

Daddy Daughter Dances Feb. 15-16

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and **Cultural Services De**partment, in partnership with Sweet and Sassy, will host the an-nual Daddy Daughter Dances from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16 at

the Novi Civic Center. Dads and daughters will spend the evening in Oz with some special guests from the popular production making appear ances. Sid Zack Entertainment will have everyone on their feet with today's hits and some old-time favorites. Refreshments will be served including breadsticks provided by Aubree's of Northville, a giant chocolate fountain, and a sno-cone machine. At the end of the evening, 800 balloons will drop from the ceiling.

The price is \$14 per person for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Wrist corsages and charms are both available for pre-order for \$8 each and will be available for pick up at the dance. Photos will be avail-able at an additional cost during the dance. Each child will receive a speciál gift when they leave.

To register for either night, visit cityofnovi.org or stop by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. The dances are popular and tickets self quickly. Registration will be \$5 additional dollars at the door, if space is available. For questions about the event, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural

City of Novi, schools explore more park space

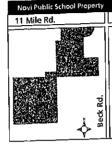
Potential area on Bosco property

By Lonnie Huhman Although rejected by Novi

ment for its development. According to Novi's director voters in a 2009 special elecof Parks, Recreation and Culturtion, the southwest corner of 11 al Services, Jason Mangum, the

city is currently discussing with ting another chance to become a the school district a memoranpark as the City of Novi and Novi dum of understanding (MOU) Schools explore a mutual agreerelating to this property, which is

"We are just in the early stages



designs or plans," Mangum said. He explained that the memorandum of understanding would be an agreement between the city and school district that

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Contract for full-time firefighters a 'win-win'

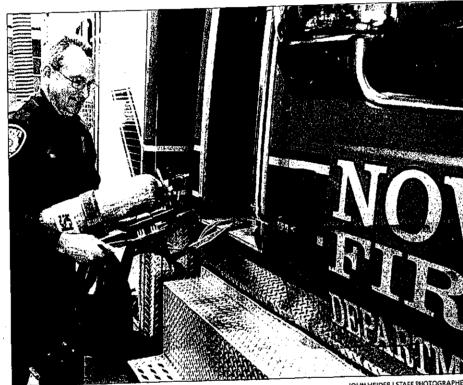
Personnel will receive a 2-percent wage increase under

3-year pact By Lonnie Huhman

The new contract between the City of Novi and its full-time firefighter personnel was described as a win-win for both sides. Under the new three-

year agreement Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union new contract that includes a 2-percent raise, which is the first The Novi City Council approved the contract by a unanimous vote at the

Jan. 28 meeting. "Like any negotiations, the process took some time, but in the end we see it as a win-win for the City of Novi as well as the



IOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi firefighter Jeff Lachman gets out a breathing unit from one of Station 1's trucks on Feb. 1. Novi and its full-time

Accused I-96 shooter competent for trial, judge rules

By Aileen Wingblad

Accused I-96 corridor shooter Raulie Casteel is competent to stand trial, a district court judge ruled Jan. 31, but he will be undergoing additional forensic evaluation regarding the question of criminal responsibility for the string of incidents in a four county area last October. Judge Brian MacKenzie of 52-

1 District Court in Novi based his decision to deem Casteel competent after reviewing an evaluation from the Michigan Department of Community Health's Center for Foren-

sic Psychiatry. Results show Casteel understands the charges

against him and can assist his counsel in his defense. Casteel Further eval-

union firefighters recently agreed upon a new contract.

uation, however, could show Casteel is not criminally responsible for the shootings because he's legally insane. Casteel, a 43-year-old Wixom resident, faces 60 felony charges including assault with intent to murder for a string of shootings in Wixom and Commerce

Township last October. He also faces terrorism charg-

es and felony weapons charges for shootings in Livingston, Shiawassee and Ingham counties, filed by the state attorney general. On Jan. 30, a Livingston County deemed Casteel competent for trial in those cases, based on the same forensic eval-

linked to Casteel and a 9mm handgun were at motorists. One victim was injured. On Feb. 4, MacKenzie ordered Casteel's competency reports sealed until the trial concludes.

Both Assistant Prosecutor Jef-

protected by the mental health code. At that time, MacKenzie had said he wasn't convinced the record shouldn't be made public and was "very troubled" by the concept of suppressing information that was already admitted in court. Most of the 24 shootings

Casteel is in the Oakland County Jail. He's scheduled for a preliminary exam in 52-1 District Court on March 1 at 9 a.m.

frey Hall and Casteel's defense

attorney Charles Groh stated in

court last week that the report

is privileged communication,

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Marking the Novi Youth Assistance's donation to the Novi Public Library are (I to r) April Stevenson, head of the library's nformation Services; Jessica Wallace, Novi Youth Assistance caseworker; Margi Karp-Opperer, library assistant director

Novi Youth Assistance donates \$200 to help library's afterschool program

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tance recently made a generous donation of \$200 to the Novi Pub-

partnership with Novi lic Library's Teen Space Community Schools. for the purchase of Novi Parks & Recrefurniture and games, ation and Youth Assisaccording to Julie Fartance to monitor the kas, library director. The library start-"We just want the gram Oct. 1, 2012. The kids to have a spot in the library to be able to library's Meeting Room is open from 2-5 p.m. unwind and hang out, and not worry about dis-Monday-Thursday for

MP3 players.

The library has

formed a community

turbing other patrons," students in grades sevsaid Teen Services enth through 12th to Librarian Jennifer Presrelax and unwind from ton. "We greatly appretheir school day. Card and board games are ciate this donation by available for the teens, Novi Youth Assistance The working relationas well as craft supplies, and they also have ship between the four partners has really been access to the room's state-of-the -art sound something special.'

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would basically get the two parties on the same page as to how this property might be developed. The property is 73 acres, but only an unspecified portion of it would eloped into park land. It's zoned for this use and probably would

It's referred to as the Bosco property because it was owned by that family for a long time. The Boscos own the farmhouse and barn next to the MOU-related prop-

be used for multi-purpose

In 2009, this same area was proposed to become Signature Park and was a bond proposal was overwhelmingly rejected by voters. The plan was a much bigger and would have had a community recreation center, which would have included teen activities, an older adult center, theatre, gymnamunity programs. But Mangum said that isn't what's being dis-

cussed now. Rather, he

said, the location is per-

fect to have fields that support some of the new field hockey. Those have grown in popularity throughout the community in the last few years, but are competing with other sports for time at other fields.

"I wasn't here then (for the Signature vote), but I think economically things were more tight for voters and they to move forward on the

vacant ever since. How ever, now it's a joint initiative with the two parties exploring an effort that aims to benefit both. Mangum said any final plans would be approved

have been specified, but the city does have mon ey set aside to help with conducting a development study for the property - if an MOU is The MOU draft will



park," Mangum said. The property has been

None of the financials

be reviewed by the City Council and Board of Education, and both are expected to issue a deci-

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The City of Novi and the Novi Community School District are working on coming to an agreement so that the city can use this parcel of land, at the southwest corner of Beck and 11 Mile roads and currently owned by the district, for parks.

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One of Oakland County's big projects will Eight Mile between Taft and Napier roads, which is expected to cost \$4.6 million. A big chunk of this, nearly \$3 million, will be funded through

According to Novi's Public Services Rob Hayes, Novi's share will be approximately \$400,000. It will be fund ed through a combin tion of banked Tri-Party funds and the city's Municipal Road Fund

which will be \$95,805.

This project is expected to begin in June, November, As part of this project. Novi city staff is working with the Road Commission of Oakland County, the Northville Township to arrange for the placement of sidewalk/pedestrian paths along this roadway, at least to the **Beck Road intersection**

This will lead to an eventual connection to Maybury State Park. lenge is finding the funding to cover it

tinues to be an issue driving west toward Maybury and ITC parks,

Drivers should be able to look forward to a smoother com-

mute along Eight Mile Road as some of its worst sections

this spot near Griswold, has been patched and re-patched

many times and features deep, tire-killing potholes

plan and undertake oth-

er road projects, includ-ing establishing a pri-

ority list of roads to be

reworked through the

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Mile near Griswold got

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road is in good condition And the holes and ill-

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structed in 2013. Some of Eight Mile, like

their heads. Wayne County is plangeneral road work mainthe Eight Mile Road and Center Street intersection along with improve not been announced yet, ments to it from the railly identifying the roads road bridge near Novi Street east to Meadwbrook Road, which includes the treacherous area near Griswold a 3 on Novi's rating sys-This project is expect-

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summer.

'Mermaid" The Novi Civic Theatre is seeking actors in first grade through college

to be a part of a musi ney's "Little Mermaid Jr." Auditions will be 6-8 p.m. Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads. The produc tion provides the opportunity to learn about costuming, lighting, and sound as well. If cast, participants are expected to pay the \$80 (\$96 for nonresidents)

registration fee, which includes an authentic script book. This will be a competitively cast show. Rehearsals are on Tues days and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with possible Saturday rehearsals as needed. Å mandatory family registration meeting/first run through will take place from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 12. Tech week will be from 6-9 p.m. Monday. April 29 through Thurs-

day, May 2. Performance dates and times: 7 p.m. Fridays, May 3 and 10, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 2 p.m. Suna.m. Monday, May 6

The audition packet is available online at cityof novi.org and at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service es office. It is suggested that actors sign up for an audition time via cityof-347-0400. Walk-ins will be taken on a first come first

Tech Talk Tech Talk classes, offered by the City of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed for those ages 50 and above who are interested in becoming more tech savvv. The classes, offered in a series, will introduce e-

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of apps (applications). ses are held from 6 8 p.m. Mondays at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile. Cost per class is \$15 per

readers, Apple products

and the expansive world

resident and \$18 per nonresident, per class. Preregistration required for Feb. 11 -- iPods, iPhones, and iTunes

Feb. 25 -- All about Apps (Applications) and Tab-

Registration is available at cityofnovi.org or at the Older Adult Services office located inside For more information, call (248) 347-0414.

Super Saturdays beat winter blues

Super Saturdays, presented by City of Novi Older Adult Services, fills the prescription of much activities taking place on Saturdays between 4

Dinner, entertainment and friendship are on the menu at the Mead

ter), 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Participants must be 55 or older and the cost is \$7.50 per resident or \$9 per non-resident, er event. Tickets may Adult Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Wes

Ten Mile Road. Saturday, Feb. 23, Oscar Celebration - Join the excitement of the 85th Academy Awards, Cast your vote for the greatest while celebrating in Novi style. Ticket deadline is Feb. 20.

Saturday, March 23, Disney Celebration -"M.I.C.K.E.Y. M.O.U.S.E." and "It's a Small World After All" are two of many songs that bring smiles and special mem ories of one's childhood. Come reminisce and share fun stories. Ticket

deadline is March 20. Saturday, May 5, Ken tucky Derby - Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs during the most exciting two minutes in sports! Have fun watching the race and "horsing around" doing Derby Day activities.

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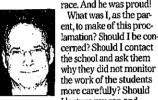
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MEAP results just one piece of the tapestry

By Steve Matthews

everal years ago, my youngest son told us at the dinner table that he had finished first in school today. I asked what the race was, and he proudly announced that it was the social studies

A bit puzzled, I asked how that could be considered a race. He said that before the test was given several of his friends and he had decided to see who could finish the test first. He had finished first. He had won the



I lecture my son and the importance of these should try his hardest all the time? Should I ask that

he be allowed to retake the exam? I did none of these things. I casually mentioned that tests should not be races and left it at that.

When the results came home my son predictably had not done as well as one would expect on his social studies MEAP exam. I briefly had a conversation with him to point out how that particular assess-ment did not align with his other assessments and reminded him that he had raced through that exam. But that was it.

Within the next few days the state of Michigan will release the results of this year's MEAP assessment. Students in grades third-ninth took the exams last October. Evidently the state likes to take its

time getting the results back to us. A test whose results are released in February but was given in October does little to provide administrators and teachers with new information. Our teachers know, and have known for months, which students struggle and need extra help, which students are right on track, and which students are well beyond our grade level cur-

So one may reasonably ask, what good is the MEAP assessment? For schools the MEAP assessment provides us with a broad look at what we do. We look for trends. We look at each student's results to try and determine if the outcome reveals something about the student that we may

We also look to see if what we are teaching matches up well with what questions the exam was asking. The exam technical ly asks questions that try and assess the state's curriculum standards for a particular grade. Teachers and administrators look to see if the results give us information that would reveal holes in what we are

teaching to our students. As a parent the MEAP results will be one more piece of evidence that we could use to monitor our child's development. As a parent we could look to see if the results fit with the feedback that we have received from other assessments. If the teacher has indicated that my son has strength in reading I can look to see if the MEAP assessment generally fits that pat-tern. If it does not I might want to have a chat with the teacher to see if I should be

The MEAP assessment provides one piece of evidence in a larger tapestry. The scores need to be seen in that larger context. If I fixate on one particular piece of the tapestry I may miss the larger picture.

In our district we are trying to provide teachers, administrators, parents, and students with a variety of check points that will allow a more fully developed picture to emerge of each student and of the school. State assessments, national assessments, classroom tests, homework, projects, and in class participation are some of the pieces of evidence that we collect on each student to create a more fully developed picture of student performance.

There will be times when a student may not do as well as expected. It may be because they raced through the exam. Or it may be that there is a need to be concerned

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on Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

The annual extravagan-

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over the years. Approxi-

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Novi Board of Education

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O'Connor elected trustee

Dennis (DOC) O'Connor, esident of the Novi Board of Education, was elected to a three-year



O'Connor

meeting. O'Connor has served as March 2012 when he was appointed to fill the vacar cy left by Berkley's Marc

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O'Connor has served for more than four years on the Novi school board. He was first elected as a trustwas re-elected to a second term last November.

