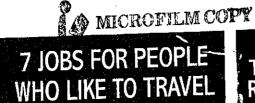


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2012 winter property tax payments must be received by the City of Novi's treasurar's office on or before Thursday, Feb. 14 to avoid an automatic penalty.

There is a drop box located at the curb behind the Civic Center for tax payments. Pay-ments will be accepted in the drop box until midnight Feb. 14.

Property taxes/water and sewer payments can also be paid on-line at www.cityofnov org by credit card or electronic check (no fee charged for electronic check). Please be careful when entering your bank account/routing numbers; payments returned after the due date will be assessed a

Contact the treasurer at (248) 347-0440 if you have any questions.

Novi residents can offer input as CIP moves toward final approval

By Lonnie Huhman

Novi residents will begin to see the positive impact of last year's road millage vote this summer as the City of Novi moves forward with the Neighborhood Rehabilitation program as part of its annual Capital Improvement Plan.

A big CIP project is the \$3.4 million estimated for the Crescent Boulevard Extension between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

The plan is to construct a 1,300-foot long, four-lane nue in the northwest quadrant of the intersection and a 650-foot long industrial spur road. It will also include a bridge over the Rouge River, repaying of the existing portion of Crescent Boulevard west of Novi Road (or Fonda Street) and a new signal at the intersection with Grand

"The expanded Neighborhood Road Rehabilitation program is the direct result of the Novi voters support of the millage approved last year," said Victor Cardenas, assistant city manag-

the available funds have been doubled, resulting in more road surfaces being improved with a variety of treatments each year of the

According to Cardenas, road projects in the city's six-year plan are funded from the dedicated road millage that was recently approved by voters to provide 1.5 mills, generating \$2.1 million dollars for neighborhood road rehabilitation

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A time to learn



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Ugne Orentag of Novi reads in her English class at Wixom's St. Catherine of Siena Academy on Jan. 29. The Napier Road Catholic girls' school pulls a lot of students from Novi, North-

Catholics 'shocked' by pope's resignation

By Kurt Kuban

Northville Township resident and lifelong Catholic Bryan Rizzo used the phrase "just shocked" to describe his feelings when he found out Pope Benedict XVI had announced his resignation Monday morn-

Rizzo, who is the athletic director at Madonna University, a Catholic-run institution in Livonia, said it took him a moment to digest the announcement that sent shock waves throughout the Catholic Church.

"I thought to myself, I don't think this has ever happened in my lifetime," Rizzo said. As it turns out, he was right. Benedict is the first Pope to step down from the Papacy in nearly six centuries. Benedict, who cited health reasons, said he would step down,

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Novi's district MEAP results 'stable'

The best word to describe Novi schools' latest MEAP test results The Michigan Department of Education Mon-

Michigan Educational Assessment Program lic schools, grades three-

"They display a steady

amount of growth in what we would expect," said RJ Webber, assistant superintendent of Aca-

Community Schools. "Our numbers are quite sta-Nick Kalakailo, Novi's day released the Fall 2012 director of Student Growth and Accountabil-

demic Services for Novi

ity, reiterated that the scores are what the district expected, and said that every year there is

SUPER'S THOUGHTS

Be sure to read reactions from Dr. Steve Matthews, Novi's superintendent, regarding MEAP results inside on the Education page.

some fluctuation. "A little off here, a little down here," said Kalakailo. "Being historically high performing, our challenge is - How do we grow? How do we get

we're delivering a rich curriculum." Webber said the MEAP scores are a decent yardstick but the results aren't really useful for better from here?" Both administrators

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said that Novi doesn't

compare its results to

standards and averag-

es because it "isn't real-

"We're creating a very robust, internal accountability system which other districts or the state

ly helpful to us," said Kal-akailo. "We keep thinking

internally to make sure

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POPE

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effective 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, on Feb. 28. After that, the tradidinals will gather within 15 to 20 days to elect a

Rizzo wasn't alone in his feelings of surprise. Allen Vigneron also said he was "stunned" by the

"The Holy Father and I ... we're not buds, but I do feel a bond and I've always felt a lot of support from him," said Vigneron, who was appointed by Benedict in 2009 to lead the sixcounty Detroit archdio-

Even though Vigneron was informed of the pope's resignation by email Monday, he also was able to listen to an audio replay of the pope resigning before the gathering of cardinals. Hearing the Holy

Father speak in his own

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words, his own sense of declining health ... " said Vigneron, was very poignant to me

Cardinals Edmund Szoka, 85, and Cardinal Adam Maida, 82, who are both previous leaders of the Detroit archdiocese, will not be able to vote in the next conclave because they are past the age of 80. Both Szoka and Maida participated in the conclave's secret voting in 2005, which elected Pope Benedict then known as Cardinal

Joseph Ratzinger. Vigneron is not a cardinal, and thus not eligible to participate in the conclave. Vigneron said he expected the next pope will be in place by Easter, March 31, the holiest day of the Christian calendar and which marks Christianity's belief that Jesus rose from the

Local Catholics were still processing the news on Tuesday. Many felt sadness.

"It was with heavy hearts that we read the news of our Holy

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cute the responsibilities of the office," Rizzo said.

Reporter Cal Stone and

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HOW TO REACH US

Father's resignation on Monday morning Pope Benedict XVI has

led the Body of Christ, the Church, with much faith, hope and love, as over the past almost eight years," said Marita director of St. Catherine of Siena Academy Foun-Officials at Our Lady

of Victory Parish and declined to comment on Benedict's decision. An assistant for the Rev. Denis Theroux directed all questions to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Over at Catholic Central High School in Novi, Father John Huber read to students on Tuesday morning Vigneron's statement about the Pope's resignation.

praved the Our Father for Pope Benedict and the Church. We are grateful for the Holy Father's leadership and pray that the Spir it guide the College of

Cardinals as they elect a us all," said Father Jefferson Thompson, presi-Despite the uncertainty that lies ahead for

the Church, Northville Township's Rizzo said he supports Benedict's decision. "As surprising as this is. I think he made the right decision if he's not healthy enough to exe-

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INPUT

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The City of Novi is now in the process of updating its 2013-19 Plan (CIP). These road projects and many others are being prioritized in the plan. Residents will get the chance to voice their opinions regarding projects set out for the next six years in the

coming weeks. Currently, there are several projects Novi is in the process of being completed from last year's CIP:

Lake Shore and Rotary parks · a water main along Garfield Road replacing the original locker rooms for

play structures at

the city's police offi- three new plow trucks to assist in snow · a new fire appara-

Cardenas said besides the neighbor hood road program, the standout CIP projects that rate high as needed in the near future include the proposed Ring Road from Novi Road to Grand River of David Barr's property into an art park and ITC Park corridor

This year's CIP, which is still in draft lion set aside for rehab of neighborhood roads. Novi currently main-

DETAILS

Residents will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed projects when the City Council takes up budget deliberation beginning with their first budget session on April 15. To learn more about the

tains approximately 171 miles of major roads and neighbor-

hood streets.

CIP, go to Novi's website

at http://www.cityofnovi.

The selection of streets is determined using the PASER surveys conducted annually. A mix of fixes and reconstruction) will be applied to opti mize the funds used to improve the overall condition of local roads as reflected by an all PASER rating for the city. A road rated as a 10 is considered in

excellent condition. According to Novi's 2012 Paser ratings, some of the worst roads with ratings of 2 were Cottisford, Glenhaven Circle and Braydon Court. Cardenas said the

public pathway, substantially along the ITC corridor from ITC Sports Park at Napier and Eight Mile all the way to Providence Hospital at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, "is another important project.

project will be the

Haggerty Road and Nine Mile Road Pedestrian Improvements. pathway project was completed in 2011 and completed a pedestrian connection for three of the four quadrants of the intersection of Nine Mile Road at Haggerty Road.

online at hometownlife.com

This CIP project would complete the east-west pedestrian crossing on the north side of Nine Mile Road at Haggerty.

A crucial sanitary project is also in the event sewer backups. A permanent stand-by generator would be added to the existing sanitary pump station at Knights-

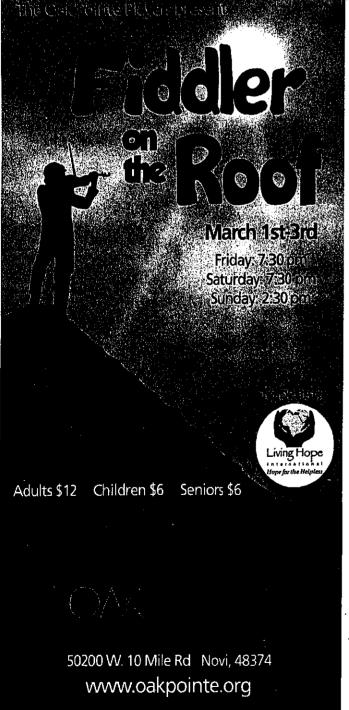
"A fixed generator at this location would better prevent sanitary sewer back-ups caused by power failures with out relying on delivery of the portable generator by city personnel," according to the CIP

Cardenas said city staff has identified and prioritized projects, estimated project costs, determined available resources, balanced project requests within the available resources, and, ultimately, submitted the recommended program/piece of infrastructure to the Capital Improvement tee. Now it will move

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MEAP: Comparisons aren't data's real power

By Steve Matthews

Many people love state assessment data because they can compare one district to another. In my mind, that is not the powessment data is that it gives me a snapshot of a student. It doesn't tell me everything I need to know but it gives me one more piece of data that will help me as I try to make an impact on the life of each and every student in our district.

