increasing the number of employees to 75,000 worldwide and investing \$1.7 billion in research and development - that is expected to continue into this year.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as commercial vehicles and off-road

"We believe in the future and we believe we can continue our story of successful growth of new innovation of new technologies in the future," ZF Group CEO Stefan Sommer said at the first press conference Tuesday at the North American International Auto

Northville Township, as construction is nearly complete on an expansion to the

The building, which also serves as a technical center, was built in 1999, with a major expansion done in 2004. This final project was done to aid an expanding steering group within the

Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group, said it is nearing 500 employees as the company's presence in North America increases "We have key products and technologies that are being adapted more and more to the American market," he said. Improving fuel efficiency has been a



ng in major area of focus for the ZF Group, and a new nine-speed automatic transmission is expected to help in that regard. Sommer said it will offer fuel savings from 10 percent up to 16 per-

> "We have the right products for the in automotive," he said.

right market and we really meet the general trend of the world, especially

worldwide, the Northville Township headquarters is focusing on attracting

Alexandra Iordache, a Shelby Township resident and member of the marketing and communications department for ZF Group, said Jan. 25 the company will be hosting a "college

day" to help students learn about the many opportunities within ZF Group

As the company continues to grow

Johnson said the goal is to build relationships and find new talent. The current employees also are reaching out to do more community service, something Johnson said cannot be a one-time thing.

Several employees donated their time to tear down a house in Redford with Blight Busters and also volunteered at a soup kitchen last year.

"It gives you a sense of ownership and it has to be part of our culture," he said. "It's something we are growing

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AUTO SHOW BRIEFS

Looking for something to do at the

· To satisfy the video gamers at the show, a simulation booth with the game Gran Turismo is offered at the Chevrolet display. Two people at a time can hop into the vehicles and test-drive the cars in a simulator. If you're fast, you'll have

 Chevy display.
 Drive Land, a simulator powered by the Microsoft Kinect set, is available at the Toyota display. Drivers can sit in a real Prius seat, and simulate driving on the screen by just using their hands to

• A different type of simulation is offered at the Michelin display. Have you ever wondered what the road would feel like from a tire's perspective? Michelin o users at a time step onto the simula tor, placing their hands and feet on designated areas. Hit start and the hand and foot areas begin to vibrate and simulation what a tire would feel on the road.

Show opens

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) Jan. 19-26. The show ends Jan. 27 and hours that day are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 n.m.). Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 12 years old). Children ages 6 and under are free with parent or guardian.

Marketing to younger, tech-savvy buyers inside the car with a touch screen. Northville resident Mike Murphy knows Ford is going to need young

buyers to ensure his company will suc-Those 18- to 34-year-olds are a market looking to combine technology, affordability and sustainability into their vehicles, a set of criteria Ford is

taking very seriously. "They are critical and at the forefront of our products," said Murphy, Ford's Global C-Car marketing man-Murphy is one of many area resi-

dents working at this year's auto show,

and has worked specifically in trying

the beginning stages of their car-buy-

to market smaller vehicles to buyers in

Murphy said the car seeing the

most movement with younger buyers, including those in the Detroit area, is the Fiesta, a compact car introduced in recent years and geared toward young-

The hope, Murphy said, is that those driving Fiestas or other smaller cars, such as the Focus, will be happy with their experience and stay loyal to the Ford brand. The cars other younger drivers have flocked to include the Mustang, Escape and Focus.

"Fiesta is clearly our gateway for younger customers," he said. Many of the vehicles aimed toward those new drivers employ technology they're used to with other devices, Murphy said. Included are Bluetooth and MyFord Touch, an entertainment and communications system located

And it isn't just the cars themselves that Murphy touts as being catered to younger drivers. With more people without well-paying jobs and some who can't afford a car, Ford financial staffers have stepped in and offered financ-

ing rates sometimes lower than what banks and lenders are able to match. With more young people with bad credit or no credit being able to buy with a low APR, the likelihood of those drivers coming to Ford has increased,

"The ability to finance that product over a reasonable amount of time, that's definitely brought us a higher conquest rate," he said. "It's our highest amount of new customers coming into the Ford portfolio."

Interactive displays

North American International Auto Show besides see the cars? Many displays give patrons the opportunity to experience the cars. Here are just a few of the interac-

another honor coming your way: your name on the chalk leaderboard at the

maneuver the vehicle

gives patrons that exact opportunity.

 One of the more intricate simulators resides in the Ford display. The ST Simulator places riders into a pod complete with hydraulics and allows riders to simulate the ride in a Ford vehicle. The simulator requires a waiver, and riders must be at least 5-foot-2. Children under 18 must have a parent or guardian present who can be present for the ride and sign the liability waiver.

The auto show opens to the public at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Going to Friday gala? If you are going to Friday's Auto Show Charity Preview we want to hear from

Julie Yolles of Birmingham, O&E Media's Social Scene columnist, and Bill Bresler, O&E Media photographer, will cover the event — one of the hottest par-

Cobo Center the night of the preview or at one of the local insider auto parties," said Yolles, who will also be at the autoglow party at Ford Field after the charity Contact Yolles at ivolles@comcast.net or call her at (248) 642-9465. Contact Bre-

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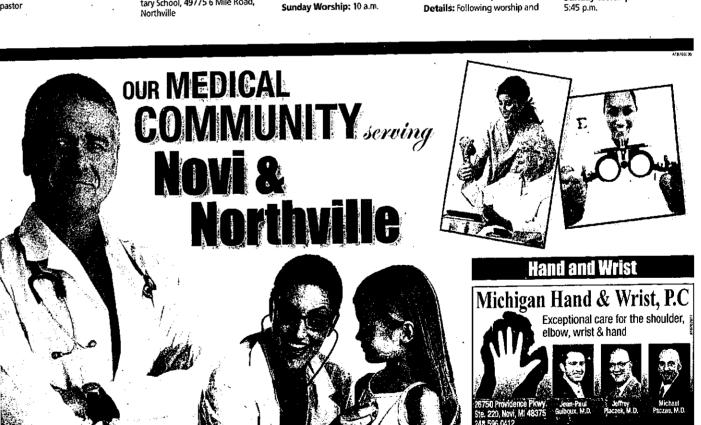
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Paul Walton, chief

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said the report by the

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hearing to Jan. 30 for

another review. Casteel faces 66 fel-

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undergo an evaluation

court, which is waiting

Novi firefighter hurt as 5-alarm fire destroys South Lyon home

A South Lyon family is homeless after a Jan. 8 fire destroyed their Orchard Ridge home, a few blocks from Bartlett Ele-

A Novi firefighter fell through a roof while fighting the fire, but he refused medical treatment at the scene, according to South Lyon Fire Chief Mike Ken-

Two dogs and a cat died in the fire. The home was valued at around \$180,000, Kennedy said.

The call came in at about 11:20 a.m. South Lyon Police Sgt. Chris Sovik said those in the house at the time of the fire made it outside with no injuries.

"We believe the origin to be the garage area, but the cause is under investigation with the Oakland County Sheriff," Ken-

Emergency crews received the call from someone who was in the basement. The person heard a bang and discovered the garage was on fire, said Kennedy.

About 40 firefighters responded from the South Lyon, Green Oak, Lyon Township, Brighton and Novi departments. "It was a good example of mutual aid," Kennedy said. "Everyone came in and

worked together." The fire spread to the main part of the house, where firefighters were working

to extinguish the flames. "When the first crews got there they found heavy fire in the attached garage and it was extending in the attic to the main part of the house," Kennedy said.



An Orchard Ridge home in the City of South Lyon was destroyed Jan. 8 by fire.

a gas line may have been the source of ruined, Kennedy said firefighters were able to save personal items.

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O'HARE FLORENCE "JODIE"

Age 69, longtime resident of Northville, passed away January 12, 2013, Beloved wife of Ri-chard F. O'Hare. Cherished mother of Kelli (Michael) Paslawski and the late Steve

O'Hare. Dear step-mother of Mari Takeda. Adored grand-mother of Julia (Josh) Balogh, Rachael Paslawski, and Leaf

Paslawski; great grandmother of Jenna Balogh; and step grand-mother of 3. A funeral service was held Wednesday, January 16, 2013. She was kaid to rest at

Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would ap-

preciate memorial contributions to VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxil

iary, 438 S. Main St., Northville, M1 48167 or Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, M1

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January 11, 2013. He was born on June 2, 1955, in Detroit, to

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Russ was a very caring, devot husband and man, He drove

husband and man. He drove a truck nearly all his life and loved football. Russ is survived by his wife Tami Schiellerd, 2 children: Tara (Leslie) Coates, Eric (Tiffa-ny) Schiellerd, his brothers. Ron Schiellerd, Rick Schiellerd, 3 seemalehilders, Kurdies, Kurdie

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HALL, FLORENCE Age 93, passed away January 12, 2013. She was born on October

26, 1919, in Ann Arbor, to the tate Clarence and Anna (Raddatz) Brown. Florence was known by her friends as Flossic or Flo. She was a resident of Ann Arbor, where she met her

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BISHOP (SCHUSTER) ANNA MAE July 19, 1933 - Jan. 10, 2013. Age 79, of Deadwood, TX, formerly of South Lyon.