Addicted to Games Not Drugs

The Novi Youth Association, along with the Novi Police and Fire departments, are presenting Addicted to Games Not Drugs from 9 a.m. to noon

trustees. Novi City Coun cil members, NEF Board members, Novi education staff. Novi alumni and friends of Novi schools.

Pre-sale ticket prices are \$75 before Feb. 15 and \$90 after. Tickets may be ourschool buildings. Checks should be made payable to: Novi Educational Founda-A confirmation email will tion-Green Gala (mail to 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI

> Tickets also can be pur chased electronically on the NEF website at www. novieducationalfounda-

Funds generated from the Green Gala event will be earmarked to districtwide program grants and student scholarship opportunities, in addition to the NEFs fundraising campaign for Leader in Me - an nnovative, personal-growth process that is woven into Novi's elementary curriculum. Leader In Me is based on For more information about the Green Gala, Green Gala sponsor ship opportunities and other NEF fundraising activities, please contact Ellen Hulverson, NEF's adminis

trative coordinator, at (248)

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State University

Kristen Kilger, of Novi, was

named to the Dean's List for

the fall 2012 semester. To be

eligible for the list, a student

Austin Probst.

Albion College The following local students were named to Albion

College's Dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. Students named must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units

must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

The University of Toledo

Aaron Gallogly, a Law major and a resident of Novi, was among the 3,000 students who were named to the fall 2012 Dean's List.

Attorney Mosher's vision helped bring OCC to life

By Joanne Maliszewski

online at hometownlife.com

It's been said that he was the right man for the job at the time. While history will eventually make that decision, George Mosher certainly was the man

College on the map.
It wasn't like he had any great dreams of creating a commuin Michigan, "I knew nothing about it all," said the 91-year-

But one day in the early 1960s, the then-General Motors attorney was lunching with a friend who was asked by another man in the restaurant if he wanted to run for a new board. had just signed a bill allowing the creation of a community college in Oakland County

"I perked up on that idea," said Mosher, who still retains his spunky sense of humor. "It sounded like an interesting

When he got home that night, he asked his wife, Doris, what she thought, "Nobody knows about this so nobody will run, right?" he asked Ruth.

Wrong. Very Wrong. But out of 45 people who sought a post on the new Oakland Commu nity College governing board, Mosher grabbed a seat. He credits Doris, who died

his success and that of the college, "She was a dynamo." As it turned out, so was Mosher, who insisted on excellence every step of the way in creating a popular and highly suc-

cessful community college.

five years ago, with so much of

Lots of stories

Still a practicing attorney, Mosher is full of stories about the people — allies and foes - who dot the history of OCC. Though with every story told, Mosher waves his hand laughing and adds, "oh, you don't want to put that one in the

But he likes telling the stories. His quick wit, perseverance and knack for pulling resources together to fulfill needs will long go down in the

history of OCC Born and raised on a ranch in South Dakota, Mosher's family moved to Oregon during the infamous Dust Bowl era in the 1930s. "At one time I was going to win the state milking contest." Mosher said.

He graduated from high school in Oregon and wanted to be a lawyer. When World War II started, he joined the Navy and trained as an officer. Mosh er served on a destroyer escort in the Atlantic and Pacific the-

While serving in the Navy he just happened to mention to the ship captain that he wanted to go to Yale Law School. No, the captain said. Go to Columbia, which he did. Eventually, Mosher landed at General Motors and retired in 1984.

In retirement, Mosher joined a private law firm. "I have an office. I really don't work anymore, but they let me come in I was the 12th lawyer when I joined the firm, now they have more than 70 lawyers."

Successful and well-known, Mosher is also a man who is honest with himself. When elected to the new OCC board, he didn't really know how to create a community college.

Thankfully, a man in Roya study of what a good community college should be and the new board followed it. But the board's first attempt to secure a tax levy from county residents failed.

and the college was on its way. "It passed by 200 votes. The year before it lost by 200 votes. I give Doris the credit for that. She never stopped calling peo-

The following year, it passed

How it works Meanwhile, Mosher spoke with a top official at the Macomb Community College who just happened to mention that he really should be in Lan-

sing when the state Legislature

He came home with \$1 milmore than a dream.

offer." Mosher said.

was originally from Michigan and Mosher wanted to meet him. Within a month, Tirrel

The board realized it was great to have a president and money for OCC. But where "Our campuses just fell into

Original campuses By the end of 1964, proper

 named because it was a for mer Quaker orchard - was a bit more expensive, but came in at less than \$1 million. "It was at an intersection we real-

The Union Lake campus was the site of a old tubercu losis treatment center. "We were told OCC could have itbuildings and all — for \$1 mil-

"I went to Lansing. I guess that's how it worked," Mosher

lion for OCC. That plus the tax levy meant that OCC could be

But the next step was to find someone to run the place Mosher contacted a University of Michigan professor he had heard about and asked him to contact some top college leaders to see if any of them want-

> "He did it. Once you looked at Oakland County and the \$1 nillion we got, we had a lot to

The board interviewed 10-12 people. A man named John Tirrel, however, was written about in a Time magazine article. He

would the college be? OCC had to have a number of campuses to serve the county's residents.

ty was purchased for all of the

original campuses. "We insisted that we would build really great campuses," Mosher said The first was the Auburn missile site used by the U.S. Army. "I was told that if we were to buy the property, the Army will give you everything that is there." The 160 acres was purchased for \$150,000.

The Orchard Ridge campus

ly wanted."

George Mosher, founder of Oakland Community College. enrolled at OCC. "Once they

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The Royal Oak/Southfield campus came later in the 1980s. "We kicked off Royal Oak's renaissance by being there," said George Cartsonis, OCC college communica tions marketing department When OCC opened, it had

4,000 students enrolled. "We had the largest student population at opening in the state, Mosher said

As word of the new college spread, Mosher and other board members set up visits for people around the country to visit the campuses and check out the classes.

Mosher said he knew OCC would be successful. Students who didn't do well at larger

were in a class of 20-25 students, they caught on."

Today, the college has about 70,000 students enrolled. To Mosher, the enrollment shows that the need in Oakland County remains. In particularly, Mosher is proud of OCC's nursing program, which graduates more students than any other college in the state.

After seven years on the OCC board, six as chairman, Mosher decided to step down, "Maybe that was a selfish thing to do in a way. But I was no longer interested in going to board meetings. I said, 'I've accomplished everything I wanted

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By Julie Brown

Novi's a survivor of the

Dan Dempsey of

Dempsey is presi-dent, CEO and found-

er of Novi-based Cha-

started in 1997 as a

technology company

ty in 1998 with another

software business that

made kiosks for paint

"We liked the idea,"

he said. "We wanted it

He hired their devel

to be a Web product.

opers and did a build-

ing show launch in

The business sur-

offers Web links that

allow both contrac-

tors and consumers

for home interiors

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Dempsey recommend-

ed Designed Exterior

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com (named a Top 100

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garnered other press

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the dot.com bust, "We

had a unique product

Dempsey, 53, recalled

among others.

Old House and also

vived, and it now

stores.

Recognition: Cadillac of Novi repeats as Top Dealer

Staff Writer

How sweet to repeat for Cadillac of Novi. again grabs the top spot amongst national Cadillac

dealerships. "This is a testament to our location, which is spectacular, and the partnership we have here between our ownership and staff. We've stuck to our motto, and that is to make deals with those wanting a quality vehicle," said Ed Pobur, gen-

eral manager. Cadillac of Novi won the 2012 National Sales Title for selling or leasing 2.035 vehicles. Pobur said that's nearly a 15-percent increase from 2011 when



Cadillac of Novi repeated as the nation's No. 1 dealer in 2012.

they won it the first time with over 1,700 in sales. A big factor in their success is the acceptance of people in Michigan for leasing a vehicle. Pobur said 90 percent of their

total was from leases. The next nearest local dealer was Don Massey Cadillac of Plymouth,

Pobur attributes the

success for this local new and used car dealer to a number of factors. He said the sales team and staff all work in unison toward the same goal and that's customer satisfaction. This team includes Mike Pasquinzo, the No. 1 salesman in the coun-

the word out as much as possible on their deals. try, according to Pobur. He said he closed 299 this would be possisales alone last year. ble without the support Pobur also pointed of the ownership team of Dan Frost and Garv to their service staff which is composed of Wood. Pobur believes their understanding certified and trained technicians capable of the business makes of doing expert repair their dealership what it is today. and maintenance work. Going forward, Pobur ship has had the highexpects to set new



Edward Pobur, general manager of Cadillac of Novi, is proud that his dealership repeated as the nation's No. 1 seller in 2012.

goals, which he said sets the standard for their work throughout the year. He said getting to 2,500 units is not impossible and he fully

expects to do that in the next year or so. "Setting such high goals could make you feel skeptical at first,

but if we put our plan in

place we should be able to work our way toward it." he said.

Cadillac of Novi is located at 41350 Grand River Ave. and at www. cadillacofnovi.com. It can be reached by telephone at (248) 476-4466.

(248) 437-2011, Ext. 255

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

National Diabetes Prevention Program comes to Novi next

month Michigan State University Extension is bringing the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP at www.cdc.gov. diabetes/prevention) to Novi for 16 weeks begin-

The NDPP will meet regularly from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Tollgate MSU Extension Con ference Center (28115 Meadowbrook, north of 12 Mile Road).

Topics include healthier eating, getting started with physical activity, overcoming stress, stay ing motivated and more. The group helps to motivate and encourage each other. After the initial 16 core sessions, particadditional support to help maintain their progress. To participate in the NDPP, a person must be overweight and have pre diabetes or be at high risk. Prediabetes is determined by one of the

one of the following blood test results: · Fasting plasma glucose between 100-125

mg/d • A1c between 5.7% and · 2-hour plasma glucose between 140 to 199 mg/dl

In addition, a combination of risk factors such as family history, being overweight or obese, ges tational diabetes and inactivity may also put a person at risk and therefore make them eligible for the NDPP.

To register for NDPP or learn more about the program, contact Cathy

Healthy aging

Nationally acclaimed and Certified Nutritionist for MegaFood, Buddy Ojeda will talk about a more seamless aging process and how to enjoy your life to the fullest at 55 years of age and beyond in a free seminar at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 ket at 42875 Grand River. Novi.

Reservations are suggested. Please visit www.

Artists needed The Great Lakes Art

juried fine arts fair April 12-14 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. It will feature 15 different mediums ranging from painting, photography, sculpture, fiber, two- and three-dimensional mixed media and

est ratings for custom-

Situated on the north-

River Avenue and Mead-

owbrook Road, the deal-

from all around the met-

east corner of Grand

ership has customers

ro Detroit area. Pobur

said it's a great spot to

be in, so they try to get

added.

All entries are juried for acceptance into the Art Fair, and the application deadline is Feb. Artists who are inter ested in participating in be required to send four images of their artwork to Great Lakes Art Fair. 46100 Grand River Ave., at www.GreatLakesArt-

Jurying will be held the week of Feb. 18, and jurors consisting of gallery owners, profession sors will be looking for

unique, high-quality, one-of-a-kind, handmade pieces. Notifications will be

For additional information or questions on exhibiting or qualifying art, visit www.Great-LakesArtFair.com; e-mail info@GreatLakesÁrt-Fair.com; or call Andrea Picklo, event manager, at

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by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular 21, in the St. Mary Mer-

edu. For more informa tion, please visit http:// www.cdc.gov/diabetes/

seminar

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to participate in its spring

sent Feb. 25 to the artists who have been selected to showcase their art-

specialty items.

Fair.com.

offices are located at the

following addresses: North Oakland Health Center; 1200 N. Telegraph



Hey, Novi! It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

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BEST FOOD OUTLETS

 Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods Best coffee

 Best steaks_ Best deli

 Best family restaurant Best place for soup · Best place for salad

 Best place for burgers Best place for hot dogs/coneys Best place for subs

· Best Sushi restaurant

· Best Italian restaurant Best Asian restaurant Best Mexican restaurant

Best Greek restaurant Best place for pizza Best martini

· Best wine selection (store) Best wine selection (restaurant) Best beer selection (store)

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Best garden center Best dance studio.

Best orthodontist Best dentist Best custom home builde

Best insurance agency

Best apartment complex

Ladies' Night Out, a community event hosted health, on Thursday, Feb.



had our tough times. We hung in there." ers, with revenue up 50 percent from 2011 to 2012. The firm is privately owned, said Dempsey, who owns the Novi Tech Center with an investment

Chameleon Power is at 42400 Nine Mile, between Meadowbrook and Novi roads, with a phone of (248) 380-9080. Its website is www.chameleonpower. com, with a wealth of company information and links found there.

On the grow Their building is around 15,000 square 10,000 of that. "We will be adding a bunch of people this year," said

out of Fort Wayne, Ind "Graphics has been a little easier," the CEO said of hiring. Chameleon Pow er hosts all services it provides, and offers local IT services. Busi-

ness leaders at the firm found small and medium-sized businesses needed that to move "into the cloud." "We are definitely going in the direction of building mobile tools," he said. The early versions of iPads are for contractors and

How does that

house look?