When state assessment data is made public, it is easy to compare our district and school results to other districts and schools. A nat-

ural reaction is to look for

those districts that we can

"beat." After all, the eas-

tendent to look good is to

show that we are better

The truth is, I can find

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districts that we beat. We heat the state averages. Steve Matthews But is that really the point? that the real benefit of

state assessment data is that it gives a snapshot of where we are right now. Our results give us a perspective. The results allow us to determine what our strengths are and where we can improve.

This year's results certainly provide us with a lot to feel good about. In third grade 85.6 percent of our students were proficient in reading and another 9.1 percent were partially proficient. That left 5.3 percent of our students scoring as not proficient. That means out of 450 third grade students who took the MEAP in October 2012, only 24 students were not proficient in reading.

Our district scores justifiably make us proud. Yet, when I look at these results I see room for improvement. Two of our district goals focus on achievement. One states that every student will make a year's growth in a year's time. Our second goal states that all students will perform at a high level.

While MEAP averages are good for the newspaper to make comparisons, the real power is in digging deeper into the numbers. I take the MEAP data and ask how ry students made a year's growth last

year? In 2012, we could match 411 students in from third grade to fourth grade. Of those 411 students, 295 maintained or improved their standing on the MEAP test in a year's time. Another way to calculate that is to say that 72 percent of our fourth graders made a year's growth in a year's

It also means that 116 students did not make a year's growth from third grade to fourth grade. Most interesting to me is that 56 of those 116 students who did not make a year's growth were students who scored at the advanced level in third grade but the proficient stage in fourth grade. Our goal is that every student will make a year's growth in a year's time. Clearly, we have

This is the power of state assessment data. It makes us ask questions. It does not provide THE answer but it provides information that I can begin to use to ask questions about how we do things in Novi. Our district created goals and is taking the time to measure them so that we can make a difference in the life of every student in the

Our job-our greatest responsibility-is to make sure that everyone of our students makes progress every year. We want them to grow and we want them achieve. We want to do everything that we can to pre pare our students so that when they graduate they will be ready to be successful.

Comparisons, while interesting, are not all that important. The real power of data is not in comparing groups to groups, it is using the data to identify how we make a differ ence for each student.

We don't need to beat every other district on state assessments. We need to ensure that every student is proficient (performs at a high level) and that every student makes a year's growth in a year's time. Our goal is to use state assessment data to challenge ourselves to get better. We want to be the best school district we can be. In order to be that great district, we have to be the best for the every student every day.

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NOVI 2012 MEAP RESULTS

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2010	77.5	493	84.5	492	77.5	494					
2011	75.1	441	85.3	434	73.5	434					
2012	80.3	432	88.4	432	73.6	432					
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2010	67.2	534	76.3	536	61.2	536					
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MEAP

tier in the county and the state," said Webber. 'We're happy, but we also feel we have a long way to go to be better.

allows us to be far more adaptable for our kids," said Webber, not ing that Novi teachers assess where individual students are throughout the year and then tai-

MEAP test is given as the state moves to the trend is that Novi is top Smarter Balance online assessment test in spring 2015.

'We're really proud of our kids and really happy, but we're rarely sat-

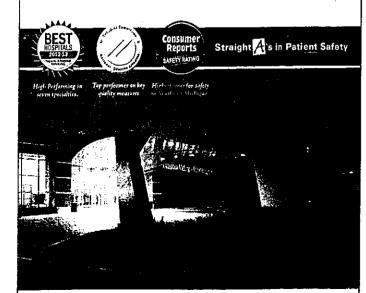
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Kalakailo pointed

Novi Community Education Preschool is hosting the second annual Preschool Open House for the 2013-2014 School Year from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19. This program is open to children who will be age 3, 4, or 5 by Nov. 1, 2013. Classes begin in Sept. 2013 and run until June 2013. Registration for new students begins on March 13. Meet teachers, view classrooms and learn about the Creative Curriculum. Open house locations are: Novi High School Preschool Room, 24062 Taft Road (3- and 4-year-old half-day classes); Novi Community Education Preschool Building, 25575 Taft Road (3- and 4-year-old half-day classes); and the Community Education (ITC) Building, 25425 Taft Road (3-, 4- and 5-year-old all day classes; 5-year-old half-day class). For more information, visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/communityed/preschool or

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Japanese is a popular class at Novi High

By Julie Brown

Denisse Flores, 15, a Novi High School ninthgrader, is well on her way to learning her fourth lan guage, Japanese.

Flores took a break during a recent Japanese 2 class to talk. "It's not an ordinary

language to learn," she said as teacher Noriko Rosen moved around the room helping classmates. "I wanted to make a challenge for myself." Flores was born in Mex-

ico, and moved to Germany. Her parents are Mexfamily came here four years ago.

The teacher always inspires us and helps us to move forward." Flores said. "She makes it fun.

Flores has liked meeting new people in class: "It will also give me more job opportunities as well." Learning about

both the K-12 and college levels.

grams with 2,145 students enrolled.

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Teacher Rosen, who is Jananese-American and a Farmington Hills resilent, said there are five levels of instruction in Japanese at Novi High, cluding Advanced

In the recent Japanese 2, she acted out, "It hurts" with motions for parts of the body, such as a headache or sore throat. The er song they'd learned on body parts.

A computer game showing correct answers for Japanese words on such things as aching teeth and other parts kept students learning. Rosen, who grew up in Japan and did her college work there, also has a Japanese Club at the school of some 40-

50 students.

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit recently com-

in the State of Michigan, confirming that Japanese lan-

guage programs continue to have a strong presence at

In Michigan, there are 36 high schools and 20 elemen-

tary and middle schools that offer Japanese language

enrolled at the K-12 level. In addition, there are 17 col-

leges and universities offering Japanese language pro-

"I am so pleased to notice a trend of Japanese language

enrollment remaining strong right here in Michigan. I

have met many of these students and have always been

their language studies. I have no doubt that when these

students eventually graduate with a working knowl-

edge of the Japanese language, they will have many

career opportunities presented to them right here in the

state," said Kuninori Matsuda, Consul General of Japan,

Auto careers often

bring Japanese

families to Novi

The Novi Community School District doesn't track

Japanese students as a population, but has 2,066 Asian

students, according to Superintendent Steve Matthews. That represents about 32 percent of the total

Matthews said some insight comes from a question on the primary language spoken the home being Japanese. A total of 351 such responses were given,

although Matthews has a sense the number of Japa-

Auto industry work brings many families to Novi.

"That's our sense that the majority of them are here for some sort of employment situation, with autos," he said. "Novi is a community where a lot of Japanese

There's some challenge as with any group where English isn't the primary language. Novi district edu-cators strive to communicate clearly and get materi-

als to families, so they'll "feel like they're part of the

school community."
"The Japanese culture places a great deal of empha-

sis on education," the superintendent said. Younger children are less likely to have English skills, but learn

Older students tend to come in with some English

skills from their schools in Japan, he said. Novi educators teach not only conversational English but also

the language needed for learning biology and handling

"Japanese is a particularly difficult language," he said of American-born students taking it for their language requirement. He's excited such students are

IJS. Census data for 2010 show Novi is the Michigan community with the largest Japanese population at 3.6

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percent, followed by Ann Arbor at 0.9 percent. Farm-

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courses with a total of 4,377 students in the state

pleted its annual survey of Japanese language education

Counting her substitute time, she's been with the district 14 years. Her students are mainly American-born "There are a few native Japanese speakers as well," she

ocabulary words in a

to meet the two-consecutive-year language requirement, she said with French next and then Japanese.

guage," the teacher said, "Reading and writing is so different from European languages."

Her students learn a lot about Japanese cul ture and the language a well, "It depends on the student," she said of her



goes over some Japanese Feb. 4 class at Novi High. Students in her Japanese language class that day were learning the proper terms for body parts and

Spanish is the top language at the high school

"Japanese is a difficult



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Novi High students taking the Japanese language go over some in-class exercises on Feb. 4 From left: Corey Bui, Jacki Brown and Irene Kim.

enjoyment of teaching, noting one-on-one instruction helps. "It is really fun to teach students who are motivated."

Some students want to teach English overseas or study in Japanese universities. Anime has become popular with teens, she said: "Then they want to learn more about Japanese culture." Anime are Japanese animated pro-

including short films, computer animation creations and TV series. Some students go to Japan as exchange stu-

In class, students explore calligraphy as well as cooking and ori-"Slang is difficult."