BLONIARZ, CECELIA M. Age 89, of South Lyon, passed away 1/7/2013. Online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com BUDDE,

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He supervised the renovation of the William E. Upjohn House at Historic Charlton Park and vol-intered in the Hardware Store

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Sun City Center; former wife Doris Ward Foreman of Battle

Creek; son Douglas Hugh Fore-man, Jr. (Julia) of Jackson, MI; daughters Janet Lee West (Phi-

o) of Eaton Rapids, Joanne Lu-

children; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Keith Leroy Foreman, and brother-in-

aw John Gidos. He was a proud-nember of the Charlton Park

Gas & Steam Club and Moose

Gas & Steam Club and thoose Lodge #682 in Hastings. A fu-neral service took place in Rus-kin, Florida on Sunday, January 6, 2013. A memorial service will be held at Rivergate Family

Campground in Hastings on July 2013. Memorial contribu-ions can be made in Doug's

name to the Charlton Park Foun-

Ann Arbor, where she met her husband Charley. They married May 16, 1941 and gave birth to their son Charley. They later moved to Whitmore Lake where they raised their son and enjoyed their neighbors. Florence was married 28 years when her husband preceded her in death. A few months later she knew the joy of being a grandmother. Florence enjoyed her job at Romanoff's where she worked several years. She was active in her church choir and ladies group. She organized Vacation Bible School activities and church benefits for various causes. She will be missed by all es. She will be missed by all who were blessed to have known FOREMAN, DOUGLAS HUGH, SR. who were bressed to nave know her. She is survived by her son Charley (Rose Ann) Hall; her sister Virginia "Ginny" Gutknecht; grandchildren: Angte. Brian, Kristin Hall; greatgrandchildren: Mischelle, Rebecta Michael Alex Allison, niece 75, of Sun City Center, Florida passed away December 31, 2012. He was born in Northville, Mich-igan to Hugh and Lucille Forethan The guidant from 30 south Lyon High School, then joined the U. S. Navy in 1956, serving two tours in Victnam before re-tiring as a Senior Chief Petty Of-ficer (E-8) on July 3, 1976. While in the Navy, his tours of Carol Ann and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation was held on Jan. 16, Wednesday, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South luty included Hawaii, France, scotland, Africa, Guadalcanal, Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com Hawaii, until returning to Michi HAMPTON Jeannette L gan in 1984. He began spending winters in Florida in 2004. He where he enjoyed a wide circle of friends in his retirement years.

Age 73, of Novi died suddenly January 10, 2013. Full obituary and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HAMPTON, LEWIS Age 79, of Novi died suddenly January 10, 2013. Full obituary www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HOPPS, DONALD R. Age 71, passed away January 1-2013. He was born on Octobe 201, 1941, in Detroit, son of the late Charles and Dorothy Hopps. He is survived by his son, Don-nie & Kellie Hopps; his grand-children: Nicole, Leyland, Aminf) of gaton Rapius, Jeanne Cuile Bamard (Tommy), and Jean Louise Foreman of Hastings; brother Michael Gordon Fore-michael Gordon Fore-sister Sandra Lee Gidos of South Lyon; daughter-in-law Tammy Bennett of Monroe; 14 grand-childron; and five greatber, Randy and Dillan. He is also survived by his brother, Charles. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carolyn, in 2005. Visitation was held on Wednesday, January 16 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W Lake St., South Lyon, A funera 10 Mile Rd., Novi. In lieu o to Church of the Holy Cross.

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A self-regulating heater connected to the fire, Sovik said. While the house was

While it was unclear whether there were working smoke detectors in the home, Kennedy said he always recommends homeowners install the devices.

Farmington Hills' Nash takes helm as Oakland County Water Resources commissioner

Hearing for man charged

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Former Oakland County Commissioner Jim Nash, of Farmington Hills, began his tenure as Oakland County Water Resources commissioner (WRC) on Jan. 3.

Nash brings a wealth of knowledge on environmental sustainability issues with a focus on environmental stewardship. economic development ocial equity and region

al advocacy and cooperation to the WRC. "It is truly an honor to

have been voted by the people of Oakland County to lead this important and professional agency," Nash said. "I am taking

over an agency today that has a huge impact countywide and a shining record of accomplishment in serving our communities." Nash further went on to say, "I will pursue communication and collaboration among the communities in Oakland County and among our regional partners to find the regional answers we can bring together."

As a four-term Oakland County commissioner, Nash focused his efforts on environmental sustainability, green buildings, veteran services issues and mental health issues. He wrote and passed county resolutions supporting green building proj ects in Oakland County and helped devel op sustainable policies for the region. Nash has organized and hosted seven

green building workshops and helped plan the first two county Green Building Summits. Nash has also worked with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the U.S. Green Building Council and the Engineering Society of Detroit. As his first act, Nash wasted no time in appointing Philip Sanzica, P.E. as his chief deputy Water Resources commis

utation across Oakland County and his expertise in county government and the water and sewer field makes him an asset to all of us in the county," said

online at hometownlife.com

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Sanzica, a former WRC chief engineer has more than 33 years with the organization. A resident of Troy. Sanzica is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. His areas of expertise include project management, including grants and bonding, construction drain d pump maintenance and drain and lake level engineering.

Nash is an 18-year resident of Farmington Hills. He is a graduate of Florida State University with a bachelor of science degree in political science. He served as a U.S. Army medical specialis and was honorably discharged from the service. He received the Good Conduct Medal and Expert Field Medical Badge Jim and his wife, Karen, have four children and three grandchildren.

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Local Events FREE MUSIC SERIES

Novi Road, Novi Time: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m Details: All ages welcome: food and drink specials. Feb. 1: The Rocks Feb. 8: The Party Feb. 16: Soul Hustler

Contact: Visit http:// 10northbar.com. **BLOOD DRIVES** Time/Date: 1:30-7:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 Location: Gardner White/ Best Buy in West Oaks

granderniaren: Kuntee, Koda, Kelcei; his mother-in-law, 3 brother-in-laws; and 2 sister-in-laws. Visitation was held on Jan. 16, Wednesday, from 2:00-9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Jan. 17, Thursday, at shopping plaza, Novi Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2:45 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 Location: Amerman Elementary, Northville Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 1:45 SHARRARD, Terance I Age 65, Jan. 11, 2013. Memorial Gathering Jan. 19 from 4-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, n.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 Location: Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville South Lyon, phillipsfuneral.com Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 First United Methodist

Church, Northville

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Details: Join for breakfast and January's discussion, Busting the Myths of Hearing Loss", presented by David Wizgird of Hear Clear. Cost is \$3 for residents: \$4 for non-residents pre-registration is required. Contact: (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org for more information SWINGSET MAMAS

FAMILY CONCERT Time/Date: 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Location: Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 **Details:** Family concert by the award-winning Swingset Mamas featuring

original kid-friendly songs about friends, family and a healthy lifestyle. Dancing in the aisles is encouraged Preorder tickets for \$5 (www.showtix4u.com) or take your chances at the door for \$8, free for kids under age 2 sitting on lap. Proceeds will fund new playground equipment at

Thornton Creek Elementary School in Northville. Contact: acauseforplay@

ART VAN EVENTS Location: 27775 Novi Road

Contact: (248) 348-8922 High Style, High Tea, Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 Details: What's your million

dollar style? Enjoy lively banter, a bit of gossip and some unexpected twists and turns as Bravo's Million Dollar Decorators Kathryn Ireland and Martyn Lawrence Bullard share some of their stories and experiences with their celebrity clientele. Join in on the lively conversation hosted by Local 4 Style Editor Jon Jordan. Kathryn Ireland and Martyn Lawrence Bullard are two of and sought-after interior designers. You'll learn what it takes to create million dollar rooms and ask your design questions. Contact: Reserve your spot by going to http:// event/5067280372 today or call (888) 619-2199. Meet Zendaya Colemar Time/Date: noon-1:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 26 Details: Disney's TV star Zendava Coleman, from

the hit show Shake it Un is

coming to meet and greet

her fans. Zendaya will sign

photos and there will be

music and plenty of fun

event is free of charge.

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Two former McCotter staffers will learn their fate Jan. 18

online at hometownlife.com

Two former staffers of Thaddeus McCotter will learn their fate Jan. 18 when they are scheduled to be sentenced on felony counts in the petition fraud case.

A hearing on a motion to quash a remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, against Paul Seewald, McCotter's former district director, and Don Yowchuang, for mer district director, was originally scheduled for Wednesday before Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton, but the hear ing was postponed. Braxton said she will rule on the motion before the sentencing Both Yowchuang and Seewald entered pleas Nov. 27 in connection with McCotter's

petition scandal. Yowchuang of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misde

meanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Seewald of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman. pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator The misdemeanor is punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner remains pending against both Yowchuans

the results of an investigation by the attorney general's Public Integrity Unit into

LOCAL NEWS

the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of McCotter. At that announcement, Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that four staff members faced criminal charges. Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term con-

gressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot. On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of

falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days ın jail.

O'Brady was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program followed by 18 months probation with the first 12 months as reporting probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and

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.

McCotter was not charged, as there was no direct evidence of his involvement, according to Schuette.

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OUR VIEWS

State must invest in early learning to compete globally

Far too often state legislators and educators get sidetracked trying to win a seemingly endless argument rather than doing what is best for children.

Much of the recent discussion about reforming education has been about providing more options to families. Gov. Rick Snyder is promoting an "any time, any place, any way, any pace' system that would ostensibly lead to more charter schools and give parents more say in where and how their children learn.

Educators loathe change more than most so position statements and talking points are issued to legions of followers and the battle is on. This pattern is all too familiar to the families of Michigan and the bickering does

One common-sense solution to improving educational outcomes for families is simply getting more children into quality educational programs at a younger age. Sadly, Michigan's track record of funding preschool is lousy despite the fact that most experts agree that an additional year or two in school is beneficial to young learners.

The Michigan State Board of Education began a strong push for universal preschool for 3- and 4-year olds in 2011 but Gov. Snyder took the business approach to the problem by consolidating the state's early childhood programs and resources into the Michigan Office of Great Start. The mission of the office is to coordinate 84 separate funding sources for early childhood programs.

Michigan lags behind 23 states in providing access to education for 4year-olds according to a 2011 study by The National Institute for Early Education Research, a unit of Rutgers.