Novi's Chameleon Power lets you see home in a new light, look

ics, customer service

and software develop-

Demnsey has an

accounting degree

five-six years in

out of the auto indus-

His latest hire is a

Michigan native who

try, and engineers

leaving the area.

sales.

with a quick quote. "It's all looking up right now," he said of adding new clients.

designers who often

wish to close a deal

Consumers front and center

Down the road, they'll work on solutions to come to the Web and versity and worked get a consumer quote directly, essentially accounting, followed eliminating the middleby time in technology "We see the future

"I'm technical enough being more transac to be dangerous but tional," Dempsey said. You could, for exam-I'm a sales guy," he ple, order a door direct-Hiring in the past ly online, not through a locally has been chalmanufacturer. lenging for his busi-

"We're constantly tweaking the technology so it's more intelligent for the user," married and has three daughters in Northville was living in Califorthe part of Novi with a for the business work Northville address.

"It's a nice community, a nice place to set up shop," he said of Novi for business. "We'd like the taxes to be a little lower, but it comes with the territory." He's been in Novi, and also likes his own short commute. Dempsey and colleagues have insight on home building, "I am seeing some companies suggesting their busi-

He talks to bellwethers in the building industry, who aren't seeing a lot of upswing "So there's a lot of concern in the market still," Dempsey said.

ness is picking up," he

BRIEFS

cy Hospital South Auditorium. Know Your Numbers screenings - blood pressure, cholesterol be offered from 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 interven-

tional cardiologist, will be the guest speaker Learn everything you need to know about wornhealth, with an empha-

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ty vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Mar ian 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 and

Novi News online

Have you checked out our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at hometownlife.com that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too. So, bookmark www.hometownlife.com to be sure vou're always in-theknow in your hometown

You can also find us on Facebook by searching "Hometownlife."

Home sweet home



The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi was packed Saturday afternoon for the Home Improvenent Show. The three-day event, sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, boasts "anything and everything you need to improve your home," including this display by Infusion Kitchen & Bath, which has a showroom on Beck Road in Wixom.

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Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix pastor, and Rev. Michael speaks to us today. **Faith Journeys** Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH Location: 29000 Meadov brook Road, south of 13

Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, has made. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. FIRST BAPTIST Sunday Worship: 11:15

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Date: Third Sundays Details: Following worship and fellowship, someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that

CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladiès Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTE-GRATED CHURCH Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH-

Location: 200 E. Main Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and Road, Northville 10 Mile Road), South Lyon FIRST CHURCH OF THE

Sunday Worship: Chapel - 8 a.m.

Snow day!



Sisters Rebecca, 12, left, and Mikayla Briskey, 15 share a laugh after a sled down the hill at Novi's North Lakeshore Park on Jan. 28. Most area schools were out that day due to snow and ice, and the sisters took advantage of the time off and the sledding conditions for some afternoon fun.

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Needs - 11 a.m.

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Sunday School and Nurs-

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Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible wship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, dren's program, Youth Worship Service

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, rently on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday Schedule: 6

a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;

Currently on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56 Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group FIRST UNITED METH-

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NORTHVILLE CHRIS-TIAN ASSEMBLY Location: 41355 6 Mile

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose 1015 a.m.: Contemporary

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Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship: 9:45

Location: 15431 Merriman Healing Service and Holy on: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month visit www.livoniachurch.net Peace Vigil: noon, first Location: In front of the

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service: 9:45 a.m.

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ed person," he added. "Once I start something I'm not likely to quit. He's in the Drama Club at NHS and his lower weight makes dancing ORCHARD HILLS easier, and increases the

(248) 349-5665 to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are

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> resolutions a thing or The Northville High School senior lost 120 oounds over 9 months in his junior year, and an additional 10 pounds over the next month and a half to two months. He's kept the weight off thanks to a good diet and exercise.

> > "Really, it's just eating healthy," said Blickle, who doesn't eat after 6 p.m. each day. "I run every day." He's the son of Laura and Fred, and has three

roles he can play. Blick-

By Julie Brown

Henry Blickle's only

ly tell older people with

but he can definite

after he'd lost weight, older brothers, Will, 23, Brody, 22, and John, 21, suit" for the John Trawho were athletes at volta role. "It was kind of iron-Henry Blickle says ic," said Northville Townhe was thin as a young ship neighbor Shelly child, but slowly is

Bush, mom to Henry's weight progressively got best friend, Emily Bush away from him. also an NHS senior The two seniors run three or "As I got older, I four miles daily. Henry gained weight. It was a used to accompany Emiprogressive thing," he ly on runs on his bicy-"I'm a very motivatcle and remembers it was an effort to keep up

even riding when he was es from being on the varsity soccer team for her "He's shocked me with

his dedication." Emily

ed at Western Michiaudition for The Amermatic Arts in Los Ange

teen drop 130 pounds Bush said. "I would offer him what I'm eating and he would never take it. Blickle, now a 30 skin ny in pants, started at a size 46. When he couldn't to slim down. When he was losing

cups. Now at weight, he'd have a Slim fast, coffee, lemon water dinners, his and vitamin for breakmom has salad fast. Lunch was salad or a peanut butter and jelly regularly and sandwich. When rehears a fruit bowl. ing for the show, he'd He buys Lean ner, or a sandwich from Cuisine-type his mom. He often has meals if she's not soup and sandwich combos or a Caesar salad. Blickle allows him-

self a small sweet treat, le did "Hairspray," the such as mini Reese's pea spring musical last year nut butter and chocolate cups. Now at dinners, his mom has salad regularly and a fruit bowl. He buys Lean Cuisine-type meals

> "I've been told I have an infectious happiness. I don't think it's really changed the way I am, the way I view people. Blickle said. He recalle one bully in second grade who teased, but Blickle told his older brother about the bullying and it ended.

Blickle's been acceptgan University, and will les. He noted his fami-



Northville High School senior Henry Blickle lost about 130 pounds in the last two years thanks to a diet where he ate a lot less, and nothing past 6 p.m. Blickle also got a lot of ion from his neighbor and running partner Emily Bush, right.

ly and friends supported him in weight loss, with "Do whatever makes you "It's stayed off for roughly a year now." he

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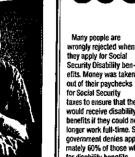
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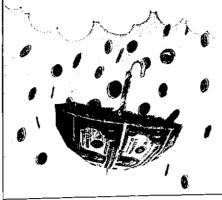
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Lesley Roumayah and Joseph Evans, both of North-

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Evans of Northville. He is currently attending a

Northville. She is currently attending Oakland Uni-

versity and is a registered nurse at Karmanos Cancer

Center in Detroit. Evans is the son of Joe and Zandra

transfer program to Eastern Michigan University and

is employed at Jogue Inc. as an account manager. An

October 2013 wedding is planned at Shenandoah

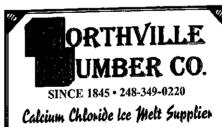
Janna Elizabeth Ramsey, formerly of Novi, and David William Lay, formerly of Northville, are engaged to be married. The bride to be is the daughter of Laura and Phil Ramsey of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School, and got her nursing degree at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. She is currently employed as an RN (labor and delivery) in Wilkesboro, N.C. The groom to be is the son of Julie Lay and Bill Lay of White Lake. He is a graduate of North ville High School, and recently received a degree for paramedics while working at Sherwin Williams. An April 2013 wedding is planned in Huntersville, N.C.

IN THE SERVICE

Michael Schloss

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael D. Schloss -- son of Audra L. Kimbel of Dearborn Heights and Kenneth B. Schloss, of Novi -- earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. For 13 weeks, Schloss stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to Marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies. One week prior to graduation, Schloss endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and

called Marines for the first time. Schloss is a 2012 graduate of Crestwood High School of Dear-



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mercial executive for Michigan. Experienced in all aspects of banking, Girodat began his banking career as a teller and traveled through the ranks serving as a credit analyst, loan officer and head of commercial real

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Board of Trustees David Girodat has been elected to the Walsh College Board of Trustees. President and CEO of

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A Clinton Township resident. Girodat has been in banking since 1981. Prior to his current position as president and CEO. Girodat served as senior com-Fifth Third Bank, Eastern

He holds a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and a master's degree in finance from Walsh Col-

"We are delighted to welcome David as a new lege Board of Trustees" said Stephanie Bergeron, president of Walsh College. "His experience as an alum in both our undergraduate and graduate programs, and as a business and communi-

the vitality of the Michigan economy makes him an exceptional addition to our governing board." An active community leader, Girodat serves on the boards of Detroit Regional Chamber and New Detroit.

He is a member of the New Detroit Finance and **Executive Committees** and the United Way Cabinet. Girodat also sits on the board of directors and Finance Committe for Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and is the chair man for the Macomb Executive Leadership

Crawford named chair of regulatory reform committee

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, will continue to chair the House Regulatory Reform Committee for the 2013-2014 legislative term. This is Crawford's second term as chair of this commit-

"I am looking forward to my second term as chair of the Regulatory Reform Committee," said Crawford, R-Novi. "Regulatory issues play a big part in the success of our state's economy, and it is important to continue looking for ways to remove obstacles and help residents of our state succeed.'

Crawford says the committee will focus on continuing to eliminate and reform regulations where ossible to help make Michigan's economy even

In addition to chairing the Regulatory Reform Committee, Crawford will serve on the Education, Health Policy, and

Tourism Committees. Crawford represents the 38th House District. Residents may contact Crawford at his Lansing office by calling (517) 373-0827 or by e-mailing him at hughcrawford@



Karissa Dahring, 4, left, leaps off her feet as she joins a few other kids during a Jan 3. Dance 'Til You Drop activity at the Novi Library.

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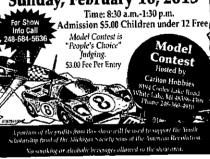


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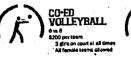
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Local Events

NORTHVILLE & NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEET-

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Feb. 11 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Details: Three mini presentations -- Making Lip Balm by Beverly Raub, Flower Arranging by Sandy Tomlinson

and Garden Photography by David Raub. Contact: (248) 449-4579 **HEALTH SEMINAR**

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tive director of the Oakland County Community Mental Health (OCCMHA), along with a number of his staff. will share with their new strategic plan. They will describe the recent process, mission, values and vision,

Feb. 26 Location: Hillside Middle School, Northville Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2:45

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85 of Rotonda West, Florida, formerly of Milford, MI. Passed away on Friday, February 1, 2013 at home, with family by her

side. Born on December 13, 1927 in Detroit, MI to Leroy and

Bessie (Evans) Patterson, Mari-

on was proceeded in death by by her daughter, Marcia Bowman in 2009. Survivors include her lov-

ing husband of sixty eight years: H. Glen Betts Jr. of Rotonda

H. Glen Betts Jr. of Rotonda West, FL.; Two daughters, Patri-cia (Skip) Hintz of Rotonda West, FL., and Janice (Geoff) Schrock of Belleville, Ml and one Son; H. Glen (Linda) Betts Ill of Milford, Ml. Also surviv-ing are Grand Children: Robert Minton, Jill Pierce and Bethany (Breavy) Marco, all of Signy

(Jeremy) Marco, all of Sioux City, IA. Kristin (Chris) Boland of Luck, WI and Bryon Glen (Karie) Betts of Redford, MI.

Marion also leaves behind eight

beautiful Great Grand Children Amber, Jessica, Calvin, Ann, Mike, Avery, Dyson and Elowyn, Mrs. Betts originated

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ANDERSON. peacefully February 2, Beloved wife of the late Jewel Anderson. Cherished mother of Michael Anderson, Patricia (Mark) Belanger, Timo-James) Steams. Loving sister of Douglas (frene) Schoonover, and Paul (Rita) Schoonover, Adored Meghan, Joel, Jeremy, Elizabeth, Kaitlyn, and Emily; and great grandmother of Allie. She grandonner of Affic. She laught for the Northville Public Schools for many years. A funer-al service was held Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Ms. Anderson was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery. The family

ons to Salvation Army

operated for many years before retiring to their Florida home. Marion was an active member of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and Past President of the Rotary, along with member-ship in the local book club, Garorganizations. Her love for Mil-ford was even greater then her love of Golf, which she partici-pated until months before her ATTON, EDWARD K. Age 89, longtime resi-dent of Northville, passed away February 2, 2012. Beloved husband of 65 pated until months before her passing. Mrs. Belts was a sup-porter of Milford's youth, volun-teering as a Cub Scout Den Mother, and a Brownie and Girl Scout leader during her child-ren's younger years. After "re-tirement" to Florida, Marion continued to be active in her community through membership. rears to the late Peggy F. Atton. Cherished father of Barbara (Linda) Atton, Blythe (Mark) Rushlow, and Sean Atton. Dear prother of Donald Ation and Carol (Richard) Leis. Adored grandfather of 8 and great grandcommunity through membership in the American Legion Auxili-ary, VFW Auxiliary, B.P.O. Elks, Women of the Moose, father of 16. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, February Englewood Orchid Society, Rotonda Book Club, Rotonda 9 2013 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. West Woman's Association and the Red Hat Society. A Memori-Atton proudly served his country al for her many Florida friends and family will be held on Febas a decorated PFC with the Arand family will be held on rep-ruary 17, 2013 at 1:00 at the American Legion Post 113 in Rotonda West. A Memorial serv-ice will be held at Lynch & Sons Funcal Home in Milford, for her as a declarate with the wind with my during WWII; Military Funeral Honors will be rendered following his memorial service on Saturday. The family would appreciate memorial contribu-tions to Disabled American Vet-



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Alana, Jaxon, Addison, Lillian
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and Albert Connolly. Also survived by many nieces, nephews ived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral liturgy was held Wednesday, February 6, at 10:30 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations: St James Church or the IHM Sisters, 610 W Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162.