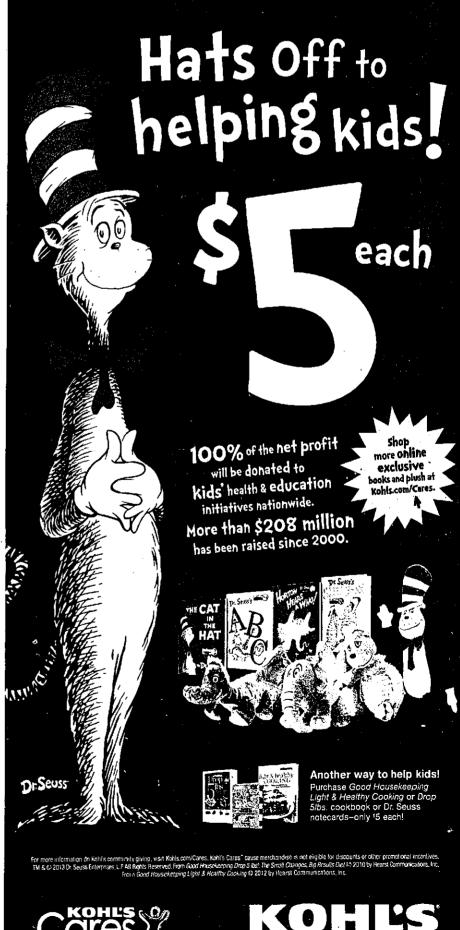
Rosen agreed. She still has some difficulty in English with "l" and "r" "Usually I can communicate with American

people just fine." Ryan Katulski, 14, a ninth-grader who's American-born, was busy in class on a recent snowy day. "I wanted to learn it." Katulski said. "I just like Japanese. It's cool.

He likes best "being

learning the language. I would say once you learn easy. I just like it." Katulski agreed it will help with college and

The neighboring Northville Public Schools district does not offer Japanese instruction as part of its K-12 program. However, "we do offer Japanese 1 and 2 via Michigan Virtual High School in our sum mer school program," said Bob Behnke, assistant superintendent for Instructional Services.



Reaching out

Quartet helps Novi students hear new perspective

By Lonnie Huhman

Novi music students experienced a cool, interactive lecture from an awarding-winning string quartet, giving them the chance to learn from professional musicians.

The Aeolus String Ouartet went to Novi High School last week to give orchestra students some tips as part of an outreach Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

This musical residency of the quartet reached almost 2,000 students and families in the one-week period in Novi alone, with visits also to the middle school and library.

For ninth-grader and violinist Alicia Desormeau, the experience opened her eyes and ears to a new way of looking at her musical educa-

"This was really cool. It gave some different perspectives on playing music," she said about the coaching session Aeolus did at Jim Van Eizenga's orchestra class on Feb. 7.

"Listening to them play

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really gave me an idea what I could work up to and what you could be as a professional," she added. Tavani and Rachel Shapiro, violist Gregory Luce,



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students, stopping every once in a while to instruct

them on a new approach.

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their instruments, the

Nick Tavani, a member of the Washington D.C.-based Aeolus Quartet plays a section of a symphony that the Novi High string ensemble is working on during a Feb. 7 visit.

globe to great acclaim.

in Novi and couldn't say

They enjoyed their time

enough about the students.

"This has been fantas-

tic. It's really inspiring to

be around students want-

ing to learn," said Rich-

During the orchestra

class, the quartet listened

and played along with the



The Aeolus Quartet performs for Novi High students on Feb. 7 in the school's auditorium. From left are: Nick Tavani, Rachel Shapiro, Alan Richardson, and Gregory Luce.

and cellist Alan Richardson formed the Aeo lus Quartet in 2008 at the Cleveland Institute of Music and are now based in Washington, D.C. Since its inception, the all-American quartet has been awarded prizes at near-

ly every major competition in the United States. and performed across the

students tried some new methods that really did positively impact their laying in a short time. Van Eizenga also enjoyed the time spent with the quartet. Much of what they talked about is what he has been doing with the students as well

"It was really good to have them. They reinforced a lot of good teaching points and also introduced some new things for us to keep in mind," he said. "It's nice for the students to see professional musicians in action."

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The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and annual Daddy Daughter Dances from 7-9

The price is \$14 per person for residents order for \$8 each and will be available for able at an additional cost during the dance. Each child will receive a special gift when

To register for either night, visit cityofand Cultural Services office located inside Rd. The dances are popular and tickets sell al dollars at the door, if space is available. For questions about the event, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Ser-

UPDATES FROM

your e-mail, or interested in Skype, the Novi Public Library has free training to

(45255 W. Ten Mile Road). Each class lasts anywhere from a half hour to an hour. Preregistration is required.

library's website for more information on these courses and to sign up. Registration is available online at novilibrary.org. For more information on these programs, call (248) 349-0720.

Daddy Daughter Dances

Cultural Services Department, in partnership with Sweet and Sassy, will host the p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb.

Dads and daughters will spend the evening in Oz with some special guests from the popular production making appearances. 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

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Classes are offered throughout certain months and are held at different time slots. All classes will take place in the computer lab on the second floor at the library

few of the computer classes; check out the

Feb. 15-16

16 at the Novi Civic Center.

and \$17 for non-residents. Wrist corsages and charms are both available for prepick up at the dance. Photos will be availthey leave.

novi.org or stop by the Parks, Recreation the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile quickly. Registration will be \$5 additionvices office at (248) 347-0400.

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Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience represent-ing only Social Security disability lents. And they personally med with all clients and appear personally at all court hear-ings. Many large firms assign case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have vast experience before loca

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is

their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law book for attorneys about the

ubject and has been ision programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charmed until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive

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



Library patrons can pay late fines down, give to needy

online at hometownlife.com

By Lonnie Huhman

The Novi Public Library is intro-

patrons an opportunity to decrease

This is the first year for Food for

"This effort will help those want-

ing to eliminate or pay down their

the Novi Food Emergency Bank

late fines and will also help support

and Hospitality House," according

It's really quite simple for library

card members with fines- to donate

food items and have a fine can-

celed. Farkas said one canned or

dried non-perishable item equals

\$1 in fines with a maximum of \$10

their late fees while also helping

Fines, and library director Julie

win" for everyone involved.

ducing a new program to give

out those in need.

to Farkas.



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ing staff to help during the three

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Novi Library employee Christine Krieger assists Bonnie Howitz in checking out some material on Feb. 8. Beginning this

week the library is sponsoring a Food for Fines promotion where for every \$1 of donated food patrons will receive \$10 off their library fines. Donated goods will go to local food banks. per library card, which must be DETAILS present to verify accounts. The effort is in partnership with

> days it's going on. The retailer helped the library previously with inside the east meeting room. the event Light up the Night. Staff and volunteers will be on Farkas said the main reason behind this effort is to help those in access the accounts. need. For the food banks, February and March are tough times with W. 10 Mile Road. supplies low. It's the goal to help replenish the shelves at the Emergency Bank and Hospitality House.

Another goal is to help those patrons with late fees. The library derstands fines happen for a variety of reasons, from forgetting to return an item to being out of foods which are not expired. Farkas said this also gives those

out if they want to.'

Food for Fines will take place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 and 10a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15-16 hand with computers to be able to The Novi library is located at 45255

break," she said, "and we believe this is the best way to do that." Food items particularly needed are canned meats, tuna, and similar

"We hope this works out and patrons participate," Farkas added.
"Those without fines can also help

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Local news on the go

Did you know that Hometownlife.com. the online home of the Novi News, has a mobile site that brings the latest news to your smart

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Locals recycle better than the U.S. average

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) has tallied the disposal numbers from 2012, and they look very green. Last year, residents of

Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South field, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom recycled nearly 10,000 tons of paper, plastic, metal and glass. They also compos ted over 14,000 tons of grass and leaves at local compost facilities. Finally RRRASOC residents

ly 300 tons of Household Hazardous Waste. The U.S. recycling RRRASOC residents average a recycling rate of 38.55 percent. For more information please contact RRRASOC

safely disposed of near-

National Diabetes Prevention **Program comes**

at (248) 208-2270 or online

to Novi next month

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

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

Topics include healthier eating, getting started with physical activity. overcoming stress, staying motivated and more The group helps to motivate and encourage each other. After the initial 16 core sessions, participants meet monthly for additional support to help

maintain their progress. To participate in the overweight and have prediabetes 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 A1c between 5.7 and

6.4 percent • two-hour plasma glucose between 140 to 199

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

To register for NDPP or learn more about the program, contact Cathy Newkirk at (248) 858-0888, or newkirk@msu. edu. For more information, please visit http:// www.cdc.gov/diabetes/



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Valentine's Day sweet for local, family-owned chocolate shop

business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Emily Barker: Schakolad of Northville is a family-owned chocolate factory where products are made fresh in our store. Every day our handcrafted chocolates using only the finest ingredients. We manufacture in small batches, without wax or preservatives, to

ensure quality and freshness. We create custom truffles and molds for wedding favors. corporate logos and behind the scenes tours and birthday parties Sweet Night Out for

By Julie Brown

Lee Ann Adam, who owns Novi's

The Flower Alley with husband

Jeff, knows what sells come Val-

"It's always roses," she said.