While Oklahoma offers universalaccess to state-funded preschool and 75 percent of eligible children are enrolled, just 18 percent of 4-yearolds are in state-funded preschool in Michigan. Nation-wide, 28 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in a statefunded preschool programs in the 2010-2011 school year so Michigan not only fails in comparison to the leading states, but also trails the national average by 10 percent. It isn't that Michigan is cutting funding because that isn't true. Other states have simply found ways to increase funding at a greater pace because they have made early learning a priority.

Michigan does almost nothing to fund preschool for 3-year-olds but Illinois, the same state many of our college graduates are flocking to for jobs, leads the nation in providing access to education for 3-year-olds.

While some states have focused on broadened opportunities for all families, Michigan focuses only on poor or

And even the population the state is trying to help isn't being adequately served. Susan Broman, head of Michigan's Office of Great Start, concedes that many of Michigan's 4-yearolds now eligible for state-funded preschool are not enrolled due to lack of

This lack of commitment to funding preschool is not only counter to Gov. Snyder's goal of having students reading proficiently at the end of third grade, it is counter to the greater goal of making our state competitive in the

global marketplace. We aren't advocating free day care for all Michigan families either. We are talking about the need for increased funding for quality educa-

tional programs for young learners. Recent research shows that even gains made through Head Start fade if the commitment to quality education isn't consistent throughout the learning experience so just throwing money at the problem isn't the answer:

What Michigan needs is bold commitment to early education that includes not only lofty goals and a system to make sure they are achieved but also actual money in the budget to make it

Director of

Mayor Bob Gatt is giving his State of the City address on Jan. 17. How would you summarize the current state of Novi?



COMMUNITY VOICE

"I'm really impressed with it. It's an excellent

"It's pretty good. There

like the library.'

"I love it here. I moved here four months ago have been a lot of new and I have no issues. things happening with the schools and busi-It's quiet and there is low crime. Overall, it's a nesses and places built, beautiful and welcoming



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the new Walmart come here, so it's good to see new things helping out." Mary Hoffman

Tori Beavers

LETTERS

Guns map ridiculous

Happen to catch the story about an article ran by a newspaper in the Hudson Valley north of New York City? The Journal News published a map containing the names and addresses of every registered gun owner in the three-county area covered by the paper. The editors claim that a large number of their readers wanted to know which of their neighbors happened to be gun owners, and so they decided to address their concerns by publishing the information. Call me a skeptic, but I doubt that was the real reason behind it. I'd sooner believe it was another attempt by the liberals to try to embarrass the rednecks living among them who had the audacity to purchase and register a firearm. The Second Amendment be damned!

Makes you wonder if they gave any thought to the fact that by simple deduction they had also listed the name and address of every household in the area that doesn't own a weapon. I'm sure that a certain segment of the residents were pleased to get that info. They probably have it taped to the front of their fridge. No sense taking any unnecessary risks, you know. The simplemindedness and just

plain stupidity of the left wing media in this country never ceases to amaze

Athletics clarification After reading some erroneous

Letter to the Editor entitled "Why sports fee?" in the Jan. 10 edition of the Novi News, I realized that this presented an opportunity to clarify to the community about what our organization does. The Novi Athletic Boosters is a

nonprofit, volunteer-based organization with a sole purpose of supporting our high school and middle school student athletes and teams. This support comes in the form of gifts we fund including training aids and personnel, uniforms, equipment, facilities upgrades and college scholarships. Membership is open to all parents and individuals interested in the development of Novi's athletic

While we do rely on adult volunteers from all teams for concessions and events, we do not charge a fee for membership or for any of the services we provide. We DO make our gifts available for ALL of Novi's high school and middle school sports teams, both school-funded and non-school-funded. Last year we provided more than \$130,000 in gifts, and we are on track to exceed that total this year. Over \$1 million has been gifted in the past 12 years

to Novi athletics. The Novi Athletics Department is a separate organization and collects pay-to-participate fees, as required by the Novi Community Schools board, to complete its budget. The NAB gifts represent a significant contribution to the Athletic Department's operating budget.

Our dub provides for these gifts by

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conducting fundraisers and community outreach projects such as Tastefest and the new NAB Holiday Kickoff Arts and Crafts Show, securing corporate sponsorships, publishing our sports program, operating concessions at sporting events and partnering with spirit wear vendors. Our annual sports pass sale is a significant fundraiser and also a way for sports attendees to guarantee that 100 percent of their admission fees go directly to Novi sports teams rather than to the district's General

Thope confusion. With continued budget constraints across the school district, our mission to support all Novi athletes is more critical than ever, as we believe these extracurricular programs are necessary in educating

the whole student. Please visit us at www.noviathleticboosters.com, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @NoviBoosters to learn more about our purposedriven, energetic and creative club. Ray Notarantonio

Novi Athletic Boosters president

One person, one vote? Michigan's glaring fallacy: One man; one vote. We like to think that our vote is as important as every one's. That is only true if your preferred party controls the state Legislature and/or the state Supreme Court at the time of the decennial census and the redrawing of district lines. The Republican Party has mastered the legal manipulation of the system that enables them to control our state in spite of their minority status. Ponder the election results of

2010 and 2012. In 2010, on the coattails of forkedtongue Snyder, Republicans cast 1,689,539 votes for state senators. That total (1.69 million of 3.11 million) constitutes 53.63 percent of votes cast for all parties. Lo and behold, they won 26 of the 38 Senate seats — an overwhelming 68 4 percent! A mathematical feat,

In 2012, with President Obama

winning (53.56 to 46.44 percent), 2.375 million voter chose Democrats for their state representatives. They cast 53.56 percent of all votes for both major party candidates. Strangely, the Republican candidates prevailed with 59 seats, the Demo-

heading the Democratic ticket and

crats -- 51. With only 46.4 percent of the votes, the Republicans secured 53.6 percent of the 110 seats in the state Legislature. The most flagrant abuse of our legislative apportionment? In 2012, Democrats, with 2,323,844 votes (50.9 percent), were able to elect

only five U.S. Congressmen. Yet, the Republican minority, with 2,082,547 votes (45.6 percent) sent nine Congressmen to D.C. It's called gerrymandering, and it partially explains why the Republican juggernaut has been able to overrule the will of the majority of Michigan voters. Since our Democratic votes weigh less, we need more of them. Every election matters. Every vote almost counts.

Patrick M. Downey

Kudos from NYA

Novi Youth Assistance would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who participated in our Holiday Adopt a Family program in providing a wonderful Christmas for families in need:

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Barbara O'Neili

Novi Youth Assistance

Expand mutual aid

When there is an emergency on the border of Novi and neighboring cities, you would want the fastest arrival time possible. Recently, Novi and Wixom entered into a mutual aid agreement, which means whichever community can respond quicker to the emergency will do so.

Wixom currently does this with

other communities as well. They have been able to save on their budget and increase their response time to better serve the community. When cities enter into a mutual aid agreement, equipment and other resources are shared when emergencies occur. We need to follow this example of Wixom, for the safety of everyone in Novi.

Please take the time to contact the City of Novi to support the mutual aid agreement, with the rest of our bordering cities such as South Lyon, Northville, Farmington, Walled Lake and Livonia. This would give citizens a peace of mind knowing that wherever they're located in Novi, they're just a phone call away from

> **Brett DuBois** Novi High School sophomore

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High School League and All-State selection. This season, tallying results over just 10 games to keep comparisons fair with the other players being selected to the 2013 All-Area team, Darkangelo have over 800 yards rushing, and nearly 300 yards receiving for the Shamrocks. He ventured into the end zone 13 times

"Anthony is not just our best player but also our most consistent and reliable," said Michael Mach, assistant coach for the Shamrocks. "He matche his talents with a tremendous work eth ic. Darko is a kid you can always count on-he will make a big run, a great catch or a clutch tackle at the game's biggest

Novi cagers knock off Northville

Wildcats shoot 20-for-24 from line in 58-49 victory

The crowd's energy carried onto the cour Friday night in a high baseline rivals Novi and

Northville. The two boys basketball teams traded the lead throughout the game, but one big shot after another kept things close until the final two cats (4-4, 2-1 KLAA Central) sealed the game with a 10-4 run in the final 1:52, including 3for 5 free throw shooting, after the Mustangs (4-5, 1-2 Central) had cut the deficit to 48-45 with 2:06 remaining. In the end, host Novi came out ahead 58-49 on Jan. 11.

"I would rank that one up there as one of the greatest I've been involved in." Novi coach Brian Tass said. "It was high energy, it was back and forth. Our kids played hard all night

long." With Novi's tempo turned up and the Mustangs matching it right out the door, the Wildcats led 12-9 after the first quarter and would've taken a lead into halftime if not for a jumper at the buzzer by senior Stewart Henzi (eight points) to put

they got behind us too much and we like to push the tempo, too," Northville coach Todd missed a lot of shots ear ly and they were fortunate. I think they made four triples at least in the second half."

"I didn't really think

The teams traded streaks in the third quarter, as much of the offensive load came from



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Wildcat Tre Cadwell, left, and Mustang Jake Hansen both leap in the air for a rebound on Jan. 11.

Novi's boys basketball team (4-4, 2-1 KLAA Central) was set to host Plymouth Salem (7-2, 3-0 Central) two nights ago before visiting Livonia Stevenson (3-4, 0-3 Central) tomorrow, Saline (5-3, 3-2 Southeastern Red) Tuesday and South Lyon East (0-7, 0-3 Central) Jan. 25,

McKinney (22 points), junior Nelson Cagle (14 points) and Northville junior Andrew Meacham (22 points). Novi senior Tre Cadwell (eight points) and Northville junior Andrew Stevens (nine points) also contributed some solid sonhomore Max Yanke quietly dropped in 10

"Its no secret that

he's our go-to guy. (Meacham) played his heart out and I'm proud of his effort. It was awe some." Sander said. "(Cagle) is a spectacular shoot it and score it from anywhere.

The Wildcats went into the third quarter ahead 35-29 and the Mustangs

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Novi skiers start season off with split results

Boys go 2-0 while girls fall to 0-2

By Chris Jackett

A new season on the slopes at Alpine Valley began for Novi's ski team just before a small heat wave hit the area.