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late Earl and Irene (Love) Huss. He was an Army veteran and an honorary member of the Elevator Constructors Local 36. He was devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren. Robert is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia; his children: Randall (Michele) Huss, Brad (Jodi) Huss, Leanne (Terry) Keller; 5 grandchildren: Nicholas, Alexandra. Addison, Ty, and Brooke. Visitation was held on Feb. 3, Sunday, from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. late Earl and Irene (Love) Huss Visitation was held on Feb. 3, Sunday, from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Feb. 4, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contribu-tions may be made to PKD Foundation, 9221 Ward Pkwy. Ste 400, Kansas City, MO 64114. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOLORES

June 27, 1930 - January 23, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WARREN LOUIS

Age 88, died peacefully
in Monroe, Michigan on
January 29, 2013. Beloved husband of Marguerite Lois (Lenossi), for 57
years who preceded him in death
on July 10, 2007. Cherished Father of Charlene M. (Gerald)
Simko, Robert J. (Margaret), and
the late Warren Jr. (Debra) and
Roger W. Survived by brother
Ralph Kechl (Shirley). Loving
Grandfather of Jennifer, Ann.
(A.J.) Bickmann III, Joseph
Simko, Virginia (Jeremy) Konz, Simko, Virginia (Jeremy) Konz, Colleen, Bridgette, & Sean. Great-grandfather of Anthony, Tristan, & Brody. Preceded in death by Granddaughter, (Isabel) and Great-Grandson (Vincent), sister (Dorothy) and brother (Gordon). Warren served in Ar-

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BORLAND. **JAMES** June 24, 1949 - January 14, 2013 isullivan funeralhome.com

Age 72, passed away 2/1/2013 ary and online condolences rlinefuneralhome.com CRAWFORD.

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Michigan friends and family on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Gathering for visitation will be-

gin at 12:00 and the service will

ommence at 1:00 P.M. Memor

Marion's memory to the Ameri-can Legion 'Auxiliary or Tide-well Hospice.

Aged 75 of Grand Rapids passed away February 1, 2013 in Grand Rapids. She was born June 3, 1937 in Ashland Twp. the Aged 75 of Grand Rapids passed away February 1, 2013 in Grand Rapids. She was born June 3, 1937 in Ashland Twp. the daughter of Russell and Ada (Devenport) DeBois. Wilma Age 69, of Novi, died January 29, 2013. Beloved husband of Carol Jean. Dear brother of Frank (Kathy). Terry (Pat). Ka-(Devenport) DeBois. Wilma married Joseph Lincoln October 22, 1960, he preceded her in death in 2004. She was an LPN working for Butterworth Hospital and was a member of the MLPNA. Wilma is survived by her children Thomas Lincoln of Indiana, Peter Lincoln of Colorado and Deborah Lincoln of Grand Rapids. One grandson Hunter Lincoln of Grand Rapids. One sister Marvel DeBois of Grand Rapids Two sisters in law Frank (Kathy), Terry (Pat), Nathy (Terry), & Ken (Danette), Also, eleven nieces & nephews, numerous grandnieces & nephews & many dear friends. Preceded in death by sisters Lorelei ceded in death by sisters Lordei & Trudy. Mike was a 1961 grad-uate of Walled Lake High School & was a resident of Com-merce for many years, Mike en-joyed restoring automobiles to the very end. Funeral service from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 N. Pontiac Tr., Wal-One sister Marvel DeBois of Grand Rapids. Two sisters in law Anne Lincoln of Lyons and Edith Lincoln of Lyons. Several nicees and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joseph and brother Russell. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 11:00 AM, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. Father Pat Griel celebrant. Visitation will be at led Lake (3 Blks, S. of Maple Rd.) Saturday 10am, Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Friends may visit Friday 3-9pm. Memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society or Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America appreciated Condolenthe church from 10:00 a.m. until

LynchFuneralDirectors.com

James (Lina). Cheristed Gradu-mother of Amy and Pat, Andy, Jeff and Becky, Greg and Ste-ven, Dear sister of Richard (Lois) the late Jerry and many nicees and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 7th, Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Six Mile Will Funeral Home, Six Mile Rd., Livenia. Funeral Mass Ham. February 8th at Saint Jo-Age 77, passed away Jan-uary 30, 2013. He was born on Sept. 13, 1935, in Louisville, KY, to the MAYER. BETS

Age 64, passed away January 31, 2013. She was born on April 2, 1948, in Belize, to the late Eric and Gladys (Rhamdas) Price. She was an active member of the Fellowship E.P.C. Bets was greatly loved and appreciated. Her passion in life was being a teacher and helping others. Bets possessed great love for her students. Since age fifteen she earned a living teaching the little ones in her home town in the country of Belize, and later she taught the bigger ones in the U.S. Sled toved them all, and she was especially enthusiastic about her especially enthusiastic about her college students. She relished the excitement of discussing

KEEHL, WARREN LOUIS

European Theater Operations.
He was honorably discharged April 13, 1949. Warren retired from Roadway Express, Inc., in 1986 after 39 years of service. Private funeral service was held on January 31, 2013. Interment Private funeral service was held on January 31, 2013. Interment Parkview Cemetery., Livonia,

ices may be made at

www.lakefuneralhomes.com

LINCOLN, WILMA JEAN

May **peace** be

MAJKA. JUNE Passed away February 4, 2013, beloved wife of the late Ted, loving mother of Dave (Linda) James (Tina). Cherished Grand

View Online www.hometownlife.com

MELTON, PAUL DUPUIS Age 87, passed away Feb-nuary 2, 2013, in Ann Ar-bor, Michigan. He was born on Dec. 30, 1925, in

Detroit, to the late Henry and Sa die (Dupuis) Melton. Paul wil de (Dupuis) Metion. Pata Will be deeply missed by his wife, Gloria, his children: Peter, Sara, Andrew, Marisa, Mary Eliza-beth; his grandchildren: Hilary, Benjamin, Hans, Aubrey, Carrie, Eve, Jami, Andrew, Angela, Kenya, Toni, Paul, and Fay. His great-grandchildren: Thea, Tyler, Brian, Nevach, Sebastian, Meleah and Jassiel (Jamal) will countless friends whose lives l

great literature and great poetry with them. But as much as she loved her students and her sub-ject, her deepest and most abiding loyalty and love was for her Lord Jesus Christ. Truly for tion will be held on Feb. 7,
Thursday, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
with a funeral service at 11:00
a.m. and a luncheon to follow at
Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Pontiae
Trail, South Lyon. Memorial
contributions may be made to
Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com



MORRIS, MELVIN "JEFF" Age 49, passed away January 29, 2013. He was born on July 2, 1963, in Superior Township, to the late Ervin and Carol (Smith) Morris. He was the owner and operator of Michigan Lawn Service, that he started in 1993. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. left loved to fish, ride his motorcycle, and enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Mio. He was a very gen-

cabin in Mio. He was a very generous, selfless, giving man, who always did what he could for anyone. Jeff is survived by his children: Katie Morris, Richard Bowman; brother Wade (Terri) Morris, 2 grandchildren: Robert and Lexi; his aunts & uncles: Charles and Lois Smith, Junior and Marilyn Jones; his best friend, Michelle; his beloved Akita "Storm"; and many nicees, nephews, cousins and loving friends. Visitation was held on February 1, Friday, from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on Feb. 2, Saturday, at Brighton Church of Christ. Memorial contributions may be made to the Morris family, c'o morial contributions may be made to the Morris family, c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

with you in this time of sorrow.

be very curious as they hear the many and varied stories they that will be told about Grandpa Paul will be told about Grandpa Paul and his adventures. Paul was preceded in his homecoming to the Father by his brothers: Henry and Jimmy and his sisters: Sally Ann and Mary Elizabeth. His brother Joseph is the last of the six siblings still on earth and he will miss Paul, who was his hero, his menter and sumprisingly his his mentor and surprisingly his student. He will be missed by touched in many ways. It is impossible to summarize Paul's life because it was an endless adven-Dord Jesus Christ. Truly for my Bets, ... "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil-1-21). Bets is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Jon, her daughter Nicole (Chris) Aseltine; siblings: Daisy (Tecola) Hagos, Norma (Ken) Drepal, Michael Price and many nicess, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her two brothers and two sisters. Visitation will be held on Feb. 7, Thursday, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

dren. Paul did many different kinds of work: sales, teaching dance, buying, selling, renting and training horses, landscaping, and training horses, landscaping, travel, tours, pilgrimages to the Holy Land, publishing a book, producing plays in New York and Europe. Paul built his own home on Pontiac Trail near South Lyon, where he raised his family and lived with his wife most of his life. He was a man of most of his life. He was a man of faith. He took seriously the chal-lenge of Jesus to welcome the stranger, so he and Gloria shared their home and love with countless people. He was active in the

Word of God Community and in his parish, Christ the King, Visitation will be held on Feb. 8, Friday, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A fu-neral mass will be celebrated on Feb. 9, Saturday, at 11:30 a.m. with final visitation from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 400 Ave Maria Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48105. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Clinic, P.O. Box 980311, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0311 or Arbor Hospice, Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive,

sions will be scheduled. Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first interested in joining this recently-formed group.

CHARLES April 8, 1925 - January 25, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com SKRLEC, NELLIE Age 81, passed away Feb. 2, 2013. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Online

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Challenge will help advance ideas, ven-

tures, and solutions to address pressing

Beginning Feb. 4, social entrepreneurs

are invited to complete an application at

GLEQ.org to begin their participation in

the Challenge. Applicants will then have

immediate access to coaches and spe-

cial events to support the preparation of their submission before the May 20

social challenges in Michigan.

OUR VIEWS

Prioritize projects

City's key: attract, grow and retain

Success can almost always be traced back to a plan. Unless you intend to win the lottery or are blessed with blind luck, you better have a road map to figure out where you're going and how to get there.

Establishing goals and strategies - and reviewing previous ones -- is a method that helps get your whole team on board and focused. It works for individuals, families and businesses. It also works for the

Look around Novi. Look at all the businesses that have decided to call this city home. From the mom-and-pop store on the corner to Twelve Oaks Mall, there is a reason Novi was chosen.

Many already realized the advantages of being here while others were recruited and shown. But retention and continued growth are two areas your city is focused on, as evidenced by the 2013 Economic Goals and Strategies report just approved by City Council.

The 22-page document, compiled by Ara Topouzian, economic development director, is a detailed look at the city's game plan, but there are several highlights to

 There are several key properties the city is focusing on developing or redeveloping. The most obvious would be the southwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road. The former Novi Expo Center land is a prime chunk of real estate with remarkable visibility and it's right off the freeway. Just to the east, Main Street remains a gold mine that has yet to see its full potential developed. Other properties include the former Rainbow Cutting land (where the Indy Special water tower is located) and the former Husky building on

· The recently approved Regional Transit Authority will coordinate public transit in the counties of Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne - which could be major tool to bring people to

• The city is developing a broadband strategy, knowing full well that highspeed/low-cost access to the Internet is a must-have for success.

• Novi is diversifying more and more, as evidenced by the numerous cultures that live and do business here. The city is looking to develop an international networking event that embraces each of those and ensures that they are part of this commu-

These are just four of the highlights of the 2013 City of Novi Economic Development Goals and Objectives Report. It is a thorough plan to continue this city's success, and one that should instill confidence in residents. We encourage readers in its entirety online at www hometownlife.com (click on Novi News; COMMUNITY VOICE

What local road or section needs to be repaired?



Hillside Middle School." Beth Bradley a road called Broquet



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"Sections of Grand River need work and I-96 is horrid in spots. I say concentrate on fixing the Road that has some hormajor thoroughfares and Gerald Wallace freeways first."

Alain Richard

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of Novi and our street, Seneca Lane, has some deep potholes right

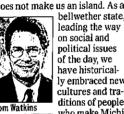
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U.S. is built on cultural strengths, differences of many of us

t's the Year of the Snake — Happy New Year! No, the "year of the snake"

not a reference to politics. Most Michiganders welcomed the New Year several weeks ago. But the tradition of our Chinese friends and neighbors celebrates the new year beginning on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Michigan, two beautiful peninsulas surrounded by 20 percent of the world's fresh water, does not make us an island. As a



leading the way political issues of the day, we have historical v embraced new cultures and traditions of people who make Michigan their home.

I am proud to say that Gov. Rick Snyder grasps the importance of being open to the peoples of the world and has dubbed imself, "the most immigrantfriendly governor in America." Considering all the anti-immi-

gration rhetoric that permeates in some political quarters, here is one aspect of the governor we should all respect. Michigan's diversity has been and will remain a core strength of our state and nation. This great state has been built

on the diversity of people who came from all across the globe Germany, Italy, Poland, England, Ireland, Norway, Wales, Ita-

nearly all corners of the planet have been absorbed into our tapestry of strength. Some arrived in America in search of a better life while some were ripped from their ancestral homes and forced to make this new world

Celebrating differences The Chinese New Year 4711

begins on Feb. 10. The Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration on the Chinese calendar. This year - 2013 — is an especially auspicious year --- ushering in the Year of the Snake.

Handed down since ancient times, legend has it that Buddha asked all the animals to meet him on Chinese New Year Twelve different animals came and Buddha declared that the people born in each animal's year would have some of that. creature's personality.

The characteristics of the snake are tempered by one of the five Chinese elements of earth, fire, metal, water and wood overlaying a five-year cycle of characteristics on the original 12-year cycle. This year is the year of the water

While dragon is considered the most powerful and lucky among the 12 Chinese zodiac creatures, the snake most resembles the dragon in appearance and is sometimes called the "Little Dragon." It is likely that some of the aura of the powerful drag-

on rubbed off onto the person

born in the Year of the Snake

the Year of the Snake during "their" year.