"It's a very romantic flower and

it signifies love, love and passion.'

They've been in Novi, on Novi

"It seems to be getting bigger,

ing designers and drivers.

in all honesty," she said of Valen-

tine's Day and florists. "It's the

They'll bring in extra staff,

The Adams enjoy their work.

"Especially on Valentine's Day,

you're dealing with everybody

Road, about seven years and in

the business a total of 30.

busiest day of the year."

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Hearts, flowers

'Busiest day of the year' hectic for florists

who's happy and romantic," she said. "It's definitely a good feel-

She's found the romantic ros-

es in a beautiful presentation box

the No. 1 seller. Girls and younger

vomen like the Gerber daisies, as

"As a business owner, you def-

Lee Ann Adam. "Everybody's hap

py, so it definitely makes you feel

She has more male customers:

"I think it kind of stems from tra-

dition," in which boys and men

give girlfriends and wives flow-

The opposite's true for Rebec-

ca Moore, floral designer at the

Kroger at Six Mile and Haggerty

initely look forward to it," said

well as hydrangeas.

• Gelato (in the

spring and summer

handmade

gelato trucked in

from Palazzolos in

adults. Parties include a chocolate fountain and chocolate making. Some of the products we offer include

 70 different types of truffles and nut Signature Barks

birthday, engagemen from Schakolad we bought the store two and half years ago when the original owners were ready to move on. I love the creativity and that it's a family-oriented business (for us and

were customers first

high quality chocolate

After receiving

News: How important is Valentine's Day to you

Emily Barker: Valentine's Day is our single largest sales day of the year. We will dip by hand more than 1,000 chocolate covered strawberries and over 10,000 truffles

"They have a tendency to spend

more and trust in what you do,"

Northville Township resident

Moore said of her mostly-female

1 seller for Valentine's Day," said

"Every once in a while, someone

Moore, adding older customers

has to get out of the doghouse."

For Valentine's Day, red and

"The younger generation

pink are big at Kroger, along with

doesn't really like the roses, prob-

ably because they're too tradition-

last as long as some other flowers.

often opt for carnations.

she said of customers.

some neutrals.

"aphrodisiac" effects. Eating chocolate may improve your mood and pleasure by boosting serotonin and endorphin levels in the brain. News: If you had to recommend one of your roducts as a gift for Valentine's Day, what would

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOG-

Schakolad chocolatier on Haggerty near Eight Mile, boxes for the Valentine's

News: Is chocolate really ar Emily Barker: Several components

Day promotion. For every person who comes in the store to buy chocolates for Valentine's Day, we will add a piece of that will be sent to a currently deployed Michigan military unit.

Emily Barker: A

chocolate high heel

Shoes and chocolate,

woman want? We have

cavenne hot lips for the

To show appreciation

heroes, we are running

a special Valentine's

what more could a

chocolate covered

potato chips and

to our hometown

for the holiday.



of chocolate (mainly phenyl-ethylamine and Tryptophan) have been linked to

mood and potential

Beards or clean-shaven? Schoolcraft students asked for their preference By Ken Abramczyk The idea was Staff Writer for couples to

online at hometownlife.com

A national razor manufacturer recentv conducted a little informal research at Schoolcraft College in

Livonia. "Kiss & Tell" was a chance for couples or friends to let Gillette know their preference a kiss with someone with a beard or stubble or a clean-shaven face. While some couples participated, it didn't stop some young men from getting a free shave and a free razor to try during the pro-"It is part of a 15-city

tour," said Stephen Snart, senior account executive with Ketchum, a public rela tions firm handling the event for Gillette. "We invited couples to come out and test whether his face is preferred with stubble or clean shaven."

Snart said research has shown that "two out of three woman have avoided kissing a guy because he had

The idea was for couples to kiss beforehand in one booth, then The couple would kiss again in a second booth and participate in a short survey on the preference. The men

received free Gillette swag (a razor), while lin gloss balm.

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Gillette swag (a

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man's beard. The

Chelsea Nguyen of Westland and Mario Hernandez of Novi joined in the fun. Nguyen, who said she and Hernandez are friends, preferred the clean shaven over the stubble. "The clean shaven face is defi-

nitely a lot smoother, "I thought (the promotion) was a great dents," Nguyen said.

Jake Mulka and Tim Daul try out the blade. They are both from Livonia

Hernandez called the experience "weird" as as he shaved, as lenses were aimed by several photographers taking his picture. "I had to make sure I didn't mess up," he said.

Hernandez showed up with stubble that morning, but said he normally keeps a clean shaven look for his job at Abercrombie &

Fitch, "I use an electric (razor), but I like this because it is real ly smooth," he said. For Hernandez, he ence for himself with the stubble or clean

Tim Daul of Livonia showed up to try a razor and get a free razor. "It's pret ty good," he said. "It didn't catch or drag. Jake Mulka of Livo nia didn't bring his girlfriend, but got a

kiss both times," he beard is like sandpa-Mulka said his girl friend prefers him without the beard. "She likes it neat, not the full beard," he

Gillette will announce results from clean shave. "It didn't its "survey" Valentine's Day. said. "I like it a lot. My

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Kaila Adam, right, came up from her home in Orlando to help

her mom, Lee Ann Adam, with her shop The Flower Alley on

tioned that it's fun each year to watch all the men crowd in her

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9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 n.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and Reconciliation: beginning

9 a.m. Saturdays or by ap-Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondav-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemin a multi-sensory worship experience.

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Ladies Bible Study: 9:30

a.m. first Saturday of every

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Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

p.m.; fourth Sunday of

CHURCH OF NORTH-

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Men's Bible Study: 9

visit www.faithcommunitynovi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Book of Revelation**

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdavs and 9:30 a.m. Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today

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Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 349-0911 or Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. a.m. and 5:45 p.m FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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

Worship Service Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; **Currently on Wednesday** nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer

Group 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

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Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Alzheimer's Support

Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month. **HOPE LUTHERAN** CHURCH Location: 39200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington

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Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.: Wednesday 7 p.m. **MEADOWBROOK** CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Location: 21355 Meadow

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9 Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Lunon: 11:30 a.m. fourth

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Local reactions mixed to governor's proposed budget

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Novi's city manage doesn't agree with the way Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed state budget

\$855.1 million that pro vides constitutional and county revenue sharing payments. "Constitutional rev-

enue has nothing to do with anything that the governor or Legislamre decides or budgets. said Clay Pearson. "What the City of Novi gets in revenue sharing is only hecause of increased sales tax receipts that flow to Lansing, and then a portion are returned to local governments based upon a per capita formula. The governor and Legislature cannot change what happens with that revenue shar ing; it is what people pay

in sales taxes. In his budget proposed to the state Legislature last week, Snyder said that a total of \$268.1 million would be used for the Economic Vitality and County Incentive programs, providing incentive-based payments to local units of government

meeting best practices. "My understanding is that the Administration is not recommending an ncrease in EVIP despite the many other budgets that are being increased, mula for EVIP funding that is adopted by the Legislature and governor remains horrible

financially for the City of

Pearson said a good comparison for EVIP is Novi vs. Portage based on population, build-out, tax base, etc. The City of Portage is getting \$289,334. Meanwhile, the City of Novi is expected to receive \$26.887 less than 1/10 comparable Portage, from that same program. While the City of Novi, population of

as much as the Village of

Baraga (population 2,053)

and Lawrence (popula-

Snyder's proposal also includes a one-time \$5 million investment for a new Regional Prosperity Program to encourage local communities to work together and develop and implement region al economic development

Ara Topouzian, Novi's director of Economic Development, said he's active in the state associ ation and is always looking at ways the region can work more collabor-"As for local communi-

ties working together," he said, "Novi has done so and continues to do so for the good of providing to its residents and businesses as well as looking for new approaches ly, this is found in some of the smaller areas around the state where they must collaborate in order to

survive." The proposed budget included a total of \$10 million for a new skilled trades training program dents to master a skilled trade and to address jobto-talent mismatches, which encouraged Topou-

"I was glad to hear the governor address a skilled trades training program because one of our state's greatest concerns is our workforce environment," said Topouzian. "The difficulty centers around the ability of a company to worker.'

He said many companies - R&D and high technology, for example generally have difficulty finding a perfect match between the worker and iob description. This is a problem that

and addressed by the MEDC workforce talent team, but it is good that we are also encouraging specific skilled-trades people," said Topouzian.