But things started hot for one half of the Wildcat ski program as the boys raced to a 2-0 start on the young season Jan. 10.
In the first of two races last Thursday, the guys swept the top four spots in a 10-26 vic-tory over Hartland. Bastien Dupessey led the way with a two-run time of 38.74 seconds, well ahead of teammate Harrison Halley, who took second in 42.61 seconds. Zach John**ON TAP**

Catholic Central senior Anthony Darkangelo accumulated more than 800 yards rushing

CC's Darkangelo

rushes to the top

this vear.

and nearly 300 receiving to earn Player of the Year honors.

It's not very often that we enter into

one team that stands head and shoul-

ders above the rest, but Detroit Catho

lic Central managed to do just that this

year. Of course, it helps when you have

back-to-back state runner-up finishes in

So when it came to selecting our Play-

er of the Year, it came as no surprise

when all signs pointed to a Shamrock

senior by the name of Anthony Darkan-

Darkangelo, a senior for Tom Mach's

Division I football

Novi's skiers (2-0 boys, 0-2 girls) are set to hit the Alpine Valley slopes in White Lake 4 p.m. today against both Livonia Ladywood and West Bloom field before taking on both Lakeland – whose boys are the defending KLAA champs- and Walled Lake Western 4 p.m. Jan. 24.

son and Max Schlax took third and fourth for Novi in 42.84 and 47.25, respectively, as Hartland's top four finished fifth

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Wildcat Jade Antolec tries to gather in a rebound in front of a Mustano during the teams' Jan. 11 meeting.

Wildcat girls top Mustangs Novi lady cagers on top of division after 35-28 victory By Chris Jackett

In a high-paced battle of division leaders and baseline rivals, host Novi came away with the victory in the season's first meeting with Northville.

The Wildcats (8-1, 3-0 KLAA Cen tral) and Mustangs (7-2, 2-1 Central) started off struggling to score last Friday, with Novi up 5-4 after the first quarter, but things opened up over the next two quarters.

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ON TAP Novi's girls basket ball team (8-1, 3-0) KLAA Central) was set to visit Plymouth Salem (2-6, 2-1 Central) two nights Livonia Stevensor (3-5, 0-3 Central) tomorrow and South Lyon East (5-4, 0-3 Central) Jan. 25, all at 7 p.m.



"Evan was our most dominant line-

man this year," said Matt Ladach. "He

is an intelligent player with good skills

attitude. We're going to miss him next

It looks like Edwards won't have to

worry about his final game being at the

high school level since the Detroit Cath-

olic Central senior inked his Nation-

al Letter of Intent to play for Division I

Central Michigan University. But, let's

be honest--it comes as a surprise to no

one. At 6-5 and 270 pounds, he's a proto-

"Derek is the cornerstone of our

offensive line this year," said Mach.

"He is a very tough player who has bat-

tled through two years of various inju-

ries. You can count on Derek in any key

situation. If you need a first down, run

behind Derek-he will get the job done

started at both guard and tackle for the

Luke Patterson, offensive line, South

The best run and pass blocker on

out a doubt, Patterson. Not only was he

was a mobile threat as well, often being

aggressive and brutal, but Patterson

seen down field making key second-

level blocks to help keep the Cougars'

Jameson Donahue, offensive line,

Donahue may be one of the young-

team, but that doesn't speak against his

skill one bit. This year the young play-

er made his mark on both offense and

of the Lions' plans over the next few

defense and is expected to be a key part

years. He's also quite the accomplished

defensive lineman, picking up 56 tack-

les this year for Mark Thomas' defense

Derrick Newman, offensive line, Mil-

Are you the kind of fan who likes to

Well, you won't be disappointed because

Milford's top lineman, Newman, fits the

Fox's squad weighs in at 300 pounds and

stands 6-5, making him quite the force

"(Derrick) is a strong blocker and a

two-year starter," noted Fox. Newman's ability aggressiveness on the offensive line shade him a no-brainer to run

behind, and his skill and dedication to

the game will be hard to replace for

see some bulk on your offensive line?

bill. The dominating lineman for Pat

to be reckoned with.

Milford next season

est players on this year's All-Area

the South Lyon East line was, with-

Edwards is versatile, too, having

and technique and he plays with an

Catholic Central senior

typical collegiate lineman.

for you."

Shamrocks.

Lyon East senior

offensive drives alive.

South Lyon sophomore

Mustangs nip Wildcat tankers

ra and each the 200 free

relay and 400 free relay

teams' times qualified

nicely two days later

as they headed to West

Bloomfield Saturday for

the Laker Invitational and

ing in convincing fashion.

showed much more depth

for the Wildcats than the

Novi placed first in sev-

Among top-heat victors

en of nine relay heats

and in 18 of 32 individu-

Chris Jackett is a freelance

writer and former staff writer

dual meet against North-

ville, as Novi amassed

won the six-team gather-

The multi-heat format

them for the state meet

Novi rebounded quite

League competition got off to a splash Jan. 10 with a big baseline rivalry match-up between Novi and Northville at the

Although Novi (1-2, 0-1 KLAA Central) won six diving results had not been submitted by press (4-1, 1-0 Central) came away as 102-84 victors due to their team's depth.

268.5 points through 11 Northville's Andrew events (diving scored not reported). Host West Westphal and Novi's Tan-Bloomfield was secner Vincent were the stars of the Jan. 10 meet ond with 197.5 points, as as each won three events. North Farmington, Rochester, Farmington Hills including participating Harrison and Walled in one victorious relay Lake Northern also com-

Westphal won the 50 free (22.63 seconds), 100 free (48,56) and teamed with Sam Boyea, James Xue and Austin Hunt to win the 400 free relay in 3:20.35.

for the Wildcats was Vincent in the 100 fly (54.38), Vincent won the 200 individual med-Onimura in the 100 back lev (2:03.63), 500 free (56.73), Kim in the 100 (4:56.03) and teamed with breast (1:04.69) and both Gordy Williams, Nathan the 200 free relay team in Louie and Vinny Rosana 1:32.79 and 400 free relay team in 3:24.53. The 200 li to win the 200 medley of Ao Onimura Rosanali and Vincent, while the

The Wildcats had three other multi-event winners. In addition to Rosanali helping the 200 Ao, Maehata, Vincent and free relay team of Gucci Ao's 200 free and Vin-Onimura, Arthur Shi and Andrew Ao to victory in cent's 100 fly were both 1:31.06. Onimura won the state qualifying times. 100 backstroke in 56.44 seconds and Ao won the 200 free in 1:47.60.

The final two swimming events were taken by Northville, as Frank Zhang won the 100 butter fly in 56.71 seconds and Alan Ruan won the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.90.

After a jumper by 14 points) to start the second quarter, the Wildcats rattled off 12 unanswered points that included a trio of three-pointers – including two by senior Kasey Lowney (six points) - to take a 17-6 halftime lead

"Things go a lot easier when you pick up outside shots, that's for sure," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "That was the plan, to limit turnovers and rebound as they spread it out. I thought we played a very good second quarter. In the second quarter. Northville scored six points. But then to start the third quarter, miscommunication on three possessions, exactly the opposite of what we tried to do in the first half."

back with a 16-9 third quarter to narrow the deficit to 26-22, but Novi star point guard Kerri McMahon (team-high eight points, four rebounds three assists) hit her first basket with 5:44 left in regulation and didn't slow down, leading Novi to a 35eight of the Wildcats' nine

The Mustangs answered

the rim.

"Mencotti does well. Just

a junior guard, she's very

active all over the place.

She had a lot of looks for

us in the first half. She

does that runner in the

and it looks really good

and she can pour some

night like tonight she was

just missing everything at

The Mustangs shot 12-

for-34 (35.3 percent) from

the field, which was actu-

ally better than Novi's 10-

for-34 (29.4 percent), but

free throws sealed the

points in for us. And a

fourth-quarter points. "The problem is when you settle for things, settle for shots," Kelp said. of putting her in different positions against the zone and, unfortunately, I never got to that. Sometimes we shoot too quickly and the ball inside, we missed

lay-ups." Although Brenner did most of the dam age for Northville, sophomore Emily Maresh (eight points) chipped in as junior Gabby Mencotti (two points) was held without a field goal on 0-for-9 shooting despite her other-wise solid effort.

"Maresh is just a sophomore and definitely had her best game of the year. I wish out kids looked at her a little bit more because she was I think feeling it and we had bered positions and Milcoach Todd Gudith said, "I thought they had a small ford took the top four even-numbered posikid on her for quite a while and we could've went to her a little bit more. She tions, For Novi, Halley took third in 41.63, John son was fifth in 42.98 and was the only one doing anything offensively for Schlax seventh in 46.76. The girls had a toughus, at least decent looks at

son's past is still developing. Novi lost 14-26 to Hartland as the Eagles took four of the top six spots. Although Milford's fallory Reader won in 41.38 seconds. Novi's Miranda Hanby took third

Things were a litin 45.08 and Ashley Sawatle tighter in the second match-up against Milford, va fourth in 46.48. Also finishing in Novi's top but Novi came out on top four were Nina Li (eighth 16-20. Dupessey, Halley, in 52.03) and Kelly Moran the Wildcats' top four rac-(11th in 53.28). The competition only ers again, with Dupessey got tougher in the second winning his second meet match of the day against of the day in a time of 37.87 seconds. Milford's the Wildcats 14-30. The Corv Brush was second in Mayericks' Natalie Ker-39.86, but the teams alter win won the girls' race in nated finished in Novi's favor, as the Wildcats took 41.29 seconds, as Hanby led Novi at third in 46.01. the top four odd-num-

SKIERS

through eighth, all with

times less than 51 sec-

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With Milfrod also taking

was the only other Wild-

cat in the top 10, finishing

fourth in 47.19. Novi's oth-

four of the top six, Sawaya

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again after last holding the lead at 27-26 with 3:06 to go in the third quarter. "I thought we grew up as a team tonight," Tass

said. "We eliminated a lot of mistakes we've been making and we played pretty tough against a team that just likes to bang and be physical. "It was our best game so far in terms of shar-

ing the ball, keeping our heads up and finding the open man. I think it was a great team effort overall. I think our guys took

another step."
Novi sealed the deal by hitting 20-of-24 (83.3 percent) free throws, including McKinney going 10-for-10. Northville went 7for-10 (70 percent) from the charity stripe despite shooting better from the field (19-for-33, 57.6 per-39, 46.2 percent).