Great opportunities may be presented in the Year of the Snake so persons born in these years (1929, 1941, 1953, 1966, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013) might maximize their considerable skills, guarding against complacency and indifference.

Those born in snake years are acute, aware, wise, charming, cunning, gregarious, generous, and smart. Water Snakes are influential and insightful. They manage others well to help achieve their aims and goals. Good in organizations, they are generally motivated and intellectual, very determined and resolute about success. Did I mention I was born in

the Year of the Snake? Others who share the honor include: Brad Pitt, Bob Dylan, Oprah Winfrey, Virginia Woolf Greta Garbo and Mao. Here in a state surrounded by the waters of the Great Lakes, let the Chinese New Year create another reminder that with diversity, comes strength.

So as they say in Chinese -Xinnian kuàilè — Happy New Year, Congratulations and be

Tom Watkins, a former Michigan state superintendent of schools, is a U.S./China business and educational consultant. His interest in China was sparked by his fourth grade teacher. He has been working to build two-way educational, cultural and economic bridges with China his entire adult life. He can be reached

OUR VIEWS

Looking back: Use February to explore black history

our knowledge of our past. We cannot know where

we're going without knowing where we've been. We

Our understanding of who we are is steeped in

If you're tuned into the special observances that spring up throughout the year, you know that February is Black History Month, 28 days set aside to explore the contributions of black Americans to our country, our culture and our

The observance dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. The son of former slaves, Woodson was disturbed that black Americans, even though they figured in, were ignored in history books and decided to take on the challenge of writing them into the nation's history.

Woodson chose the second week in February because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, who played important roles in the abolition of slavery. But February is filled with even more important dates. A

• The Underground Railroad providing black slaves with safe passage to freedom was established in February 1838.

need to know all of the people who have played a role in shaping our country, everyone from George Washington to Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama and everyone in between. • Congress approved the 13th country, everyone from George

and the 15th amendment giving and Barack Obama and everyone African American men the right to vote in 1870.

for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City in

Hiram R. Revels, took his oath of office on 1870.

of our past. We cannot know where we're going without knowing where we've been. We need the DIA, Henry Ford Hospital, the to know all of the people who Detroit People Mover's Broadway have played a role in shaping our station and Eastern Michigan, prejudice.

amendment ending slavery in 1865 Washington to Abraham Lincoln

in between. Our local libraries are offering The National Association programs on black history that we urge all people to attend. The William P. Faust Library is hosting a Detroit Institute of Arts presentation, "The Spirit of African American Artists" at 7 p.m. this • The first black U.S. senator, evening. The program looks at the lives of the lives and times of influential African American artists Our understanding of who we from the late 19th century to the are is steeped in our knowledge present day and includes contemporary Detroit artists like Charles McGee, whose work can be seen at

Central Michigan and Michigan State universities.

The Wayne Public Library is presenting a Black History Family Film Night at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, to watch the PBS film series, Slavery and the Making of America: The Challenge of Freedom, which examines the transformation of the Civil War from a struggle for union to a battle over slavery and the Reconstruction Years.

History is a living document, each day a new page is written, and as our country continues to evolve, more and more of the pages are being filled with the successes of all Americans. We look forward to the day when it's not black history or white history, but our history, where we identified with those who have shaped our country not by the color of their skin, but by their deeds and accomplishments.

Even Woodson looked forward to that day, when he wrote: "We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Corps and Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest announced the Pure Michigan Social Entrepreneurship Challenge, the nation's first statevide social entrepreneurship competi-"We are thrilled to propel Michigan forward as the nation's first state to launch a public-private partnership-driv

American Business Women's

Association offer scholarships

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en effort focused specifically on advancing social entrepreneurs," said Michigan Corps Board Chair Rishi Jaitly. The Pure Michigan Social Entrepre neurship Challenge invites individuals and teams to submit plans for an emerging entrepreneurial idea or replicable

model from an existing organization

The mission of the American Business Wom-

en's Association (ABWA),

it organization, is in part

ties for women to help

themselves grow per-sonally and professional

ly through education. As

a testament to their col-

lective mission, the Novi

Oaks Charter Chapter

of the ABWA will offer

one grant and two schol

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dents. (The Bettie Archer

Johnson Scholarship is

offered to students of

Madonna University,

and interested students

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include the \$1,500 Novi

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Interested parties should send name, e-mail address and

phone number to Education Chair Sandy Schrah at Edu-

cation@abwa-novi.org, with the subject line: "Outright

Grant" or "Impact Scholarship" no later than Feb. 15.

The recipients will be notified before July. Each onetime grant or scholarship is not renewable. Checks will

be issued jointly to the educational institution and the

recipients. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees.

SBMEF offers National Scholarships for women specific

For more information on these scholarship opportunities

to Nursing, Business, and Information Technology.

visit www.sbmef.org.
For more info about the SBMEF, visit www.sbmef.org

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"This challenge really captures what is special about our state -- we discover things, we make things, and we make things work," said Michael A. Finney, MEDC president and CEO, "These strengths make us a great location for social innovators to do their good work and help reinvent Michigan.

Participants in the new 'Social Entrepreneurship Challenge' track offered through GLEQ.org will benefit from financial support, including more than \$50,000 in potential cash prizes, access to impact investors, and consideration for special program opportunities including cash awards for Community Ventures-eligible companies.

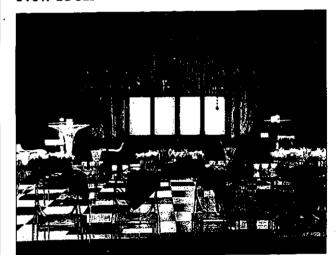
A special Social Entrepreneurship Showcase and Pitch event will take place on June 18 at GLEQ's Entrepreneur Connect event in Lansing

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ed to urban revitalization, environment

New look



Patrons of the former Second City Comedy Theatre space upstairs at Andiamo Novi might not recognize it. The theatre troupe left the state of Michigan a few years ago, and the room was recently renovated and converted to a banquet center. Combined with the adjoining Dirty Martini, the facility is enjoying successful bookings of corporate events, weddings, mitzvahs and more.

Best technology of 2013

By Jon Gunnell

he new year is under way, but a host of new innovative devices and technologies have already been unveiled at the International Consumer lectronics Show in Las Vegas.

More than 3,000 exhibitors packed halls and conference rooms to showcase approximately 20,000 new products. Among those products are much of what you would expect: new cell phones, computers, televisions and cameras. But the CES show also providing a glimpse to the future in areas that many wouldn't expect, such as health and fitness, sports and even gadgets for chil-



The products shown at the convention will impact every aspect of our lives and even the sports world. During the first day of the conference, for example, Major League Baseball and T-Mobile announced a multi-year

deal to put T-Mobile cell phones in bullpens and dugouts. The mobile phones will plug into wall units that serve as their own cell phone tower to ensure coaches in bullpens and dugouts don't experience communication problems as they have in years

T-Mobile also used the event to ounce some new service offerings The cell phone service provider said it will soon move all cell phone plans to new value-based plans. T-Mobile subscribers will no longer pay high costs for new phones up front. Instead, T-Mobile plans to allow subscribers to pay for the device in short loans over the duration of owning the device. As soon as a phone is paid off, users will be eligi-

ble for new devices. Fisher Price hit the show floor with products for the youngest tech fans. Their new "Apptivity" products for users up to 5 years old are essentially

interactive tablet toys for youngsters. Tablets and mobile applications were also a big part of the CES 2013, as many manufacturers showcased fasters,

sleeker and more durable offerings. Panasonic introduced two new "rugged" Toughpad tablets - one that runs operating system. The Toughpads are resistant to fluids, extreme temperatures and, of course, being dropped. They have between 8GB and 16GB of memory and come with Bluetooth and WiFi connectivity. Of course, these durable machines come at a price the smaller Android version starts at \$1,300, while the Windows 8 version

will cost about \$2,900. Panasonic also made headlines with a 56-inch 4K OLED TV prototype after Sony unveiled a similar television of its own. An OLED TV is said to have a crisper and broader spectrum of colors because the screen is made using a red, blue, green printing technology. (I won't pretend I know what that means, but we

can all agree it sounds impressive.)
An electronics expo wouldn't truv be complete without a flurry of new technology that you would never have thought possible. One of the most mindbending displays to come out of the CES 2013 is a mind-controlled helicop-

The PuzzleBox Orbit by NueroSky is operated through a Bluetooth enabled headset. The user, or the pilot, sends brainwaves to the Bluetooth sensors, which make the Pizzlebox Orbit maneu ver. Not exactly the flying car we expected in this digital age, but a mindcontrol device is not a bad start, especially for only \$189.

One other cool gadget from the show.
A Bluetooth-enabled refrigerator from a company called Coolvox. The device will keep your milk cold, your vegetables fresh and even stream your music.

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Novi, Northville pharmacists get prison for fraud

macist who owned and operated 26 pharmacies in the metro-Detroit area was sentenced last week to 17 years in prison, according to U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade via www.

Earlier last week, Judge Tar-now sentenced several of the other pharmacists who were convicted at trial. Brijesh Rawal. 36, of Canton; Ashwini Sharma, 34, of Novi; and Lokesh Tayal, 36, of Northville, were each sentenced to terms of imprisonment of 68 months for their participation as pharmacists in these criminal offenses.

non-U.S. citizens who entered the United States under a visa program for certain skilled workers and each will be

deported to the country of their citizenship upon the completion of their sentences. Defendant Rawal is a citizen of Canada, while defendants Sharma and Tayal are citizens of India. U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Tarnow sentenced Babub-

hai "Roh" Patel on 26 convic-

tions for a health care fraud

conspiracy, a drug conspiracy,

and related fraud and drug vio-Evidence presented at a six-

August 2012 showed between 2006 and 2011, the pharmacies billed Medicare and Medicaid more than \$57 million. At least 25 percent of those billings

were for drugs that were either medically unnecessary never dispensed. Additional amounts were fraudulently billed to private insurers such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The pharmacies operated on a business model that paid kickbacks to physicians in exchange for writing prescriptions for expensive medications. The affiliated doctors would also write prescriptions

out regard to medical necessity, which would be filled at the harmacies and distributed to paid "patients" and patient is reprehensible." The criminal

controlled medications would be billed but not dispensed. Of the 26 defendants charged in the original indictment in this case, 20 defendants have either pleaded guilty or been convicted at trial. Six defendants are scheduled for trial in June. Out of 12 pharmacists charged, 11 have been convicted at trial or pleaded guilty, with one waiting to be tried.

Out of four doctors charged,

recruiters. The expensive, non-

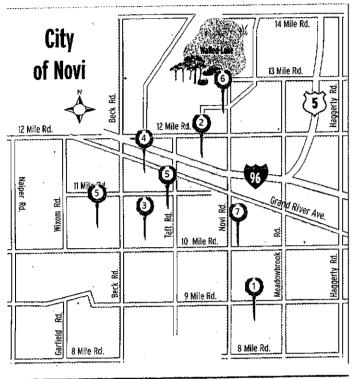
two waiting to be tried. dant, the court told the defendant that "what you have done

conduct engaged in by other

health care fraud violators sen-

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tenced by the court was "small scale compared to this." In addition to the prison sentence, defendant Babubhai Patel was ordered to pay restitution to the Medicaid and Medicare programs in the amount of \$17.3 million and restitution to Blue Cross Blue Shield in the amount of \$1.5



NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Motorcycle stolen from apartment complex

Sometime during the last month a motorcy cle was stolen from a car port at the Woodland Glen

A Novi man reported the theft of his 2006 black Kawasaki motorcycle on Jan. 28 to the Novi Police after finding it missing upon his return from Florda, where he had been. since Dec. 29. He told police he had locked the handlebars and took out the

battery prior to leaving. report, the bike did have some outstanding debts on

Checks stolen from

Three \$500 Western Union checks were stolen from a hotel room. located on Cabaret Drive.

The man staying in the room reported to Novi Police on Jan. 26 that the unendorsed checks were missing. Police spoke with the housekeeper, who denied taking the checks The police reportedly believe her at this time

Money stolen on tour bus

A woman had over \$300 Stolen while on her way to a casino in Windsor, Can-

The incident happened while she was riding a Lakefront bus that was going from Novi to Cae sars in Windsor. The Novi oick-un location is at the Civic Ĉenter parking lot on 10 Mile Road. The wornan said she left her purse at her seat while going

to bathroom at a stop in

Southfield.

Her purse was later found under a seat, but rency and \$280 in U.S. cash was stolen. A casino vouch-

Leaving scene of an accident

A man involved in a two-car crash was later found walking away from the scene with a bloody

On Jan. 23, Novi Police responded to a traffic crash along east I-96, in front tion Showplace. A Saturn struck an Alero that was parked on the side of the road. It was later discovered the unoccupied Ale-

A witness was on hand

and said she spoke with

the Saturn driver, but he

caught up with the man

the Showplace. His head

was bleeding due to bro-

ken shards of glass in his

forehead. He told police be

didn't know about the acci-

Police reported smelling

intoxicants on the man, but

he would not take a breath-

unlocked vehicles

C On Jan. 18, a Novi neigh-

Dorhood saw two larce-

ny from autos with vehi-

cles parked in their drive

es involved an unlocked

The first theft happened

on Picara Drive. Two gift

the vehicle. The other inci-

vehicle owner went outside

the next morning to find

dent occurred in a drive-

cards were stolen from

Novi Police said both cas-

alvzer test.