OUR MEDICAL

Sean Gehle, vice pres-

ident of Advocacy for Ascension Health Michigan, which includes Providence Hospital in Novi, said overall he was pleased with the governor's proposed budget. Snyder earmarked an additional \$1.5 million.

for a total of \$8.7 million to support public health activities including obesity reduction, cancer screening, improved dia betes care and pregnancy prevention/family planning programs. ere's also an additional \$2.5 million for the Infant Mortality Reduction Plan to reduce the number of

infant deaths. "We're very involved in agement and looking at ways to keep our com-Gehle, "Obesity is a main focus of a lot of the initiatives we have throughout our health systems. Geble said his organi-

zation was very enthusiastic about the gover nor's proposal to expand Medicaid. "Obviously, we think that will have a significant impact on our uncompensated care and the number of folks we serve in our emergency room who are uninsured," said Gehle, "And we were heartened to see that the governor proposed a fiscal year

2013 supplemental that would include some dollars for health insurance The only real disappointment, Gehle, said was the governor's reduction of \$4.3 million for graduate medical education - dollars used

to help support residents. "It's a slight reduction in budget in that funding, but that's vital going forward to address the physician shortage," said

Education

The governor addressed several key education components in his proposed budget One is a total of \$11.5 bil-

Northville

12, an increase of over 2 percent, according to the governor. The recom mendation includes an equity payment to further close the foundation

allowance funding gap

between districts. The K-

12 budget also supports

lion in state funds for K-

online and blended learning by creating and main taining a statewide catalog of online courses. Steve Barr, the Novi Community School District's assistant superintendent of Business and Operations, say's the pro posed budget is a "shell game" for education.

"He (Snyder) contends it's an increase because he's putting some money towards preschool, said Barr, "If it passed today, it would actually be a reduction of \$36 per student, not an increase That's about \$230,000 to

Barr said the governor is reducing the 'best practices' money to \$16 from \$52, and two years ago it was \$100. "And it's really what he deter-

mines to be best practices," said Barr The Novi administrator said the biggest problem is that the governor keeps funneling K12 money to colleghe gave a \$1 billion tax

break to businesses. With the governor's proposed budget probably not finalized until June, Barr said that's already about two months too late for Novi's planning purposes. Ultimately, he said, the local district will continue to try and provide the

and maintain one of the smallest class size averages anywhere in the state - currently at 22.5 students per K-4 class. "We've done a lot in terms of cost-cutting." said Barr. "At some point people will say enough is

best education possible

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Bento boxes



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Novi Library worker Kathryn Bauss, center, assists Aisa Narayan, left, and Saily Chouthai on Feb. 8 as they prepared bento box creations. Bento boxes, a Japanese creation, are meant to creatively present food both appetizing to the tummy and eyes.

Blown away



Novi resident Eric Waggy clears his Christina Lane walk of about six inches of snow on Feb. 8 after an early morning storm left the area clogged with the white stuff, Novi. Northville and Walled Lake school were canceled for the day due to the snowstorm.

NEWSMAKERS

Punzal appointed

Andrew Punzal, of Novi, has been appointed to the position of senior event marketing manager at J.R.

Thompson Company, and he will be responsible for event marketing man agement serving the SRT Motorsports Prior to joining J.R. Thompson Com-

any, Punzal was an account director at Chevrolet advertising and social media business. Prior to Big Fuel, Punzal ing where he managed multiple motor-

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Jesse Jackson inspires local students

Staff Writer

As part of honoring Black History Month at Moraine Elementary School, Rev. Dr. Jesse Jackson made a special visit to Northville on Tuesday afternoon to attend an assembly and give students a few lessons from the past that can be used today.

"Dr. King taught us to learn to live together," Jackson said to the gathered crowd of students, parents and school staff. A Civil Rights pioneer

and recipient of the Pres idential Medal of Freedom, Rev. Jackson used his time to inspire the crowd. He had them repeat after him some of the lessons he took from that time in history.

"I have the right to grow up without fear we must reject hurting each other," the students repeated after Jackson. As an associate and friend of Dr. Mar-Rev. Jackson spoke to Moraine's kindergarten through fifth grade



The Rev. Jesse Jackson gathers Moraine Elementary students Anthony Gardino (left) and Thomas Morgan for a hug during his Feb. 12 visit to the school. The students introduced the civil rights leader to the gathering at the

students in a schoolwide assembly about his friendship with Dr. King,

ment, and non-violence. Many in attendance left feeling inspired by the

"I really liked it," said Hillside Middle School eighth-grader Elijah Gash, who attended with Principal Jim Cracraft. the past with its strug-

ied including persistence, the importance of goal setting, power of an edugles and how there are cation, and importance of challenging oneself in achieving one's dreams. Moraine officials said all of these principles tie directly with the school's ongoing focus on person-

> with the district's social studies content expecta-"We are honored by this incredible opportunity for our students and staff to hear and learn from Rev. Jackson as an American who has been

al leadership and align

still things today that we

Jackson also talk-

ed about the leadership

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struggle with."

ing, the Moraine school community is focusing on developing responsibility, personal leadership, interpersonal skills, and organizational skills, with the end result of creating

positive manner."

Moraine students dem

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

onstrated their skills in

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. shares a high-five with Northville School District employee

Moraine Principal Denise

Bryan before the assem-

She added, "We also

with Rev. Jackson how

for teaching and learn-

are very excited to share

using the innovative 'The

Leader in Me' framework

lanet Naughton during his Feb. 12 visit to Moraine Elementary.

an important civil rights leader and a primary witness during a pivotal

Local Events

Later on several students who participate in Moraine's Lighthouse leadership team asked

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the assembly. Third-grad-

er Anthony Gaudino and

fifth-grader Thomas Mor-

gan introduced Jackson

brief background on his

life and achievements.

"There's a lot we can

learn from him," Thom-

as said to his fellow stu-

to the crowd by giving a

time in U.S. history," said a variety of ways during

Jackson some questions about leadership a positive experience and a positive climate at our Third-grader Emma school. By teaching chil-Berry asked him what influence his parents had dren personal leadership on him and he told her skills early, they learn they reinforced his sense they are empowered to of justice. choose their response to their experiences in a

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ANGLIN. BETTY IRENE

Age 91. February 9, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Jack B.
Anglin. Loving mother of Mary
Wagner, the late Jack B. Anglin
II, and Lowell D. Anglin. Mother-in-law of Doreen Anglin. Grandmother of Kim, Tami, Grandmother of Kim, Tami, Jackie, Kristi, Doug, Ed, and great grandmother of ten. Funer-al Services were held Wednes-day, January 13, 2013 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to the International Fel-lowship of Christians and Jews Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

O'BRIEN*

SULLIVAN BROOKS, IRENE

held Feb. 11, St. Joseph Catholic Church. Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com. BROTT, CONNIE J. Age 72, passed away February 10, 2013. A family service was held. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com.

CARTER, Age 52, passed away February 8, 2013, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 21, 1960, in Brazil, daugh-ter of Carl & Phyllis Silvernail. April 21, 1900, in Brazii, daugn-ter of Carl & Phyllis Silvernail. Sheri was a Scout leader for many years and was a dedicated and active member of the 1st LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

NANTZ, STUART O., JR. United Methodist Church of South Lyon. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife and mother with a courageous spirit. She is survived by her beloved husband (JOE) nail and her brothers: Jaime (Jenni) Silvernail and Scott Silvernail. She was preceded in death by her mother Phyllis Silvernail. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 14, from 3:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 14, from 3:00 p.m. day, Feb. 14, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, 122 W. Lake St.,

Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com EAVES, THOMAS L. Guestbook phillipsfuneral.com. MANTELA, RONALD

Age 66, of Hariland, formerly of Milford, passed on Feb. 7, 2013. Lynch & Sons. 248-684-6645

(DUNCAN) (BERRY, BURKE)

(BERRY, BURKE)
Age 74, passed away February 4, 2013 from Pulmonary Fibrosis. She was born in South Lyon, moved to Whitmore Lake, then to Ann Arbor, where she was employed by the University of Michigan for 26 years. After retiring, she returned in 1988 to reside in South Lyon. She was preceded in death by her brother Delbert Frank Duncan. She is survived by her very loving and earing husband Robert; three children: David (Darlene) Berry of Teumseh, Dianne Berry of Cadillac, Tammy Boyce of Ypsilanti; sister Dorothy of South Lyon and five grandchildren. Also surviving are seven step-Lyon and five grandentidren. Ar-so surviving are seven step-children, 10 grandentidren and four great-grandentidren. She to-tally enjoyed all her family, friends, casinos, fishing, camp-ing, traveling and golf. Visitation was held on Feb. 9. Memorial service followed at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. Me-morial contributions may be made to St. Jude or Lung Cancer.

MARINELLI, NICK Age 89, passed away Feb. 5, 2013. Funeral Feb. 9, St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online guest book www.phillipsfuneral.com.

Age 34, passed away February 7, 2013. Preceded in death by her husband Charles Meyers in 2005. Irene is survived by her aunt Dorothy Hanton, several cousins and many dear friends. Celebration Service was held at Highland Church of the Nazalighland Church of the Naza-rene, February 13, 2013. Pastor Mike Hefner officiated. Burial took place at Highland Ceme-tery. Memorial contributions to: Highland Church of the Naza-Salvation Army, For further information, phone Lynch & Sons.