Novi cheer starts year off with two league wins

ish at their own Dec. 1 Winter Fire Up Invitational, the 'Cats have won both a Dec. 21 quad invite at Howell and two dual meets during a

After the holiday break, the Wildcat girls returned to host Plymouth

Salem, Livonia Stevenson, South Lyon East last week Wednesday, where they opened up league com netition with victories over both East and Salem. The 'Cats knocked off the Cougars 690.48-590.60 and defeated Salem 690.48-481.10.

Additionally, the Wildcats quad gathering Jan. 9 at Novi. swept all four heats in In Howell, the girls racked up each the 100 fly and 100 The first few showings by Novi's 716.56 points, which was well breast, while the 100 back won the top three heats, competitive cheer squad have above the competition from How ell (638.78), White Lake Lakeland helping to secure the Lakheeded positive results. (625.98) and Westland John Glenn Since the season-opening finer Invitational title.

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moment. Anthony is a young man of great character whom any coach would

love to build his team around." Darkangelo's talent's don't stop on the offensive side of the ball, either. He led the Shamrocks in tackles this year and had 96 through 10 games as well as an recruited by several colleges and has not made his final decision.

First Team Offense Cam Thomas, quarterback, South Lvon East senior

When Western Michigan University started looking for a quarterback, they didn't have to look past South Lyon East when they saw the arm and the accuracy that Thomas possesses. This year's top quarterback selection in the area completed nearly 60-percent of his passes while picking up 1,778 yards through the air. If that weren't enough, he averaged just under 200 yards per game throwing the football in a league where the rushing attack has long been the standard for successful football.

Thomas, who has committed himself to playing for Western, picked up 13 touchdowns this season, including a season-long 73-yard scoring play.

Jeff Baker, running back, Novi jun Watching Baker run the football is a lot like taking a step back in time when the Novi Wildcats consistently made a run at the Kensington Valley Conference title against the likes of Brighton and Howell. As soon as he takes the nandoff, Baker becomes a machine. He's capable of working his way around defenders or simply through them. making his mark on each and every game he played this season.

Baker led the Wildcats with 899 total yards of offense this year and found the

"We are looking forward to Jeff returning for us in the backfield," said former Novi head coach Todd Pennyc-

David Houle, fullback, Detroit Catholic Central senior

When it comes to making way for running backs, no one in the area does it better than Houle, who reveled in the role of being the lead player in Catholic Central's smash-mouth football.

"Dave is a classic CC fullback--an extremely tough and physical player who thrives on the inside run," said Mach. "He embraces the physical aspect of football wholeheartedly. Dave is a humble kid who leads by example." The two-year starter picked up 362 yards of his own as a thundering runner while crossing the goal line eight times

Wade Morris, receiver, South Lyon

East junior Need to get the ball downfield in a hurry? Just throw it to Morris, who always seems to be in the right place at the right time and capable of picking up several yards after initial con-This season, Morris picked up 680 yards receiving, even scampering for a en times. What is most impressive is that Morris caught the ball 46 times, giving him an average of 14.78 yards per catch in his junior season. Jon Malone, receiver, Detroit Catholic

Central senior When it comes down to moments where you have to put the ball in the hands of a player that has a driving desire to win, the first one liketo raise his hand is going to be Malone. The Shamrocks' receiver picked up team that throws as little as they can get away with, while snagging nearly 400 yards in the process. What's more is that he picked up an additional 300 yards on special teams and another score-the biggest plays typically coming when the Shamrocks needed them

"We have been able to count on Jon for two years now as a receiver and a return man," said Mach. "Jon is an

in treating ADHD, autism, and dyslexia.

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR Anthony Darkangelo, CC

OFFENSE

Cam Thomas, South Lyon East Jeff Baker, Novi David Houle, CC Wade Morris, South Lyon East Jon Malone, CC Dylan Roney, CC Evan Schriner, Northville Derek Edwards, CC Luke Patterson, South Lyon East Jameson Donahue, South Lyon Derrick Newman, Milford DEFENSE Anthony Waite, Lakeland Kevin Walsh, CC

Brandon Malinowski, CC Connor McRell, South Lyon Brendan Donahue, South Lyo Brandon Patrone, Northville Danny Wallace, Milford Dan Bowen, CC Grant Widger, South Lyon Jon Wines, Northville Garrett Moores, CC Tyler Marcus, South Lyon Zack Bock, CC

Sam Tacconelli, Northville

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE Joey Hewlett, Northville Alex Larson, Milford Alex Spratke, South Lyon East Dalton Christie, Lakeland Sean Conway, Northville Jon Swartz, Milford David Moorman, Northville Chase Spieser, CC Jarred Jackson, Milford

Grant Wheeler, Novi Erich Stephenson, South Lyon Anthony Dawson, Milford Darrian Spencer, Milford Zach Tofilski, Northville Mark Ryan, Novi Matt Burczyk, South Lyon East Cam Bell, Milford R.J. Holloway, Northville Lucas Marconcin, South Lyon East Andrew Laverenz, Lakeland

have paid off, for both him as an indi-

The key to being a great tight end isn't in the number of receptions or the touchdowns, but rather in the ability to block, make big plays and be reliable on each and every play. Matching that description is none other than Roney, who proved each and every down that the player across from him wasn't going to be able to outwork him or out-

"Dylan is 'tough as nails,' as they say," said Mach, "He is a relentless competitor who gives maximum effort in everything we ask him to do. He plays the game the right way and is a very humble individual, even as his individual accolades accumulate and college inter est increases. Dylan is one of our hardest workers who brings a 'lunch pail' mentality with him to practice daily. His great attitude truly reflects how much he loves the game of football."

Roney had two touchdowns over 10 games and 123 yards receiving, all laving the groundwork for Cath lic Central's dominating ground game Evan Schriner, offensive line, North-

At 6-feet-3-inches and 276 pounds, just the sight of Schriner makes an offensive line coach giddy. What makes the package even more perfect is Schriner comes into each practice and every game with a can-do attitude, refusing to give up or give in, even if the going gets

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First Team Defense Dylan Roney, tight end, Detroit Cath-Anthony Waite, defensive back, Lakeolic Central junior land senior

Despite an injury that hampered his numbers this season, Waite was a shoein for a first-team spot on this year's All-Area team just because of the sheer talent he possesses. When it comes to football, few seem so naturally inclined to the game as he does.

On defense this season, Waite picked up nearly 60 tackles and an interception

to help the Eagles under coach John Maltese. On the offensive side of the ball, he tallied 683 yards on the ground and seven touchdowns and 108 vards receiving with two more scores, which team offense selection on this year's Derek Edwards, offensive line, Detroit

All-Area squad. Kevin Walsh, defensive back, Detroit

Catholic Central senior We never complain about a smart gridder, and Walsh is exactly that. The All-CHSL Academic Team selection. who happens to carry a 4.76 grade-point average, is more than just the brains of the team, too. He can seriously play football with the best of them, which is exactly why he has interest from both Cornell and Princeton to join the ranks of the Ivy League elite and the rosters of their football teams.

"Kevin is the captain of our secondary, and, really, he is a coach's dream." said Mach. "He possesses tremendous physical and mental toughness, and exhibits a level of maturity that exceeds the standard high school kid. He is a very heady player who maximizes his ability on a daily basis by competing to the fullest on every sin-

Walsh had 42 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery in his

senior season for the Shamrocks. Sam Tacconelli, defensive back, North-At 5-8 and 153 pounds, Tacconelli

doesn't strike you as the most physically-adept football player when you first see him. His coaches wouldn't have thought so, either--that is, until they saw

"If there was a pound-for-pound title in high school football, Sam would be the champion," said Ladach. "He is a very strong and tough young man that plays with absolutely no fear. If we asked him to play guard, he would haveand he would have done well. He's that tough.'

Brandon Malinowski, linebacker **Detroit Catholic Central senior**

If we were a running back, the last ing toward a hole is the 225-pound frame of Malinowski filling it. That's because the next thing that would hap pen is a vicious hit, which Malinowski became known for this season as he picked up 82 tackles and two sacks over

10 games. "Brandon is our most vocal leader and has been a great role model for our younger players," said Mach of the CC captain, "He fulfills his leadership role to the fullest, both on and off the field.