Thefts from

as he was walking near

later left the scene. Police

The street sign was taken from the intersection at Queens Pointe and Kings Pointe roads, which is had been left there until it located off of 10 Mile Road.

his passenger side door

ajar. Sunglasses and head-

phones were taken, but a

6A woman's wallet goes missing at a Twelve

street sign was taken.

On Jan. 13, two sepa-

Oaks Mall restaurant and a

rate incidents of theft were

reported to the Novi Police.

The woman said she paid

for her meal at Max and

Erma's restaurant inside

the mall, but accidently left

her wallet behind. She later

returned after realizing it

was missing, but there was

no sign of it.

GPS was left behind.

Larceny

Drunken Driving 7A 27-year-old Northville for drunken driving after

refusing to take a breatha On Jan. 19, Novi Police stopped the woman at 10 Mile and Novi roads for going 60 mph in a 40 speed zone. The police report-

ed the woman was swerving just before she came to a stop, and upon making contact with her the police stated the odor of alcohol was detected within the vehicle. She told police she had a couple of beers.

ble with the field sobriety tests, which included stopping halfway through the alphabet to say 'I

mean really' to the officer and then losing balance during the walk and turn. She refused the PBT, but police were able to obtain a warrant and have blood drawn. She was later released pending these results and after sober-

Compiled by staff writer Lon-



Novi firefighters pause in the bay of Fire Station 1 on Feb. 1. From left: Jeff Lachman, Andy Copeland, Bechara Takla, and Zahi Kassab. The City of Novi and its full-time fire-

PACT

union (Local 3232)," said Novi Public Safety Director/Chief of Police David NPFFU president David McLeod

agreed and said, "We're very pleased with the length of the contract and extra training that comes with it." According to the agreement, the contract is effective July 2012 through June

2015. Molloy said among some new additions in the contract there is updated promotional language, enhanced training standards and minimum test scores equired to earn a step up in pay. There is also a two-year eligiblity list in effect for a promotional opportunity.

Including estimated average over time, the annual salary for firefighters having four or more years of experience is approximately \$70,000.

In keeping with state law, fire depart-

their health care costs and a small part of the city's contribution to the state pension system for their retirement. They will also have to pay 20 percent of their health care in retirement

Time-off benefits have also been updated. Full-time officers with 10 or more years experience work four 12hour weekday shifts per week, and get 30 days off per year, which equates to seven and a half weeks of vacation per year. They also get 13 paid holidays (over three weeks off), with an eight hour bonus over their regular pay for not working a holiday.

"A little work went into negotiating the contract, but overall it went smoothly," McLeod said. "The city and union have a history of working well togeth-

The NFFPU was chartered in 1988 and has 25 members. Novi's fire department also has about 60 paid on-call fire-

Gun charges against ex-House Speaker Craig DeRoche dropped

People can't be charged with a crime simply for possessing a firearm while intoxicated inside their home. the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in a case arising from an incident involving former state House

Speaker Craig DeRoche. Novi police charged DeRoche with possessing a firearm while intoxicated in 2010 after they were called to his home following a dispute with

A district court dismissed the charge, based on DeRoche's Second Amendment rights. The prosecutor appealed to the circuit court, which upheld the dismissal on the basis of an unlawful search. In a unanimous ruling released

Wednesday, a three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal, citing the Second Amendment. "While Second Amendment rights

are not unlimited, this conduct is protected," the panel said. "Aside from the statute at issue, defendant was not engaging in an unlawful behavior, nor were there any facts to suggest that defen-

dant possessed the handgun for any

unlawful purposes." The panel said preventing people who are intoxicated from committing crimes with handguns is important, but the infringement on DeRoche's

Second Amendmen rights in this case "was ot substantially related to that objective.' DeRoche, a Republican who was House speaker in 2005 and 2006, battled alcohol-

ism and was convicted of a drunken driving-He savs he has been sober since 2010 and now works for the prison reform group Justice Fel-

The neighbor told police DeRoche was inside DeRoche's home with a gun. When police went inside, his mother-in-law said DeRoche no longer had the gun and showed them where she had hidden it, inside a garbage

The panel consisted of Judges Kathleen Jansen, David Sawyer and Karen Fort Hood.

der for fines to be removed, it off while participating in a Food for Fines at

the Novi Library If you have a Novi Public Library fine that is weighing on your mind, why not pay in overdue fines (\$1 per item

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Walmart, this event supports the Novi Food Emergency library cards are required from Bank and Hospitality House. each individual. Times are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Feb. 14; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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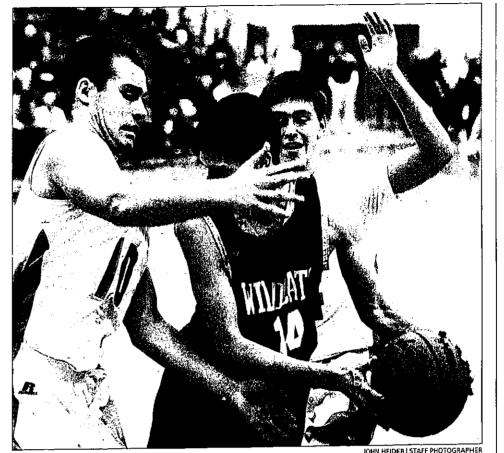
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Mustang Joe Hewlett, left, and a teammate try to force a turnover from Wildcat Max Yanke on Feb. 1.

Novi cagers drop pair of league contests

Mustangs even season series 1-1

By Chris Jackett

Following an 18-point loss to South Lyon on their home court and a seven-point loss on the road to baseline rival Northville, who they had beat en earlier this season, Novi's boys basketball season took a hit from

division title aspirations last week. The Wildcats' (6-8, 4-4 KLAA Central) dropped a 57-39 contest Jan. 29 to visiting South Lyon (11-2, 7-1 Central) before falling 52-45 at Northville (7-7, 4-4 Central) last Friday.

"We are struggling with selfish-Please see HOOPS, B2

Novi's boys basketball team (6-8, 4-4 KLAA Central) was set to visit Plymouth Salem (10-3, 6-1 Central) two nights ago before hosting Livonia Stevenson (6-6, 2-5 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow and heading into the KLAA tournament Feb. 15, after standings are finalized. In the first half of the season, Novi beat Salem 64-60, but lost 52-50 to Stevenson.

Varsity gets rained out, JV struggles at invite

Mother Nature had plans other than compe tition for Novi's ski teams last week. Both the Wildcats boys (3-3) and girls (1-5) were unable to hit the slopes at Alpine Valley on Jan. 28 and Jan. 31 due to melting snow and flooding caused by the warmer-than-usual weather and rain. Rather than facing Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Mar-

ules in the books Novi's

Bloomfield Hills Broth

er Rice and Marian,

Walled Lake Central

and Walled Lake North-

ern all earlier this week

that includes the KLAA

in a three-day stretch

Conference Meet at

Mount Brighton, The

'Cats are back on the

slopes of Alpine Valley

SEMSL Division Meet

before Regionals 8:45

skiers (3-3 boys, 1-5 girls) were set to face

ian, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern last week, Novi's only competition was in the junior ON TAP varsity Don Thomas With several resched-

limited, but Novi's from the girls. The Wildcats finished fourth with 73 points in a field of the four teams had at least four skiers qualiing. Grand Blanc won with 12 points ern (33 points) and Milford (41 points).

Both fields were

Marian only had two 8:45 a.m. today for the Individually, the a.m. Feb. 14 at Mount Novi girls got 14th of 29 skiers from Unie Gu in a two-run time

of 48.16 seconds. She was followed by Rachel Casaccia (15th in 48.33), Adeline Zamora (21st in 51.53) and

Claire Krueger (23rd in 53.04).
With just three boys skiers, the Wildcats were one of three teams not participating in the team scoring, which was won by Northern with 33 points.

. In the field of 31 skiers who finished both runs, Novi's Brett DuBois finished 26th in 51.08 seconds, followed by Eric Braeuner (27th in 53.42) and Takoto Kamiya (30th in

Wildcat tankers finish fourth in county

old school record in 100-yard freestyle

If the depth of the swim wasn't evident before, the impressive showing by Novi's team highlighted that this week.

The Wildcats are .500 in dual meets at 3-3 (2-2 Central) after defeating South Lyon Unified (0-3, 0-3 Central) 116-70 Jan. 31. That same Novi team also finished fourth of 28 schools at the Oakland County Championships Feb. 1-2 in Lake Orion's pool. Held at bay by the likes of Ann Arbo Skyline, Northville (7-2, 2-1 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 3-0 Central) earlier in the season, it was only powerful programs



Novi's swim and dive team finished fourth of 28 teams at the Oakland County Championships Feb. 1-2 at Lake Orion.

Brother Rice (347 points), Birmingham Seaholm (316) and Detroit Catholic Central (229) that would place ahead of the Wildcats' 155

points at last weekend's county meet. South Lyon finished 15th with 58 points. Among the week's highlights was senior Andrew

school record in the 100 freestyle. Set at 47.64 sec-

onds in 1990, Ao swam it in

47.58 seconds at the coun-

ON TAP Novi's swim and dive team (3-3, 2-2 KLAA Central) is off from com petition until Feb. 15-16 for the KLAA Central Division meet at South

meet, finishing fourth behind Brother Rice's time

Lvon East.

Ao had a strong day, also finishing fifth in the 200 free (1:44.77) and helping two relay teams to top-six

finishes. He teamed with seniors Kenta Onimura, Vinny Rosanali and Dennis Kim to finish fourth in the 200 free relay (1:29.82) and then with juniors Tanner Vincent, Jake Robbins and Kim to finish sixth in the 400 free relay (3:18.55). Brother Rice won 200 free relay in

free relay in 3:12.73.

Onimura, Kim, Vincent and Rosanali finished eighth in the 200 medley relay in 1:41.14, behind Detroit Catholic Central's winning 1:38.00 time.

Vincent also had success in his individual races, finishing fourth in the 100 butterfly (53.82) and sixth in the 200 individual medley (1:59.76). Troy won the 100 fly in 52.46 and CC won the

200 IM in 1:53.01. Onimura had the highest cat, taking second in the 100 backstroke in 53.89, behind CC's winning time of 52.11.

Novi won nine of 12 events in their dual meet victory at South Lyon East. Full Oakland County Championship results are weebly.com/results.html or www.oaklandcountvcham-

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer Novi's third relay team of for the Novi News.

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Wildcats clinch fourth-straight division title, improve to 13-1

Novi girls undefeated in 2013, 8-0 in league

By Chris Jackett

The victories continue to pile up for Novi's lady cagers as they outscored two league rivals 102-63 last week.

In the midst of an eight-game winning streak, the Wildcats (13-1. 8-0 Central) picked up all of those wins within their division after a one-point loss to close out 2012. Most recently. Novi the girls dribbled into South Lyon (7-, 2-6 Central) for a 51-34 victory Jan. 29 and then visited Northville (10-4, 5-3 Central) for a 51-29 win last Friday to clinch the division title. Two teams are 5-3 and the other three are all 2-6 in the division.

"Great week for Novi basketball." Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "Two wins on the road in our division is very tough to do. And to win our fourth consecutive Central Division title against one of our rivals made it a little extra special. Very proud of our players and all the credit goes to

The Wildcats' week started off with 20-for-43 shooting (46.5 percent) against South Lyon. Novi led 24-18 at halftime and 36-28 heading into the final quarter before closing on a 15-6 run. Junior Kerri McMahan led the way with 13 points, three assists and two steals as the 'Cats held the Lions to 11-for-32 shooting (34.4 percent)

South Lyon ad a 26-23 advantage on the boards, but a 10-0 steals advantage by Novi made up for that.

McMahan had plenty of help on offense, as juniors Amanda Geiger (nine points, four rebounds, four assists, three steals), Taylor Pavlika (eight points, five rebounds, four assists) and senior Jade Antoleo



JOHN HEIDER! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Mustang Emily Maresh blocks the shot of Wildcat Kerri McMahan during the teams' Feb. 1 meeting.

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all saw significant action. Also chipping in were juniors Krissteals), Dina Fawaz (four points),

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Maddy Marzonie (two points) point, four assists). "I think the team is realizing

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball team (13-1, 8-0 KLAA Central) was set to host Plymouth Salem (6-8, 5-3 Central) two nights ago before visiting Livonia Stevenson (6-8, 2-6 Central) tomorrow for the regular season finale, both at 7 m. The KLAA tournament will be based on final standings and scheduled to start Tuesday.

that, if they share the ball like they have been doing, the greater the chance of success," Kelp

Things continued to roll against the Mustangs. Novi trailed 9-6 after the first quarter, but a 17-2 run in the second quarter led to a 23-11 halftime lead, which kept up with a 18-8 third quarter to create a 41-19 gap heading into the fourth

Pavlika had a game-high 16 points to go with three rebounds and four assists, while McMahan had 10 points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals. Gei ger also dropped in a well-filled state line with seven points, three rebounds, four assists and three steals, while Antolec grabbed 10 rebounds and two steals to go with six points.

Novi shot 20-for-40 (50 percent) from the field, compared to Northville's 11-for-31 (35.5 percent) shooting. The Wildcats also won the battle of the boards 25-11, in addition to advantages in steals, 11-1, and turnovers. 8-17. Senior Kendra Brenner (13 points, six rebounds) led the

Also chipping in for Novi were Schubring (five points, two steals), Lowney (three points), Marzonie (two points) and junior Ally Iacobelli (two points).

ting better each practice and game to help prepare us for Dis-

SPORTS BRIEFS

Round Up At The Rink

Canton has graciously offered Ryan Rabinowitz's Round Up At The Rink event from 5:30all admission fees from open skating to Make A Wish Foundation. Plans are to have a silent auction and a DJ.