Of Highland, MI went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on 01-27-13 at the age of 68. He is survived by his wife Bette of 44 years and sons John (Mindy) Nantz, Waylon Nantz, Mark Nantz, Luke Nantz & Matt (Car-rie) Nantz and Daughters Mary (Dean) Fraser and Paulette Nantz. Also survived by his brother Larry (Marilyn) Nantz, and sister Sharon (Gary) Herdter and many extended family and friends. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him. Funeral was held at Lunch & Sons Funeral home and burial in Nantz, Luke Nantz & Matt (Car-

WOLICKI Age 56. February 7, 2013. Beloved Husband of Joellen. Loving Father of Sara Beth and Muggie Wolscki. Dear Brother of Martin Jr. (Jeannie), Ray (Barbara), Kenneth (Tracy) Wolscki. Many nieces & nephews. Memorial Service 10am Thursday at Weise Funeral Home, 7210 Park, Allen Park (313-382-1150). Sign online guestbook at www.weisefuneralhome.com.

OLIVER.

away at his home on Weds., Feb. 6th, surrounded by his loving family. Bill was born in Detroit family. Bill was born in Detroit to parents Lawrence and Grace Oliver. A 1959 graduate of Cody High School, he later attended the Center for Creative Studies. Although he made his living as the owner of "Bill Oliver's Wallpaper & Painting", his passion for art, in various media, remained his lifelong passion. Bill was a founding member of Detroit Focus (Cass Corridor Artists) in the 1970's, a past member of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, and a current, contributing member of the contributing member of the Northville Art House. Bill is remembered as an outstanding tal-ent and accomplished artist whose works were exhibited in

many local and national shows. He was an avid garder and collector of art, glass and pottery. He also gave of his personal time to deliver meals on wheels in the Northville and Livonia areas for many years. In addition to his loving wife, Elizabeth Dill is compared by his mother Grace, sister Sus Threet (Larry), son Adam Oliv-er, daughter Amy Gallico (Mike), son Andy Oliver (Deb-by), step-sons Matt Unsworth (Jennifer) and Don Unsworth (Amy). He is also survived by (Amy). The halo sales survived by eight grandchildren, two nicces, and beloved dog Trixie. A me-morial service celebrating Bill's life and beautiful art is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memori-al donations to the Northville Art House, Angela Hospice, the Ani-mal Rescue Sheller of your

Arrangements were entrusted to Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors, 19091 Northville Rd., Northville

> OUINCY. ALVINA

Age 96, passed away February (2013. She was born on Jan. 1: 1917, in Detroit, to the later Frank and Genevieve (Zablor ski) Cisek Sr. Alvina is survive ski) Cisek Si. Avilla is Saut-will as by her children: Kenneth (Ruth) Quincy, Kathleen Dembsey, Karen (Ray) Peterson, Kimberly Wojnarski, Kristen (Tom) Haataja; her brothers: Frank Cisek, Robert Cisek; 11 grand-bildren de seize great. children, and nine great grandchildren. She was preced ed in death by her husband Ed ed in death by her husband Ed-ward in 1988, and her sisters: Dolores and Rosemary. A funer-al mass will be celebrated on Feb. 14, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. The family will receive friends from 10:15 - 1:100 a.m. at the church. Online questbook:

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> RODDY, DOROTHY M. Age 81, passed away Februa

HEALTH SEMINAR Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 Location: The Better Health Market 42875 Grand River, in Novi

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COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT Times/Dates: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18 Location: Novi Public Library (Ten Mile just east of Taft)

Details: Topic of discussion will be state achievement results with Dr. Steve Matthews, Navi Community School District's

NAMI METRO **General Meeting** Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Feb. 26

Location: St. John Providence Hospital medical building, eighth floor Details: Jeff Brown, executive 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, along with the supporting initiatives. It will include the

onitoring and reporting on progress that will be shared with the community on an ongoing basis. Contact: (248) 348-7197

BLOOD DRIVES Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Feb. 23 Location: Northville Christian Assembly

Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Feb. 26 Location: Hillside Middle School, Northville Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Feb. 26 Location: Henry Ford Medical Columbus **Details:** The Red Cross Nationally needs 17,000 blood donations each day for pa-

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BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads) Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

WOMENHEART OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings Contact: Sharon Mallon, (248) 348-5189.

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

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BIRTH

Ringuette

Ashley Threet and Neil Ringuette of Novi announce the birth of their daughter Layla Nichole Ringuette. Layla was born Oct. 10, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 19.5 inches in length. Grandparents are Bob-

by and Christy Threet of South Lyon and Pat and the late Roger Ringuette



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Lyon, and he is a 2011 grad

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Our diverse community

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As the Chinese New Year continues and we celebrate Black History Month, it's worth noting how the cultures in Novi are changing - dramatically and how diversity is being embraced

throughout this city. According to data from SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments), the 2010 Census reports the population of Novi at 55,374. Of those residents, 8,761 (or 15.8 percent) are of Asian descent.

The census 10 years prior indicated less than half that number (4,098). Even more impressive, the African-American population has jumped in 10 years from 899 to 4,451 and the number of residents of Hispanic heritage nearly doubled from 855 to 1,640.

In the Novi school system, there are 2,066 Asian students. That's nearly 32 percent. Many of those are Japanese, although the district doesn't officially

Because of Novi's proximity to the 'auto industry,' many families land here. It doesn't hurt either that Novi has one of the finest school systems in the state. Some students come from Japan already with a handle on English; others learn quickly.

But what's really interesting to note is the number of students who choose to take Japanese as a language course. There are 56 high schools and elementary schools in this state offering Japanese (according to the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit).

But as Novi High student Denisse Flores points out in our feature story in this edition - "It's not an ordinary language to learn." (It's worth noting, too, that she was born in Mexico and lived in Germany.)

The woman who teaches all five levels of the language at the school and runs its Japanese Club, Noriko Rosen, grew up in Japan. Of course, she noted that Spanish and French are still the top two foreign language classes, but it's impressive that so many students are willing to take on a language as challenging as Japanese. Not only are they exploring a totally different culture, they're also setting a course for

"I have no doubt that when these students eventually graduate with a working knowledge of the Japanese language, they will have many career opportunities presented to them right here in the state," said Kuninori Matsuda, Consul General of Japan

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LETTERS

All should share in gas tax, fee increases Regarding Gov. Snyder's bud-

get proposal calling for big gas tax and fee increases — what happened to the long-standing claim that Republicans were the anti-tax party? I recall when the oil companies first pushed prices above \$3 and \$4 a gallon during the Bush years. The Republicans called on then-Gov. Granholm to suspend the gas tax whenever prices were above \$3. Now prices remain above \$3 all the time and this governor is calling for higher taxes. His "You use the roads you should pay for the roads" claim sounds to me like Snyder's making the average citizen pay the extra cost again. Oh, you might say businesses use the roads also and will pay these increases. However, some, who use the roads the most, no doubt will be able to write off the cost as operating expense against their income tax and come out even:

The governor says that business should have tax parity with the individual taxpayer. Why not a dedicated increase on the income tax (individual and corporate) to fund road and bridge repair only? This would lower the increase spreading it across a much wider area, not car and truck owners only. And as they are public roads open to all, more would help pay for them. Then if your income is low (say, by having your pension taxed or your tax deductions taken away) you don't pay as much. Also, we won't have some write it off and get a free ride. If you have income, you're in. That would be shared sacrifice. But this would mean Republicans saving. "Yes, we need the tax money" and not sneak it by when they think the people aren't watching. However, they would rather tax some more and divide us; set-

claim Democrats will raise taxes If we will all share in the benefit, as Snyder says (through safer roads, more jobs and a better

ting us against each other as they

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future), we should all share in the cost — and that includes business. **Chuck Tindall**

Public deserves to know

In 2012, Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, researched 2012 Supreme Court television advertising and found that "of the \$15 million of documentable spending, just over 25 percent can be attributed to identifiable donors: 75 percent cannot." There are no spending records for the many millions more that were spent on direct

Now that the 2012 election is over, it is a relief not to have all those TV and radio ads and printed campaign literature besieging us. But if we forget what happened last year, we risk even more problems in the next election. We don't know who paid for those ads and mailings. Current laws allow the majority of campaign donations to occur in secret

That's not right. Michigan voters

need the facts. The money behind campaigns must become public knowledge.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly and federal Judge James Ryan co-led the bipartisan Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force which recommended improvements to the way that Michigan selects judges. One of the most important recommendations from the task force was that "All money spent to characterize candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court should be reported and ascribed to its sources, not just the committee whose name appears on the disclaimer of an adver-

tisement." People in Michigan deserve to know who is paying to influence their votes. Knowing where a candidate gets his or her contributions is helpful for voters to make an informed decision.

As Justice Kelly and Judge Ryan have pointed out, "Michigan has gained a reputation for Supreme Court election campaigns that are among the most expensive, least transparent and most partisan in the country.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan has organized public forums titled: Dark Money in Judicial Selection: A Threat to Impartial

Oakland County: March 11, 7 p.m., Oakland University Lansing: March 12, 7 p.m.,

Thomas M. Cooley Law School Justice Kelly and Rich Robinson will present recommendations from the JSTF report. Newly elected Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack will join the panel at the Ann Arbor forum.

These events give Michigan citizens an opportunity to learn current system for selecting judges and begin thinking about what solutions might be most effective. You can obtain more information, including the full report of the JSTF, at the League website: www. lwymi.org and by attending one of the forums.