"Brandon is a very versatile player. He has played middle linebacker, outside linebacker and defensive end this year, as well as starting two games at fullback. That all said, his best quality has to be his work ethic. Brandon has had to work for and earn everything he's gotten, and can be very proud of

Malinowski was also key on special teams this year, blocking one field goal and three extra points for the Sham-

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Thomas, "He played

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Jon Wines, defensive

line, Northville senior

We couldn't have said

it any better than Wines'

just going to leave it to

coach said it, so we're

"It seems like Jon

Ladach.

why we were so thrilled

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team's top linebacker, he

made it clear that his was

Connor McRell, line shoulder pads. backer, South Lyon senior With 87 tackles and two sacks to his name this year, McRell made it very clear that it was coach on the field.' unwise to try and run the ball in his direction. As a team captain, a first-team KLAA selection and the

for all of South Lyon's "Connor would do whatever was asked to do for the team," said Thomas.

backer, South Lyon senior It's hard to believe that the South Lyon Lions had so much talent in their defensive backfield this vear, but it was very true. You weren't likely going to beat them by trying to run at their linebackwas also in the running as an All-Area tight end this year, picked up 61 tackles and had a whopping five Dan Bowen, defensive line, Detroit Catholic Censacks this season. He was

named one of the team's It's hard to say goodhye best defensive players. to a player like Bowen, "Brendan was instrumental in our defensive Catholic Central having scheme," noted Thomas. If that weren't good left behind an amazing example of how intangi enough, Donahue was bles can make all the difalso the team's leading

receiver in 2012. Brandon Patrone, line backer, Northville senior A three-year member of the varsity squad a Northville, Patrone's name has become one

pound lineman. "Due to that is synonymous with his diminutive nature, hard work and a dedicaother teams probably single him out on film tion to the game of footto attack. It doesn't take "Replacing Brandon them long to realize their is going to be difficult," mistake. Dan is a kid Ladach said of the expe who loves to battle in the trenches and brings an rience and ability the senior linebacker brings extremely physical style

to the defensive side of the ball. "He is a quiet leader that has always led by example. Lucas Buck, linebacker,

Novi senior What can be said about a player who has made the varsity roster at Novi has made a name for himself as a stingy middle linebacker who made a career out of big hits? Nothing that he hasn't already said with his

mous selection to the All-"Lucas has a great nose Widger picked up 68 for the football and is very physical," said Pentackles and five sacks this year and took down nycuff, "Lucas was a eight running backs for losses in 2012. The senior linebacker

will be very difficult to replace, as will his 32 solo tackles this past season. Danny Wallace, linebacker, Milford junior

What is most exciting about a player like Wallace? Well, if you're a fan of the Milford Mavericks or on the coaching staff there, it's the fact that he is only a junior and is going to be a key part of the game next year.

ference in the trenches at

"Dan might be, pound-

for-pound, the toughest

Bowen picked up 44

Grant Widger, defen-

position on the field and

he's likely to go out and

tackles and five sacks

this season over 10

sive line, South Lyon

games

player on our team." said

the line of scrimmage.

Wines has been our nose tackle forever," said "Danny is a great defensive player, and is Ladach, "He is a threeyear starter that quie also a huge contributor y did his job and did it on offense," noted Fox His numbers speak for well. He always demand ed a double team, and he himself. This year Wallace picked up 70 tackles out of which he put down them, too, Replacing Jon running backs eight might be out toughest times behind the line of

First Team Special

Garrett Moores, kicker, **Detroit Catholic Central**

So what do you do with a quarterback who has over 1,000 yards in total offensive (926 passing and 133 rushing) that led his team to the state championship game? Apparently, you make nim the All-Area kicker.

Moores won't mind though. He's the type of player that loves a challenge and never gives up. He's also a very competent kicker, as showcased by his 36-for-38 performance on extra points and several field goals including a 44-yarder to tie the game against overtime in the Boys

"He has tremendous physical gifts and has an extremely competi tive nature that allows him to excel at the high level at which be does. said Mach. "As a team, we wouldn't be where we

Garrett has made for us turn in a pretty darn good Tyler Marcus, punter

South Lvon senior When it comes to punting a football, Marcus knows the ins and outs of the strategies involved, was a no-brainer for the All-Area position this

Marcus averaged 38.9 vards punting this year and had a season-long boot of 54 yards. He was also South Lyon's kicker, hitting 12-of-13 extra 3 for field goals over 40

Zack Bock, utility, **Detroit Catholic Central**

What positions could Bock been potentially named to the All-Area squad? Let's see--running back (198 yards and two touchdowns), receiver (140 yards and a touchdown), punter (40.6 yard average on 27 kicks), kicker (50 kickoffs, averaging 58.5 yards)

kick returner (nine for 153 yards) and defenone interception and one fumble recovery). The real question is, what couldn't he have

been nominated for? "Zack has great natural abilities that allow him to do a lot of things for our football team" said Mach. "Offensively, he's a very explosive player who plays running back returns punts and kicks. He is a threat to score anytime he touches the

"Zack has also been a tremendous weapon for us all season long as a kickoff man, regular ly recording touchbacks. guy we count on to lock down the other team's best receiver. Zack loves to be challenged and it shows in everything that he does."

Second Team Offense

back, Northville junior Northville's lone twocarry and finding the end zone twice. Anthony Dawson defensive back, Milford

way starter this year.

passing and 11 touch-

downs and ran for 579

yards and five scores

over seven games. He

was injured for the final

two games of the season.

Larson threw for 1,200

picking up 800 yards on

the ground. The senior

one of the most versa-

tile offensive threats in

the area this year. Over

Alex Spratke, running

back. South Lyon East

Spratke rushed for

ries n 2012, giving him a

the end zone five times.

including one on a scam

picked up 344 yards

ning back, Lakeland

Christie stepped into

for the Eagles after the

team's starter went out

opportunity. He picked

ground with 14 touch

downs while snagging

98 yards receiving for

Sean Conway, receiver.

The favorite target

of Northville's quarter-

back, Conway snagged 22

receptions for 317 yards

and four touchdowns in

2012. He was injured for

the final two games of

Jon Swartz, receiver,

leading receiver this

Swartz was the team's

vear that was also key in

eturning kicks for the

Mayericks. He snagged

David Moorman, offen-

sive line, Northville soph

A young but versa-

tile player, Moorman

37 catches in 2012 and

plays over 60 yards.

the season.

Milford senior

another score.

made the most of his

575 vards on 122 car-

total offense.

back, Milford senior

Hewlett had 1,095 yards

Dawson was difficult to get past if you were a receiver looking to make a big play in 2012, making teams have to find a way to beat Milford other than simply passing the football. His presence on the field consistently made the Mayericks a better defensive team.

Darrian Spencer, defen sive back, Milford senior two years, he's accounted Spencer was never for almost 4,000 yards of

made a hit, nor was he the type of defensive back that sputtered at his duties of covering opposing team's receivers. Seemingly everywhere on the field at once, Spen cer was a key part of Milford's defensive strategy

Zach Tofilski, linebacker. Northville junior A strong addition to receiving, scoring twice.

Northville linebacker corps this year. Tofilski made huge strides play ing the position for the first time in his career. His strong tackling and field awareness not only made him a tough player in 2012, but promises to be beneficial to North ville in his senior year as

Mark Ryan, linebacker, Novi junior Ryan is the kind of player a defensive

scheme can be built around, and his junior year he proved that he was willing to step into the role as a bruising linebacker as he picked up 51 tackles. He showcased his speed and an ability to make plays no matter how far he had to travel on the gridiron in

order to do so. Matt Burczyk, linebacker, South Lyon East senior With 47 solo tackles and 25 assists this year, Burczvk made it clear he was a player to attempt to avoid when playing the Cougars. His leadership on the defensive side of the ball will be difficult for the South Lyon East squad to replace in 2013.

From his defensive

end position, Marconcin picked up 34 solo tackles and 29 assists while showcasing good speed and top-notch field awareness. At 6-3 and 190 pounds, he has some room to add bulk, which will likely make him a true game changer in

defensive line, Lakeland

You don't always have to have the highest tackle numbers to be an effective defensive lineman Laverencz picked up just 12 solo tackles and 18 assists this year, but he made quarterbacks nervous with his 6-5, 215pound frame and the ability to get inside the pocket in a hurry. He had five sacks in 2-12.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the the team's leading rusher, Northville Record and Novi



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Catholic Central Shamrock Michael Babicz, right, takes on an opponent from Temperance

Shamrocks have strong showing at Super Duals

By Sam Eggleston

online at hometownlife.com

The Detroit Catho lic Central Super Duals were definitely super last week when the Shamrocks hosted some of the state's top teams, as well as Illinois and Ohio powerhouses.

The Shamrocks played host to teams such as Montini Catholic, from Illinois, and St. Edward, of Ohio, not to mention top Michigan-ranked teams like Davison, St John's, Temperance Bed ford and more.

The Shamrocks finished the day with a 3-2 record, earning wins against Hudson, Temperance Bedford and Dundee and taking losses to Montini and St. Edward.

Against Hudson, the Shamrocks picked up a 40-24 victory before top ping Dundee, 41-24, in a voluntary "fifth round" match. The Shamrocks started the day with a 39-21 win over Bedford ranked No. 4 in the state in Division I. Detroit Catholic CenON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back on the mat when they wrestle at 4 p.m. tomorrow at St. John's before visiting Lowell Monday at 4 p;m.

tral didn't get away unscathed, though. They fell to Montini, 36-21, and to St. Edward, 35-17.

"I thought our guys got off to a slow star today," said coach Mitch Hancock, "I don't think we competed well versus Montini which was a bit disappointing; however, I thought our guys did a nice job in picking up the intensity level dur ing the final three rounds Our guys showed some character and guts during round five in wrestling Dundee. That's a darn good team and our guys had to battle with them after four rounds of tough competition. That's a lot to ask of these guys and I'm proud of the way

olic, the Shamrocks fell behind, 19-0, to begin the match but came back with wins from Myles Amine and Ken Bade, but their chance at victory slipped utive wins by Montini in the later rounds, making it 33-8 after the 160-poun

division. The Shamrocks did, however, earned another win with Andrew Garcia picking up a decision at 171 pounds as well as wins from Jay Peterson and Bob Coe. The match against St.

Edward -- ranked second in the nation - found the Shamrocks — ranked 14th in the nation — tak ing a 9-0 lead with victories from Trevor Zdebski, Evan Toth and Myles Amine, but the Eagles came back strong with five consecutive wins for Garcia earned a win at 171 with a 23-8 technical locker room at the half went on to win at 189 and 215 before Coe collected a 5-1 heavyweight division win to finish the scoring

CC splits week on ice ods of play. Senior Charlie Green

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic

Central hockey team

By Sam Eggleston

There are folks out there called numerolo gists who believe that every person has particular numbers that are significant in their life Last week, for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team, those iumbers were 5 and 1. The squad, coached by

Todd Johnson, collected

the direction they wanttheir rivals skate off with

score came off the stick of defenseman Carter Cerretani, who notched

period by Ryan Mulka. The game against Port Huron went in a favorable direction for the Shamrocks from the start. They outscore period and didn't look

will be back in the rink when they play at 8 p.m ırday at Culver Academy.