The Novi Athletic

will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a jur-ied show, more than 250 booths are available at \$60 each. The show will be spread out in the school's atrium, cafeteria, performance gym and fieldhouse, allowing ample space for all

Recreational softball

Now in it's second year, the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League is recruiting players age SS and up from Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and the surrounding areas to form new teams Season will begin May 28; games will be played at 0 a.m. Tuesdays

Interested players/ teams, please contact one of the following for additional info: Charlie Gabbeart, Northville Recreation, (248) 449-9947; Tori Heglin, Novi Recreation (248) 347-0422; Chris Galatis. Howell Recre-

The Arctic Edge in 7:20 p.m. Feb. 9, donating

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Novi grapplers finish 12th in 24-team KLAA

Landry, DeNova place at individual association tournament

By Chris Jackett

online at hometownlife.com

In a battle for fifth in the KLAA Kensington Conference, Novi's grap plers fell short and didn't improve much in a battle for 11th in the association moments later.

The Wildcats (10-13, 3-2 Central) had finished third in their division. pitting them against the South Division's Wayne Memorial (16-3, 3-2 South) for fifth in the conrolled to a 58-12 victory, setting up a sameday match-up against the Lakes Conference's sixthplace Grand Blanc (13-10. 3-2 West), but the Bobcats prevailed 40-27 to take the KLAA's 11th-place finish among 24 teams and putting Novi at 12th in the KLAA.

Senior Dan DeNova (103 pounds) got things started with an 11-4 vic tory and senior Andrew Park (119) picked up a Novi to a 6-4 lead, but the Zebras would go on to win the next six matches to take a 34-6 lead. Senior Ben Landry (160) pinned his opponent, but Wayne

first six matches against Novi, Junior Ben Wright (145) got the Wildcats on the board with a pin to reduce the deficit to 27-6, but two more Novi loss s equaled a 36-6 deficit. Landry picked up a pin-

fall victory while wrestling up a weight class at 171 and sophomore Jared Engebretson (189) followed with a pin of his own to cut the deficit to 36-18. Senior Zach Roush (215) picked up a pin

Novi senior Dan DeNova (top) attempts to roll over his 103-pound Wayne Memorial opponent Jan. 30 en route to an 11-

4 victory. It was one of Novi's few victories, as Wayne won 58-12 to finish fifth in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

and sophomore Dorean Haney (heavyweight) won to bring the score to 36-27, but that would be the end of the rally for the Wildcats, as the Bob cats picked up the final

Novi's grapplers (10-13) were set to host defending Division I state champion Detroit Catholic

Central (18-3), Northvill (12-7) and Livonia Stevenson (8-9) yesterday for Districts, starting against Stevenson. The winner advances to Garden City.

Against the entire

field of KLAA opposition Saturday, the Wildcats saw limited success at the Eastern Michigan University fieldhous during the KLAA individual championships. Landry (160) went 3-2 record to finish sixth, losing to the eventual fourth- and fifth-place grapplers in his weight class. DeNova (103) was the only other Wildcat to place, finishing eighth with a 2-3 record. COURTESY OF NOVI WRESTLING PARENTS Hartland (28-1, 5-0 West) had four individual championships at the 119, 130, 135 and 171 weight classes after winning the overall KLAA crown 66-6

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

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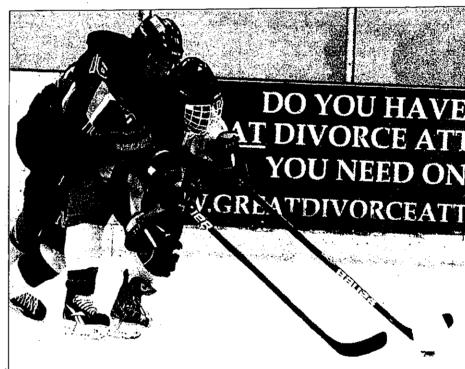
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Novi Wildcat Luke Bageris, right, tries to out-race a Brighton Bulldog on Jan. 23.

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Bulldogs bite through Wildcat icers

A Jan. 28 hockey game against No. 73 Livonia Franklin was canceled, but the No. 31 Wildcats (7-11-1. 3-6-1 KLAA Kensington) could've used the tune up before heading to Kensington Valley Ice House to take on No. 4 Brighton (18-2-1, 9-1-1 Kensington) last Friday. The Bulldogs decimated the Wildcats 8-1 with three second-period and four third-period goals, only one of which came on the power play. Senior Patrick Carney had 35 saves in net for Novi, who got their lone goal from Isaiah Crawford at the

11:20 mark of the third period off an assist from Chris Kennedy. The 'Cats were set to visit Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum for the Pub-

lic School Showcase, taking on No. 46 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (8-7-3) last Monday and No. 41 Ann Arbor Pioneer Metro (13-5-1) 3:45 p.m. today before moving closer to home and visiting No. 39 Farmington (8-8-1) 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena prior to a Feb. 15 KLAA crossover.

Wildcat cheerleaders fourth in KLAA

Novi's competitive cheer team headed to Walled Lake Northern last Saturday for the KLAA Cham

pionship meet and finished fourth of 24 teams with 708.76 points. The Wildcats (4-1 Central) were once again edged by Livonia Stevenson (5-0 Central), who finished third with 272.28 points. But it was the West Division that took the top

two spots, as Hartland (4-1 West) avenged a dual meet loss to Brighton (5-0 West) and won the association title 740.4-731.44. South Lyon was 11th with 664.68, Northville 14th with 644.32, South Lyon East 15th with 611.48 and Plymouth

Salem 24th with 494.60. The team won't be back in action until Districts 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at

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WINTER VARSITY SPORTS **SCHEDULES**

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Novi Wildcats

School Showcase @ Arctic 2/12 7 p.m. @ Farming-

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All games at 7 p.m. unless

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Zebras bite Wildcats; Novi boys bowlers finish as runners-up at Mercy tourney

Both Novi bowling teams (2-10, 1-8 KLAA Central boys; 7-5, 4-5 action 3:30 p.m. Tuesday tral girls) at Novi Bowl before a Feb. 15 KLAA crossover.

Novi rolled down to Wayne last Friday to take on Wayne the Wildcats.

Central) fell 22-8 to the Zebras five of seven teams are withalthough the Wildcats have the best overall record of the five. Wayne's victory put them in second place, while Novi is in

(6-5, 5-4 Central) at Town N Country Lanes, further com-

Memorial last Friday, but it was the Zebras who bowled over

pacting the division standing as in a game of .500 in league play,

a three-way tie with Plymouth Salem and Plymouth. The Zebras took both bak-

er games from Novi 177-139 and 225-167 before winning the first game 864-833 to secure the match. The Wildcats won the second game 854-836, but it wasn't enough. "Sara Schulz shot lights out

with games of 245 and 237," Novi coach John Osborne said. The Novi boys (2-10, 1-8 Central) didn't fare much better, as Wayne (6-5, 4-5 Central) won 23-7, pounding the Wildgirls, the guys also lost both

baker games 226-198 and 200-203 before Wayne clinched the match by winning the first game 1,024-888. Novi won the second game 939-910 with Mat Kotowicz rolling out games of 243 and 204.

Things were a bit brighter Saturday at the Mercy Tournament hosted by Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington. Novi's boys finished in second place. 33 pins behind champion North

ever in a regular season tournament." Osborne said. The Wildcat boys shot 4,333

ing three bowlers spots on the All-Tournament team. Those series (237, 212, 268), Keegan O'Donnell with a 679 series (240, 217, 222) and Kotowicz with a 641 series (games of 234, 186, 221).

Novi's girls didn't have quite as good of luck, finishing eighth with 3,138 pins over

21 games for a 149-pin-pergame average. Leading the way for Novi were Schulz with a 524 series (167, 221, 136) and Megan Engels with a 509 series

Big Boy F Bŏy



HOOPS

Continued from page B1

ness and undisciplined play," Novi coach Brian Tass said. Novi was outscored in six of eight quar ters last week, only getting the edge in both fourth quarters after facing double digit deficits. In both games, Novi took more shots, but made fewer, as well.

ing the ball well," Tass said. "We got points off of our defense." Against South Lyon, the Wildcats trailed 24-14 at halftime and 45-25 going into the final quarter. Despite winning the rebounding battle 25-7, Novi had a 15-1 turnover disadvantage as Luke Shor led the Lions with 24 points on 9-for-12

"We are taking selfish shots. Not mov-

shooting (75 percent), including 3-for-3 "Good player. Can shoot and strong driver," Tass said of Short. "Tough to

guard when other players also do well." The Lions shot 17-for-30 (56.7 percent) as Novi went 14-for-35 (40 percent), led by sophomore Max Yanke (seven points). Senior Jionni Ivy (six points, nine rebounds) hit the most field goals for the

Seniors Tre Cadwell, Charles McK-

Wildcats, with three.

inney (four rebounds) and junior Nelson Cagle each added five points apiece, while senior Blake Brown and junior Erik Biberstein both had four points. Naji Ozier added three points and senior Brandon Macklin had four rebounds.

Things improved slightly for Novi against the baseline rivals a few days later, but the Wildcats still trailed Northville 23-17 at halftime. Down 38-26 going into the fourth quarter, Novi pushed for a comeback, but couldn't get there despite a 16-point effort from Cagle

Novi shot 12-for-30 (40 percent) and Northville went 19-for-20 (65.5 percent) as junior Andrew Meacham (14 points) and senior Stewart Henzi (13 points) led the way for the Mustangs.

Despite winning the rebounding battle 18-4. Novi lost the turnover battle 19-2. "Our turnovers are killing us since they by defense," Tass said, "We are rebounding better than before, but we still give up a few that cost us the game eventual-

Cagle, who also had a big game the first time around against Northville, got some help from McKinney (nine points), Yanke (six points), Biberstein (six points), Cadwell (five points), Ivy (two points,

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Central girls) were scheduled to face Plymouth (6-7, 4-6 Central boys; 5-7, 4-5 Central girls) and Canton (8-3, 5-3 Central boys; 5-6, 4-4 Central girls) earlier this week before the 1 p.m. Feb. 10 Valentine Tournament at Novi Bowl. The teams then resume against Plymouth Salem (10-2, 7-2 Central boys; 6-6, 4-5 Cen-

Novi's girls (7-5, 4-5 KLAA

cats into seventh place in the division. As it happened for the

Farmington. "It was Novi's highest finish

over 21 games for an aver-



ek Edwards will be

ON TAP

7 p.m. Tuesday.

by the time the halftime

buzzer sounded, 30-29.

But in the second half,

the squad came out with a

renewed energy, buckling

down on defense and con-

"We didn't play well

defensively, but we got

along," said Dyer. "We

played with more energy

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Catholic Central has slew of signings

By Sam Eggleston

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respectively.

the Aquinas College

a big part of Central The Detroit Cathfuture. Anthony Darkolic Central Shamangelo will play for the scrappy Ferris State University Bulldogs in ily has plenty to be the GLIAC next season proud of this week as 15 athletes signed and Kevin Walsh will their National Letter continue his career for of Intent to announce the Williams College which colleges they The wrestling team their athletic endeav

will big farewell to both Ken Bade and lacrosse led the pack Bade's career will conwith five players earntinue at the University ing scholarships to the collegiate level. Alex Coe will grapple for Gilhooly announced the Boston University that he will be play-Terriers. ing locally for the Uni-

Two Shamrocks will take their golf game to the collegiate rank as Charlie Green will play the links for the Michigan State University Spartans while Corey Szmadzinski will be a Flyer with the University of Dayton.

Hitting the pool for the Bellarmine University Knights will be Shamrocks stand out swimmer Charlie Roelant while Mark Breaugh will play soccer for the Britons of Albion College.

football team will be sending four to the The signing took next level, as Wyatt ted to the University lic Central High School of Michigan and Der-

Shamrocks split week on the hardwood

in the second half."

Notably was the play

By Sam Eggleston

It's been a difficult run for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bas ketball team this season, but even in the toughest of seasons the cagers under coach Bill Dyer's direction end up finding a way to win. Last week against Notre

Dame Prep, they used a great second-half performance to stop a recent skid of losses as they earned a 52-42 victory The difference may have had something to

do with the return of junior Mitch Katkic, who returned for his first game since injuring his foot on December 26 Katkick put in 13 points to lead the Shamrocks and tie for the top perfor

mance in the game with

Notre Dame Prep stand-

of Austin Beyer, who The Detroit Catholic was key defensively as Central Shamrocks basthe team held all three ketball team will be back on the court when they guards scoreless in the host Orchard Lake St. second half. Noah Lee Mary's tomorrow at 7:30 was also crucial, getting n.m. before hosting Ann to the ball all night and Arbor Gabriel Richard at keeping plays alive for

"It was a nice win," said out Mitchell Olis, who was held scoreless in the and Nick Malzone added 10 each in the victory. The Shamrocks fell The Shamrocks are now behind, 17-15, in the first 3-9 on the season.

DeLaSalle 59, CC 52 A tough loss to the 10-2 DeLaSalle squad last week found the Shamry snatched from their grasp in the last minute of the game.

The Shamrocks led by

one point with less than

stepped up his prepara-

tion, you can tell. He's

dialed in right now. I'm

very proud of him and

happy for him."