> Angela Ryan, president League of Women Voters, Northwest Wayne County

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

purses stolen

Two women had their purses stolen recently while visting local businesses. On Feb. 3, an employee of Bed. Bath and Beyond on West Oaks Drive had her purse stolen while it was left the store's break room. the room was unlocked, and inside the purse were her bank cards, license and cell phone. This case is still under investigation. The other purse went miss-

ing from Panera Bread on Novi Road on Jan. 31. The victim said she last saw her purse (with a number of valuables including house keys) hanging from her chair. However, she and her friend did not see anyone grab it. There are no sus-

Driver ditches

2A suspected drunken driver rear ended another vehicle and then crashed

The incident happened on Feb. 4 at M-5 and 12 Mile Road. The person hit by the suspect was on the scene when Novi Police arrived and he said the vehicle in the ditch had hit him before going off the road. At that time, there was no one in the suspect vehicle.

Using a K-9 unit the police eventually found the suspect driver hiding in the bushes. He said he was looking for his car, but didn't know where it was. Police reported smelling intoxicants on the man and were later unable to give him a breathalyzer test because he was vomiting in the back seat of the police vehicle. He was arrested for OWI

and was transported to Providence Park where blood

of Novi 12 Mile Rd. 11 Mile Rd. 9 Mile Rd 8 Mile Rd.

samples were taken. The

Possible home invasions

There were two homes in the Reindeer Drive neighborhood that incurred some damage on Jan. 30 in what appears to have been

attempted break-ins. In both cases the homeowner had an alarm system that was set off, which caused the homeowner to be called and police dispatched to the scene. In one case, a rear door was damaged and appeared to have pry marks. In the other, a dining room window also had pry marks. There was no entry into

either home.

confiscated A vehicle owner had her catalytic converter sto-

Catalytic converter

len from her car while it was parked at the Crown Plaza hotel on S. Karevich Drive. cut off in the parking lot on Jan. 31. Crown Plaza does not have security cameras on the particular area, but nearby Genji restaurant does. The case remains open until that video can be

reviewed for any possible

Compiled by staff writer

Deadline Feb. 20 to register for Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy

The role of a police officer has always been of interest to the average citizen. The film industry has capitalized on this curiosity and television shows and movies about police officers are staples in the entertainment industry. But how accurate is the

information they provide about law enforcement? The creation of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy 19 years ago affords citizens the opportunity to learn about their loca police department and take a behind-the-scenes look at what law enforcement work is all about. Participants also gain an insider's knowledge of the police agency, enabling them to make informed decisions on issues affecting the

The Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy is a joint venture between the Novi, Milford, Walled Lake, South Lvon, and Wolverine Lake police departments. Applications, available via cityofnovi.org, are currently being accepted for the free Lakes Area

be 18 years of age or older and a resident of one of the participating jurisdictions. "The Citizens Police Academy is a free program for our community that increases the understanding and coopera-

Citizens Police Acade-

my, scheduled to begin on

March 6. Participants must

DETAILS

Classes are scheduled on Wednesdays from 6:30-9 p.m., March 6-May 15. The first class will meet at the Novi Police Training Center The registration deadline is Feb. 20. For more information contact Matt Conquest, detective sergeant, at (248) 347-0530.

tion between the police and citizens through education," said Novi's Direcof Police David Molloy. "This education, along with the relationship established with members of the police department, assists in achieving the ultimate goal of community oriented policing - the reduction of crime through a stronger citizen commitment to the police department and the community.

The 30-hour program format includes practical demonstrations, hands-on exercises, as well as presentations. Participants will tour the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA lab, and the 52-1 District Court. They will also view a K-9 demonstration, take a turn using the Firearms Training System (FATS), and have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with a

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DIA operations, the museum has again earned reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, the foreuation methods. The report most professional organiza-

tion for museums in the United States. Accreditation is a high-pro-

file, peer-based validation of the DIA's operations, accomplishments and impact, and affirms that we are fulfilling our obligation to the pub lic trust. It certifies that the museum meets the highest professional standards of operation and public service, and brings national recognition of

our commitment to excellence. The reaccreditation process is a long and arduous one. We compiled a comprehensive self-study report, analyzing every operation from care of the art collection to accounting and investment policies to exhibition programs and evalwas reviewed by an independent, autonomous accreditation commission consisting of museum professionals. An accreditation visiting committee then spent two days on site interviewing staff and board

DIA reaccreditation affirms commitment to excellence

members. Accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of DIA staff and volunteers. Their efforts made the visiting committee's decision to grant reaccreditation casy n their words, a "no-brainer." Here are some of the glow-

ing accolades from the com-• The DIA is one of the nation's great museums, and a global resource for cultural and visual-arts education,

with first-rate, compelling pro-

gramming that is varied and focused. · The DIA is extremely well-

run, and policies and procedures are carefully considered.

• The DIA has a cogent plan with clear direction based on sound museological practice and philosophy. · Volunteers, supporters,

patrons and audiences have a ilpable pride in the museum. The DIA has the most claborate demographic study of

its diverse audiences that the visiting committee members have seen. Teaching is a paramoun

The DIA's public areas are

and helpful in assuring a good

field trips and 42,562 other Oakland County residents who have enjoyed free admis-

The 12,000 visitors on school

sion since last year's millage vote can attest to the report's findings that the DIA has met its goal of "making its collection accessible to all who wish to visit and learn," with displays "geared to various learning styles as well as to multi-

ple ages. You can read the entire report at www.dia.org/support/ newsletter.aspx. We hope you for yourself very soon.

Graham W.J. Beal has been weil-maintained, clean, inviting director, president and CEO of the Detroit Institute of Arts since 1999.

'Where I want to be'

Catholic high school for girls puts emphasis on service, leadership

By Julie Brown

Samantha Blewett, 16, transferred from Ladywood High School in Livonia to St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom.

"I transferred mostly for spiritual reasons, said Blewett, a SCA sophomore from Farmington Hills. "I felt like I was at The Catholic girls high

school on Napier south of Grand River opened in 2010 in temporary just north of I-96. Stndents and staff moved to the sparkling new building the next year, with 92 girls in ninth through 11th grades enrolled Next year will see SCA's first graduating class. "I feel like I could count

on anyone here," said Blewett, active in the Ambassadors Club which introduces new families to the school. The daugh ter of Kelly Campbell, Blewett's in volleyball, softball, the Gianna Molla (pro-life) Society, and Mass Music Choir. She'd like to be a physical therapist and is considering Wayne State University, Grand Valley State University, Northern Michigan University or Oak land University. Haley Harris, 14, of

Westland is a SCA freshman and daughter of Kim Harris and Tony Harris. She's involved in the recent production of Cinderella, the school's first

play.
"I designed the shirts and designed the pro-grams," said Harris, who also is working backstage. She too was at Ladvwood.

"We took a tour here and we really liked it," Harris said, "Everybody was so nice. Everyone was just so welcoming. She came back for a volleyball game and

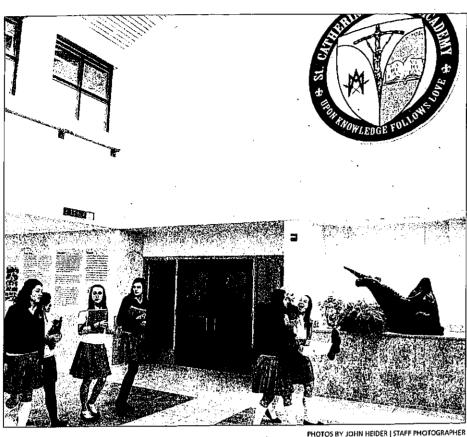
"I think I want to do being together with othsomething in the mediof removes some of the yet, though," said Harris. She's a pianist in Band co-ed situations." who took a first rating at Solo and Ensemble Fest ters a great deal to Tarwith Mary Peters.

"I really enjoy going here. I feel like this is where I want to be," and where God wants her, Harris said. "We'll be prepared and have the skills we need to be success-

Headed to college The school, at 28200 Napier, features a rigorous college prep curriculum, including mandatory Latin as well as many Advanced Placement classes. The school has a



Students of Wixom's St. Catherine of Siena Academy crowd the hallways of the Napier Road school on Jan. 29.



St. Catherine of Siena students walk through the Napier Road Catholic girls' school lobby on Jan. 29 as they change

to become a leader." Mary Green, 16, a SCA iunior and Brighton res-

St. Catherine of Siena Academy student Danielle Mersch gets some assistance from art

teacher Mary Jane Samberg in a project at the Wixom school on Jan. 29. St. Catherine's

opened in Wixom, just a few hundred feet from Novi's Catholic Central campus, in 2011.

The 164,000-square-foot school currently has 92 students and should have a class of 190

Angela Mascari, a St. Catherine of Siena Academy 10th

grader, hails from nearby Novi. Here she works in the

ly" is rewarding.

The independent Cath-

olic school is run by a

the Archdiocese of

foundation board under

Detroit, said Lia Johnstor

of Ann Arbor, director of

marketing and develop-

Student achievers

thu, 16, of Brighton is

Simy. She's been at the

and in basketball, cross

country, Student Council,

Gianna Molla Society and

"Then I started Future

here." Manimalethu said.