Derek Moore took the loss in the game in net and was replaced in the first

back as they shut them

got a hat trick with three goals on the night. Assistance on the first goal came from Nick Daigneau and Carson Gatt while Gatt combined with Mike Babcock to assist on the sec ond score. The third goal by Green, which was the final score of the night, was assisted by Bahcock and Matthew Sorisho. Catholic Central also has scoring from Connor Gaffney, who was assisted by Bobbie Carey and Wade Orlowski, and Bab cock, who was assisted by Green and Sorisho. Moore earned the win

between the posts for the

Shamrocks, who are now

10-2 overall and 8-2 in the

between the two teams

better against DeLaSal-

le as they fell, 57-29, in the

Central Division contest.

13-6 lead in the first quar-

ter and built on that advan

tage to hold a command-

ing 25-11 lead at the half.

to find any pep in their

The Shamrocks still failed

step in the third quarter as

DeLaSable leant out to a

The Shamrocks fared no

MIHL conference. Shamrocks drop two games

By Sam Eggleston

If you asked coach Bill Dver what kind of week boys' basketball team avoid from here on out, he would likely bring up back-to-back losses against league rivals.

lic Central Shamrocks were on the wrong end of two Catholic High Schoo League losses last week. falling to Brother Rice, 58

38, and to DeLaSalle, 57-29 Against Brother Rice, the Shamrocks scored just one field goal in the ing out with a strong first half. The team trailed 13od, but came back to tie the game against a tough Warriors squad, 27-27, as they headed into the

ON TAP time the Warriors have defeated the Shamrocks The Detroit Catholic since 2010, marking their Central Shamrocks basfirst win in eight games

ketball team will be back on the hardwood when they play at 7:30 p.m. at University of Detroit Jesuit High School. They will then play Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

last time the Shamrocks would even be in the conversation about possibly winning the game as Brother Rice went on a 19-9 run in the third quarter and each team finished with 12 in the final CHSL Central contest.

Andrew Toth led the Warriors with 11 points while Catholic Central failed to have a single player score

The victory by Broth

DeLaSalle outscored them 19-7 to put the game out of reach. The final stanza found the Shamrocks scor ing 11 while DeLaSalle tacked on 13 more.

points to lead the Shamrocks and no other player had more than four points. The struggling Shamrocks are now 3-5 on the

Charlie Rvan scored 10



Second Team

Grant Wheeler, defen-

It's always a tough sea-

sive back leads the team

didn't shy away from the

in tackles, but Wheeler

challenge as he picked

up 52 tackles in 2012. He

was an aggressive defen-

sive back who helped sty-

their ground and passing

mie opponents in both

Erich Stephenson

defensive back, South

For a sophomore, Ste-

phenson played like he

had something to prove

himself into a strong candidate for a first-team

position while picking up

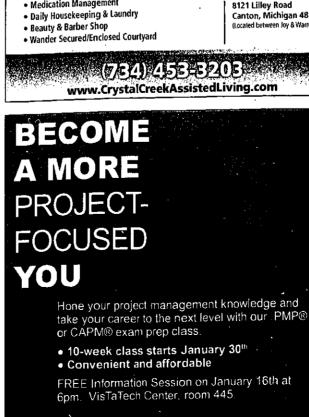
38 tackies. He was also

picking up 6.3 yards per

from day one, turning

sive back, Novi senior

Defense



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Critical Signal

High-tech firm helps seniors live independently, does much more

By Julie Brown

Jeffrey Prough has a good example to explain work at Critical Signal Technologies, of which he's founder and presi

The West Bloomfield resident's mother, who is 90, is a customer.

"All I have to do is explain I put my mom in there," said Prough, 53. "She's tough as nails raised five kids."

Among services at the Farmington Hills-based firm is home monitor ing of patients and their health. His mom knew alternatives such as nursing home or assisted liv ing care that could follow if she left her home She can live independent ly, get her medication administered at home and have her weight checked.

er." Prough said, She'll call in and have him "To me, that's just a good solid example of

the level of trust we have with our people," he said of family members being Critical Signal Technol ogies is the largest inde-

serving seniors. can't get up." That evolved with

pendent U.S. provider of Personal Emergency Response Systems. It can gan, there's one in westcommunicate in over 150 ern Massachusetts. languages with an exclu-The contact may be sive two-way Clear Voice with family and a phy-

The goal, Prough said, is improved patient out-

come with benefits to hospitals and care cen-The firm was founded in 2006 and began oper-

ating in January 2007. It now employs 145 people plus subcontractors who do periodic installation. All undergo criminal background checks.

More than individuals

Private consumers are among the smallest area, he said, mostly being in managed care insurance companies, home care agencies and hospitals Critical Signal Technologies has 800 U.S. contracts to Medicaid waiv er agencies such as the local Agency on Aging

Like many, he remembers the earlier commercial of the woman who said, "I've fallen and I

technology into a more sophisticated system to allow people to live age disease. Customers can push a call button to contact a care cen ter. In addition to Michi-



Jeffrey Prough of West Bloomfield is founder and president of Critical Signal Technolo which helps seniors and others to live at home and remain more independent.

"Our philosophy is not to interfere with clinicians." He has staffers from social work backgrounds and some who were in home care There are also people in information technology, software development, finance and oth-

been a customer since his er more traditional busi-40s. He had a heart transness areas at the privateplant and now has muscu lar dystrophy. "We follow ly held firm. a bunch of protocols for On the grow Prough calls himself a "Michigan kid" who want-Critical Signal Technologies has about 80,000 clients. He sees several ed to contribute to our state's business climate. primary growth reasons.

including the Afford-

The firm is well

all 50 states, Canada and able Care Act seeking Puerto Rico. educed readmissions. Also, baby boomers are "I wanted to do my part more comfortable with to diversify the economic base here in Michigan. technology. "They're He likes the feeder base not going to be willing immediately to surren of strong colleges and unider their independence.

"So we're in a good

sician. An ambulance

of protocols, Prough

"We call it patient-cen-

tered care," he said. A

patient may not feel well

"It may be more appro-

due to new medication.

priate for them to call

their physician" or a

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Preventing hospital

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Prough has a physically

challenged brother who's

His firm has customers in

will be able to sense if it's

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cal outage problems, he emphasized. "We cannot miss a signal, ever. It's a very expensive infrastructure that we hope we never use. We spend a lot of money on redundancies at every level.'

The corporate head-

quarters are here. The Novi building will be about two and a half times the size of the Farmington Hills one, and Prough and others look forward to settling in. He'll add about 25 employees next year. mostly in the care cen-

"We wanted to stay relatively close," to keep good people. They need a stand-alone building, due to their 24-hour operations all days, and the new building on Meadowbrook works well. "It's perfectly suited

room to expand. We're pretty excited." He sees some encour aging economic signs

"I think there are small signs but good signs that the economy is turning the corner," Prough said He likes measures to get young entrepreneurs in Michigan. Prough is married to

Elizabeth, who holds a of 2012. Ph.D. in political science and teaches at Madonna University and Eastern Michigan University. They have two sons. ness development at the firm, and Scott, 19, a freshman at Miami University in Ohio.

To learn more about the business, visit www. cstltl.com.

2012 Tax Act a relief for planners

n Jan. 3, 2013, President Obama signed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (the "2012 Tax tax relief, it does avoid higher taxes for all taxpavers and provides certainty for many Americans, Far from a complete overhaul of the Internal Revenue Code, many of the items in 2012 Act were "extensions" or "renewals" of various tax provisions that were set to expire on December 31, 2012. For planners, getting a longer-term tax bill passed and signed was a great relief compared to the last two Passage of the 2012 Tax

Act met with bitterness from many in Congress Much of the anger on both 'taxing the rich" principle. They were either taxed oo much or not enough. Why there would be any

a great deal more had Con-

tax will remain the same as they were under previous law (10 percent-35 percent). Without the 2012 Tax Act, income tax rates would have increased to 15 percent-39.6 percent. The capital gains rates were also set to increase from 0-15 percent to 10-20 percent, fortunately the lower rates will remain in place for most taxpavers.

What the 2012 Tax Act does, however, is payers who are in this higher income tax

hold and \$250,000 for individuals).

40 percent for taxable estates (amount in excess of \$500,000) under the 2012 Tax Act.