"With 30 seconds left, we were down two with assessed a technical foul,' said Dver. "(DeLaSalle's) A.J. Turner split a pair and DeLaSalle got the ball back and we had to foul almost immediately.

pulled down an offensive

rebound and put it back

Without that stumble at the end of the contest. the Shamrocks had show cased the ability to defeat DeLaSalle, holding them to just one basket from

DeLaSalle's Turner led all scorers with 23 points, including a 12of-15 performance from the free-throw line, while teammate Gio Rescigno scored 10. The Sham rocks were led by Moores and Malzone, who had 12

Stevenson goalie blanks Shamrocks

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

There probably were not enough superlatives to go around regarding Connor Humitz follow ing Livonia Stevenson's 1-0 hockey win Satur-

Detroit Catholic Central The senior goaltender that stirred the drink as he made 37 saves to propel the Spartans to a signature victory host Shamrocks on their home ice at Plymouth's Compuware

it takes. He's really

"He (Humitz) is playing inspired hockey stretch as Humitz was under heavy pressure, right now," said Stevenson coach David period when he made Mitchell, whose team 17 stops against the sec improved to 14-5-1 overond-ranked team in Diviall. "Any time you have a third-year senior back Although outshot 29 there, he knows what

10 through the first two

periods, the Spartans picked up their pace entering the third. And when CC took a

penalty with less than a minute remaining in the second period, Stevenas Devin Kelly knocked home a rebound shot pas CC netminder Ryan Mulka just 24 seconds into the third.

Shamrocks win CHSL title

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks decided to make convincing run for the Catholic High School League title is a good way to prepare for the post-season tournament. The squad earned the

more than 100 points ahead of second-place DeLaSalle, which scored 192.5 points. The team put a recordwrestlers in the finals of their respective weight rmann, Parker O'Brien, Cole Moscovic, Greg

and Jimmy Russell earn-

team title with 297 points –

ON TAP The Detroit Catholic

Central Shamrocks were scheduled to wrestle Wednesday in the Team District tournament, after the sports section went to print. The team will compete this weekend in the individual district and next week, ual and team regional tournaments.

David Lilley, Dom Devine, Ryan O'Connor Jake Filban, Joe Jabbour J.T. Avotte and Christian Miner all captured second-place finishes while Mike Mott finished third



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REAL ESTATE

Housing affordability favors Midwest, including the Detroit region

With 11 months of data report ed, 2012 will clearly go down as a record year for favorable housing affordability conditions, and a great year for buy ers who could get a mortgage, according to the National Asso

NAR's national Housing Affordability Index stood at 198.2 in November, based on the relationship between med an home price, median family income and average mortgage interest rate. The higher the index, the greater the household purchasing power; recordkeeping began in 1970.

as the point where a medianincome household has exactly enough income to qualify for the purchase of a median-priced existing single-family home, assuming a 20 percent down payment and 25 per cent of gross income devoted to mortgage principal and interest payments. For first-time buyers aking small down payments, the affordability levels are rela-

tively lower. For all of 2012, NAR projects the housing affordability index to be a record high 194, up from 186 in 2011, which was the previous record. November's reading was 2.5 index points below October, but up 1.5 index points Lawrence Yun, NAR chief

economist, said home buyers are able to stay well within their means, "Although 2012 was highest on record, the excessively tight underwriting precluded many would-be home buvers from locking-in generational low interest rates.' he said. "Rising home prices

and a gradual uptrend in mortforever, unfortunately. Now is definitely a good time to get in gage interest rates will offset improvements in famithe market and get yourself a ly income, but 2013 likely will be the third best on record in It's also been Schippa's expe

terms of household buying pow rience that the Midwest is traditionally more affordable than er. A window of opportunity the East and West Coasts. "The remains open for buyers who can qualify for a mortgage.' Midwest is kind of a more sta-Tony Schippa, Coldwell Bank ble market. I think you have er Preferred of Plymouth Real-"We were the first ones to go tor and past president of the Greater Metropolitan Associdown with the manufacturing ation of Realtors, said, "I think because the market is turning

jobs going away," a few years The Upper Peninsula, even during recent down times, "they have a more stable economy with so many jobs relying on the auto industry. They still kept pretty steady numbers."

resident Schippa said. He citinventory has impacted both sellers and buyers, Schippa \$130,000 that sold recently withsaid, "Offering 80 cents on the dollar isn't working anymore. Some buyers now fear apprais you're getting multiple offers. al issues, and are willing to pay. "We will continue to move I think you're going to continue

forward," he said of Michigan's economy. Realtors and their Schippa thinks interest rates Political Action Committee are on home loans may rise. "As we know, things don't stay low contributing to the business cli-

NAR projects the housing affordability index to average 160 during 2013, which means an-income family would have 160 percent of the income needed to purchase a median priced existing single-family home. Conditions vary widely, with the highest buying power in the Midwest. Even in the West, where the regional index is lower, they typical family is well positioned in most mar-

the minor erosion in affordability conditions moving forward could be mitigated by bank and regulatory policies. "Clearer rules from the government regarding future law suits and buybacks of Fannie and Freddie loans could encour age banks to use their massive loans," he said

10 to 15 percent," Thomas said The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed

mate in Michigan, Schippa add-

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8190 Elmhurst St	\$205,
408 Elmington Ct	\$431,
2134 Fairway Cir	\$158,
44947 Forest Trail Dr	\$195,
43737 Fredericksburg St	\$121,
42339 Glencove Ct	\$200,
6905 Harvard I.n	\$81,
1149 Heatherlea Ct	\$30,
1935 Hendrie	\$297,
7393 Hillsboro Dr	\$160,
6648 Kennesaw Rd	\$410,
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41500 Metaline Dr	\$160,
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Career resolutions the good and the bad

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At the start of each year, New Year's resolutions are made. Some are kept, while many more are forgotten. Yet making resolutions can be beneficial if they are realistic, they allow for some flexibility and a plan is put in place to achieve them.

The same thinking applies to making career resolutions. While it's good to set goals, not all career resolutions are created equal. Some will help you get what you want, while others will leave you frustrated. complacent or not where you thought you'd be in your career.

"My personal view is that any resolutions, particularly those dealing with your career, must have a good balance between flexibility and specificity," says Lauren Still, founder of strategic career-management company Careerevolution Group, "A good resolution will allow someone to measure whether they're making progress on it ... A bad resolution is entirely dependent on actions of others, is too broad to be actionable or is unclear as to whether the individual achieved it."

Here are some good caree resolutions to make this year, and some bad ones to avoid:

Good: Get feedback on an ongoing basis

Patrick Sweeney, president of human capital management firm Caliper, says that a smart career resolution is to continuously work with your manager on development goals. He suggests doing periodic check-ins throughout the year to get constructive feedback and ensure that you're on the same page

"By taking the reins and showing this initiative with your manager, it shows that you care about your position, your company and helping your manager achieve her goals too," weeney says. "Companies look for and want to keep people who are committed to longterm growth, and this helps to cement your place."

Bad: Get feedback during performance

Most people don't enjoy getting feedback on their weaknesses, even if it's constructive. So you may tell yourself it's better to wait to get feedback from your manager until performance-review time. That way, you can hear it all at once, and you don't have to worry about it any other time of the year. But doing so may set you back in your career. Without knowing what's working and what's not on an ongoing basis, you'll essentially be running in place. Also, if you're not asking for feedback regularly, your manager might believe you're not that invested in advancing your career.

Good: Maintain a better work/life balance

Did 2012 leave you feeling burned out and stressed? Try doing some things to better your personal life, and a better work life will follow. If your long hours at work have made going to the gym tough, try waking up an hour early to go to a fitness class or taking a power walk during your lunch break. While you don't need to push yourself to set specific fitness goals, just getting your

air will help clear your head and make you feel better all around. Haven't seen your friends in a while because you've been chained to your desk? While it may take a lot of energy to meet up with friends after a long day, it's a good way to get your mind off of work, and it can help put things into perspective.

Bad: Get more recognition, no matter what it takes

You may vow in the new year to show your boss that want to impress your boss.

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"If you left a job on bad terms

you're committed and that you have what it takes to get to the serve as references." next level. While that's a positive goal, be careful about how you achieve it. If you work late nights and weekends without having a real reason to do so, or you take on more work than you can manage and don't ask for help, you may set yourself back instead of moving forward. There's a difference between working hard and overworking — the work you're doing should be meaningful if you really

Good: Repair damaged

or you have been out of touch with key people from your old company, you need to catch up with them," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of. The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide. Cohen advises, "At the very least, you want to determine what they will say if called for a reference. That should never be a surprise or a last-minute activity. Time is a great neutralizer of fraved edges and unresolved issues. They may also have interesting ideas regarding opportunities and volunteer to

No one is denying that it's a competitive world out there, but working your way up the ladder by pushing others down isn't the way to win. Taking credit for others' ideas, ratting out a co-worker without talking to him first, holding important client meetings without inviting others who may benefit — you may think these actions will lead to success. But chances are you'll get caught, or you'll lose credibility in the

eyes of your boss. Honesty, in-

tegrity and teamwork are what will make you stand out for the right reasons.

Good: Take on more responsibility Cheryl Palmer, owner of career-coaching firm Call to Career, says that if you want to position yourself for a promotion, you should resolve to take on more responsibility. "You might ask your boss to be cross-trained so that you are more valuable to the organization, or you might state your availability to act in your boss' stead when the boss is absent," Palmer says. By challenging yourself, and handling tasks

above and beyond your duties,

you're showing your boss that

you're ready for the next step. Bad: Get a promotion

While striving to get promoted is a positive thing, making it your career resolution won't necessarily get you anywhere. And if you don't get one, you might deem yourself a failure. Try instead to set attainable goals that will help you advance your career, such as take on more responsibility, attend industry conferences or obtain a new certification. By building up your arsenal of skills and experience, you'll be a ready for that promotion — whenever it

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Lincoln is aiming to re-set its brand with a larger audience



tising that highlights the new MKZ sedan and the fresh positioning Ford is trying to

give a marque that has been sleeping for decades. Under Jimmy Falion's Twitter-fed and crowdsourced creative influence, Lincoln's effort generated perhaps more curiosity about what any auto brand was doing in the Big Game.

In a last twist, the automaker decided to break its presence in Super Bowl XLVII on February 3 into two 30-second spots instead of its originally planned single, minute long commercial.

"The last [few days] have seen the creative process unfold, and what we witnessed was that we're having a hard time containing the content even in a rich 60-second spot," Andrew Frick, Lincoln group marketing manager, said in late January. So, one of the spots focused more intently on the wonders of the redesigned MKZ sedan, while the other 30 seconds gave sway to Fallon's imaginings.

It's little wonder that Lincoln decided to go a bifurcated direction, even so late in the pre-game. Under Lincoln's #Steerthe-Script promotion launched last fall, it was the job of TV host and comic Fallon to curate the best contributions from 6,117 tweets to create an ad for the third quarter of the game that highlighted contributors' most intriguing road trips.

In the creative mix — as chronicled in the dribs and drabs of YouTube videos

Lincoln's brand re- alpacas, 10 turtles, several bikers and a vival bid slammed into hokey-looking spaceship in a desert settop gear for Super Bowl ting. Indulging Fallon's vision in such a Sunday with TV adver- way would seem to leave relatively little room to extol MKZ, which is only the first of the four new vehicles Lincoln has promised over the next few years.

Frick said that breaking its ad buy into two chunks became the most obvious way for Ford to succeed in promoting both the new vehicle and its "new" brand.

"You want to show your vehicle; the car is always the star, in some ways," he said. "But you also want to strike the balance of not becoming too rational, and showing the more emotional side of the vehicle and how it relates to people individually and how the vehicle becomes a mechanism for their real-life experiences.

"We're trying to connect the vehicle and the experiences in everyday life and

how important the vehicle is to them." In any event, for a brand that has suffered from glaring corporate neglect over the last several years, the attempted turnabout is an ambitious as well as jarring one. Ford has tried to set the marketing stage over the last few months



Former Dallas Cowboys great Emmitt Smith is Lincoln's Supe

THE LINCOLN MOTOR COMPANY

Lincoln MKZ is the car star of the brand's Super Bowl effort

Company," by relying on touches of heritage (even including President Lincoln) in new advertising, and by talking up hopes that the new Lincoln will land the sort of young, "progressive luxury" customer who wasn't on the agenda of the Lincoln

Lincoln truly planned to throw the long ball in the Super Bowl. Its intended receiver is an upscale Gen X-er who previously wouldn't have consid-

ered the brand or its relatively staid cars and instead would be pondering an Audi, BMW or maybe Infiniti or Buick for his or her next purchase. Thus the emphasis in the Big Game commercial on "experiences."

"The progressive luxury customer we're targeting is very much about personal experiences and understanding the story behind the story,"

by renaming the brand "Lincoln Motor Frick explained. "And we found there was a good amount of overlap between them and Fallon in terms of their following, based on the way he communicates and the brand around him.

> "And we'll surprise a lot of people in terms of how progressive we've become."

Lincoln also is aiming to re-set its brand with a larger audience than those who might be in the market right now for an MKZ. "Any time you advertise on the Super Bowl, it's going to extend to a far greater audience, and these spots will give everyone an idea of where the brand is going," Frick said.

To help create a broader and ongoing conversation about Lincoln, social media is key. That's clear from how the brand chose crowdsourcing from the start and in the lead-up to the game.

"We already received over 100 million impressions for the brand through social media before the ads even ran," Frick noted. "We're getting the message out."

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