For many working Americans, the reduction in the employee portion of Social Secupercent) in 2011 and 2012 was a nice relief in their paychecks. An equivalent portion of the tax was reduced (10.4 percent) for selfemployed workers, Congress, however, did not extend this 2 percent tax cut for future sary to stimulate the economy in 2011-2012. The other theory is that the additional 2 per

of the 2012 Tax Act is that the reduced capindividual shareholders (of both large and throughout the year. Paying a reduced rate of tax on that income is appealing, especialthe corporate level. If this "type of income" were taxed at the higher ordinary income sions. In other words, individuals may have taken an immediate capital gain on shares those shares with investments that would tax, such as tax-free bonds. From a tax policy standpoint, the effects could have been

tax, but taxpayers who will be paying the largest share of tax will be collected unde the 20 percent capital gains rate (the "War cent ordinary rate. For a historical perspective, in 1999 (the last time the United payer was \$288,350, the capital gains rate was 20 percent and dividends were subject to tax at the ordinary income tax rate. For the most part, the 2012 Tax Act is a pleasant surprise due to the fact that it does

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Home Builders Association: Climb predicted in single-family building

Michigan) is forecasting that tion in 2013 will increase by 39 percent over 2012 levels. **HBA Michigan attributes** the positive forecast to a stronger Michigan economy and state legislation aimed at stimulating the housing

industry. "With record low new home production for the past several years, pent up demand is finally beginning to burst through in the marketplace noted Robert Filka, CEO of HBA Michigan. "When combined with positive tax and regulatory changes that will encourage more investment our outlook is more optimistic than it's been in nearly a decade." The number of single-fam-

ily home permits recorded year-to-date in Michigan was up 36 percent through the end of October 2012. Those are the latest number available from the US Census Bureau. Current projections are for some 10,000 sin gle-family home permits to be issued in Michigan for all

Looking ahead at singlefamily home permits in 2013 following a reasonable solution to the U.S. "fiscal cliff" negotiations — HBA Michigan forecasts 13,928 permits to be issued in the coming year. In addition to Filka said the housing industry will be assisted next year

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Willie Norwood (left) and Dale Graham of Norwood Boyle Construction Services posed by a vacant house

their company remodeled in Redford as part of SNAP, a federal stimulus program. Builders are optimistic about an upswing in residential building activity for 2013.

by a new law adopted by the state legislature and recently signed by Gov. Rick Sny der. Public Act 494 of 2012 reduces the tax on new inventory homes that are constructed by home build-

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homes in the future," said Filka. "Building inventory homes is a critical mar keting tool that has proven successful in generating new home sales. Thanks to the foresight of the legislature and the governor, homeinvest more in our communi ties around the state.

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neighbor before suit

where my neighbor constructed within a 40-foot-wide easemen on my property that ran parallel to the roadway laid out in the easement and placed log deck and other personal property on the other side of the road creating a "cow chute." These acts narrowed the area in which cars could pass. Do I have a basis to sue my neighbor for what he did? He claims that the width of the easement was only a 12-to 14-foot paved area based on the

A: While it is obviously fact intensive, in a similar case, a Washington State appellate court held that your neighbor's placement



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terminate easement. In addition a zoning ordinance that prohibited the location of buildings and structures what would have been your neighbor's activities a nuisance per se, requiring removal of the fence and other property It may result in a lawsuit, but you should advise

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A: Well, it all depends

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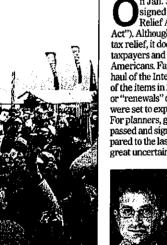
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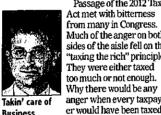
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you are involved, but in a recent case out of that absent fraud or concealment a landlord who has given possession of the premises to the tenant owes no duty of care to maintain the premises since that duty rests with the tenant. In that case, the court ejected the argument that the landlord's enter to make repairs created a duty because this reserved right did full right of possession. The court also found that the state's statutory requirement that the landlords comply with building codes created a contractual warranty but not a tort liability. Moreover, the court dismissed a claim under common law negligence for failure to warn of the presence of lead paint which is, of course, required in Michigan because a landlord had made a lead paint disclosure and the conditions were obvious and open to view Obviously, you should attorney with respect to

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gress not acted. Tax rates for most individuals under the income

it increases the marginal tax rate (39.6 percent) for married taxpavers with adjusted gross income over \$450,000 (\$425,000 for head of household and \$400,000 for individual filers). The capital gain rate also increases from 15 percent to 20 percent for capital gains and qualified dividends of taxbracket. Finally, the 2012 Tax Act reduces some itemized deductions (by no more than 80 nercent of the allowed amount) for married taxpayers with adjusted gross income over \$300,000 (\$275,000 for head of house-

The estate tax credit stays at \$5 million (rather than falling to \$1 million) and is scheduled to increase each year based on inflation. The marginal estate tax rate, however, will increase from 35 percent to

rity withholding (from 6.2 percent to 4.2 vears in the new legislation. Part of their theory was that the reduction was necescent is necessary to stave off the impend ing collapse of the Social Security retire-

In my opinion, the most important piece ital gains rate will continue to be applied against "qualified dividends." For many closely-held corporations), dividends are the income that they expect to receive ly if this money was previously taxed at tax rates, investors may have been more inclined to make drastic investment deciof dividend-paying stock and replaced not generate additional ordinary income

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While every job-search experience is different, it's helpful to hear from others who have been in the same boat as you. Here. experts and past job seekers share some of their best advice for landing your dream role:

Practice makes perfect "Be very careful how you an-

swer questions in a job interview. You always want to be truthful, but it's best to practice your answers, as most websites suggest. I failed to do this prior to my first interview, and when I was asked what job I'd done that I was most proud of, I actually answered, 'Being a mother.' While this is true. it was definitely not the best answer I could have given and certainly not the one the interviewer was looking for. Do your homework on the companies you plan to interview with, and Show how you add value anticipate the kinds of questions they might ask. Come up with answers that will be both honest and impressive." - Margaret Miller, writer and

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ing, even in a down economy. I say this as a business owner, whose biggest challenge over the past year has been finding network or companies that are known to be hiring. Learn about the larger world and environment."

- Anthony Kirlew, founder and

Find what makes you

CEO of AKA Internet Marketing

passionate "If you don't focus your job search on something you are passionate about, you won't stand out enough. Your networking, your résumé and your interviews all have to show a spark to get attention, espegood news is it's a great time to tap into what you love and then match that to the job market. It's possible and essential."

can provide. Your credentials and your past are nice

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quality help. I have also seen it with other local business owners who are looking to hire. I believe that people get an idea that there are no jobs because of all the negativity they hear about the job numbers in the media, so they buy into that and give up, while others go for it and find great jobs, regardless -Tammy Gooler Loeb, career and of the economic indicators."

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key. Stay optimistic throughout the process and keep going until you achieve your goal." - Lynda Zugec, managing director of The Workforce Consultants Stand out from the

"Every candidate is nunctual

Network, network, "Network with all kinds of people for useful market information, not just information about specific job openings

executive coach at Tammy Gooler Loeb Coaching & Consulting

Stay positive "Positivity and persistence are

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responsible and gets on well with people. To avoid blending in with the crowd, highlight unique elements of your personal brand. For example, a candidate listed an aroundthe-world trip she took in college as an educational experience. When we read that, we had to hear the story, so she got an interview and eventually a job. Don't skip or gloss over the cover letter. This is your opportunity to make a personal impression and connection. A résumé is just a list of facts about you, but the cover letter gives a hiring agent insight

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already work where you want to work through social media like LinkedIn, attend networking events for the industry and leverage your personal connecions. Even a small connection can often get you past the first paper cut or get your résumé the second glance it deserves. Matt Meuleners, executive partner at professional train-

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Ford aims to play 'softer' side with new Sync apps Glympse and Kaliki



closed 2012 on some form with new mobile partners: weak notes, grappling with pesky recalls on its newest vehicles and trying to figure out how to shore up owner confidence in MyFord Touch. But some be-

lieve Ford is on course for a stellar 2013, and the automaker is certainly showing signs of a new-year renaissance with its announcements at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in early January...

Ford's difficulties last year stemmed largely from confusion over how to use the MyFord Touch infotainment hardware and software, and their frustration spilled over into poor ratings via third parties such as Consumer Reports. Ford also took blows from issuing four recalls on its crucial new Escape SUV and from reviewer skepticism about reported mileage levels for its new C-Max hybrid.

Yet in the new year, which could be his last full one as CEO, Ford chief Alan Mulally and his troops will be able to rely on a number of momentum builders. They'll 'have fuli-volume sales of the newly designed Fusion mid-size sedan and, without any more recalls, should be able to build sales of Escape as well. Sales of the Focus compact continue to build; the Fiesta subcompact, in December, recovered a bit from its recent sales doldrums. And

Ford brand its Sync AppLink in-car connected plat-

Glympse, an app that tracks a user's trip including whereabouts and even the speed at which they are traveling. Drivers will be able to share their location with friends and family directly from their car using simple voice commands, eliminating the need to touch their mobile phone

"At Glympse, we're dedicated to creating a more robust connected-car experience, and working with Ford will help us to reach millions of consumers who will be able to just say, 'Send a Glympse' to share their current whereabouts, eliminating the need to send a text or make a phone call," said Bryan Trussel, co-founder and

BeCouply, a location-based app that attempts to help "couples looking to escape another mundane date night driving circles around town." The idea of BeCouply is to help create "an exciting social life" by making it "easy to discover great date ideas, capture special moments, and connect with other couple friends on the



the car can play a criti-

cal role in the success of a burgeoning relationship," Julius Marchwicki, global product manager for Ford's Sync AppLink, in a statement. BeCouply is a terrific idea, and it shows how smartphone apps can help add convenience to the driving experience."

Rhapsody, the first full automotive integration for the streaming

digital music service.

Aha service by Harman's, which offers more than 30,000 audio stations. Kaliki's mobile app, which lets drivers

listen to "their favorite news content" from "major newspapers and magazines." It'll provide "talent-read audio versions" of articles in an interesting companion to

Ford's applications push (and developer program) unveiled at CES indicate a strategy for enriching its infotainment experience via new software and connections, presumably partly in a bid to get past all the problems with My-

Ford Touch, whose difficulties have centered on hardware issues such as video displays. But Ford isn't the only automaker wooing mobile app de-

in the battle to find the right apps for car buyers. GM also announced at CES that it is inviting anyone from software geeks to the everyday driver to devleop applications that can be used in their vehicles.

ford said that it's opening up access to a specialized application connection software, called AppLink, so it can expand its current crop of 13 programs that connect to its vehicles.

"We think we're opening up an entirely new segment of applications," said Marchwicki, who oversees Ford's application-developer efforts. He said Ford will offer a website with documentation and specialized access codes to help developers get started connecting their apps into

Ford spent 2012 largely on its fueleconomy and design story, focusing on relatively traditional "hard" platforms as part of its "Go Further" global positioning. For 2013, it seems, Ford wants to tell





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