State, MSU or the Univer-

sity of Michigan for med-

"It had a lot of opportu-

nities available," she said

of SCA. "Something told

me to come here. It was

a really good opportunity

She's looking at Wayne

Doctors of America

Junior Ria Manimale

the daughter of Toby and

Wixom school's art class on Jan. 29.

Some students will pur-

sue law, medicine or oth-

er careers. "For some, it's

going to be having a fam-

ily and building a home,'

the principal said. Wom-

en learn to use their

strengths to the fullest

to be well-prepared for

any avenue they might

follow in their college

careers," Tarnacki said

She's a product of 13 ears of Catholic school

ng, followed by Michi-

gan State University for

undergraduate work and

Eastern Michigan Uni-

versity for her master's.

Tarnacki's three children

"They're just so at ease

said of SCA students. "It's

and so able to relax," she

went through Catholic

schools and colleges.

just a different atmo-

sphere. Watching these

personally and spiritual

young women grow and

"These girls are going

next year. The school has enough room for almost 900 students and staff.

Kathy Tarnacki's in her

second year as principal,

from Jackson. Her fami-

ly's moving to Brighton.

year educator said of her job's appeal. "Just

er young women kinds

challenges they face in

The faith aspect mat

resident who taught in

nacki, a former Plymouth

Plymouth-Canton schools

and Plymouth's Our Lady

"That's what drew me

here," she said. The cul-

messages on dignity and

worth to young women,

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clear picture of what God

en," Tarnacki said. "It's so

ture sends confusing

counteract that.

of Good Counsel grade

school.

and Jacki would like to be a physician Green's in volleyball, basketball, softball, yearbook, Student Council, Gianna Molla Society, and the Ambassadors Club. "I had narrowed it down to Ladywood and here," she said. Her heart told her SCA was right.

Future Doctors of Amer-

ica. The daughter of Bob

"My favorite part is the environment," said Green. "There's no pres sure to be anyone but vourself." Green hopes for a softball scholarship

Sophomore Erin Gries, 15, of West Bloomfield is the daughter of Melissa and Raymond. She's in competitive cheer, softball and the Ambassadors

Gries came from the West Bloomfield public district, drawn by the family environment. "It was just so different than what I could have gotten at West Bloomfield," said Gries, who'd like a career in business or journalism The girls agreed not

with academics, although they do have guy friends. classroom and focus on school," said Blewett. Novi resident Emily Awdish, 14, is a freshman and daughter of Sam and Kris. She wants to

having boys around helps

start hockey there, and is Awdish is in basketball and Future Doctors. She hopes to attend U-M to become a physician.

"I liked how small it was," she said. "It's a nice environment to come to school." Awdish likes her teachers and the family environment, "You're kind of focused a little more," she said of the absence of boys. "I don't think there are as many

The school is available by phone at (248) 946-4848 or online at www. saintcatherineacademy

A mission trip to the Dominican Republic was recently included in Epoch Week, which also featured many service projects closer to home. The school draws primarily from the I-96 corridor, Johnston said.

"There is a tremendous need," she said of that being identified by then-Cardinal Adam Maida. "We want them to come thing," Johnston said. in and discover who God

wants them to be." During a recent Catholic Schools Week, girls and some faculty wore "crazy socks," and also donated socks for chari-



of Wixom's St. Catherine of Siena Academy.

ty. Karen Rivard of White more Lake, a math teacher and former biology teacher, wore crazy

She's been at SCA since its opening in the temporary facility. She taught two years in Minnesota as a young woman, home schooled her own children, then taught math to other homeschoolers before working for Sylvan Learning Centers and South Lyon Community Education.

She's had some 25 years in education, including about five recently full time, "The mission of it," agreed Rivard. "I feel very strongly about women and their opportunities in math, science and technology. Math really opens

She noted some public high school girls hesitate to speak up in math class. "And all of my profs were guys except for one," Rivard said. She loves being at SCA: "It's just been a blessing." Rivard has an MSU bachelor's degree and is working on a master's there.

Colleague Mary Wilson

"I've always been big

teaches biology and AP chemistry and is a South Lyon resident. This is Wilson's first year teaching; she holds a Ph.D. in microbiology from U-M, as well as a U-M pubbachelor's in biochemistry from Texas A&M Uni-

in youth groups," Wilson said. She was doing infectious disease research when the SCA job opened. 'Girls are amazing'
"It almost seemed like I

was guided here," Wilson said, "Our girls are amaz-She aims to give girls an understanding of science, including a recent trip to

I missed out on," she said "I try to bring that realworld perspective." Many SCA girls are the oldest in their families. Rivard added, and the pare for college testing

Girls also go on a pilgrimage to Rome while at SCA, and a number went to the recent March for Life pro-life event in Washington, D.C. "It's a beautiful facili-

U-M labs by 13 girls. "I

think that was something

ty," Johnston said, pointing out the 400-seat chapel visible from the main entrance where Mass is held daily, "We have thenomenal young ladies here. They're pioneers. Everything for us is brand new.

Pope John Paul II's "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women" is referenced outside the chapel, including his reference to "feminine genius." The 27 classrooms have

mostly smartboard technology. There are separate labs for biology, chemistry and physics The gym can seat about 1,100, Johnston said, and there's a batting cage

Clubs and sports enrich recently garnering a divisional championship in softball with essentially a pickup team. 'They had a need and

achieve it."

"They put their minds

together to be able to



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Lucky number of 13 Wildcats sign on for collegiate athletic careers



Novi High produces eight college soccer signees

By Chris Jackett

As televisions throughout the nation tuned in to ESPN Feb. 6 to find out what headed to, several local student-athletes signed their national letters of intent to continue collegiate careers at various schools throughout the nation.

NCAA Signing Day is arguably one of the bigger moments in the high school career of any student-athlete lucky and skilled enough to get to that point. Last week, 13 Novi High School student-athalready verbally committed, which has no official ties, while others were just deciding as the hours ticked away to signing the paperwork.

Soccer was the biggest sport that pro duced collegiate-caliber Wildcats. On the girls side, Natalie Krygier signed with the University of Connect icut (Storrs-Mansfield, Conn.). Kavlin Hoomaian signed with Central Michi gan University (Mount Pleasant, Mich.), Lindsey Swope signed with Indiana-Pur-due-Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, Ind.) and Jade Antolec signed with Concordia

Please see SIGNING, B2

Lady cagers improve to 15-1, finish league play 10-0

Novi knocks off Salem, Stevenson despite issues with offense, turnovers

By Chris Jackett

Although the scores were closer, the results were no different as Novi's girls basketball team continued rolling through their season

The winning streak is extended to 10 games as the Wildcats (15-1, 10-0 KLAA Central) wrapped up Central Division play with victories over both Plymouth Salem (6-9, 5-4 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (6-10

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball team (15-1, 10-0 KLAA Central) was set to host Livonia Franklin (8-7, 4-5 South) in the first round of the KLAA The winner is set to play tonight for a spot in Monday's Kensington Conference championship game, which will lead into the KLAA championship crossover Feb. 21. Opponents and locations will depend on who wins, but games will tip off at 7 p.m. From there, the state playoffs begin Feb. 25 with Districts which are hosted by Canton, Ranked No. 16 in Class A. Novi's lone loss came by one point to No. 5 Westland

John Glenn (14-1, 9-0 South)

nearly two months ago.

The week started Feb. 5 with the Rocks coming to down. Down 7-6 after the first quar ter, the fairly reliable second-quar up 23-11 at halftime before cruising to a 33-21 victory. "Not sure," Novi

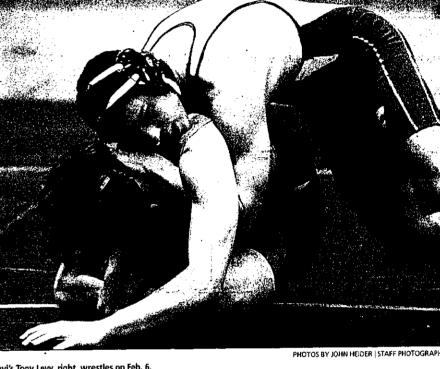
coach Bill Kelp said of the cause for the common secondquarter runs, "Some times I think we come out and play a little too fast." Junior Amanda with 10 points and for-39 (35.9 percent) from the field. Helping contribute to the offensive burst were

senior Jade Antolec

(seven points, unior Kerri McMahan (five points, five assists, four steals), junior Dina Fawaz (four points, four rebounds), junior Kristen Schubring (three points, three rebounds), junior Taylor Pavlika (two points, three rebounds) and sophomore Alex Felice (two

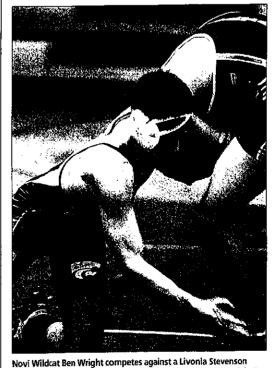
"When we share the ball and make extra pass, that's when we play well," Kelp said. Although the Novi girls won the rebounding bat

Please see GIRLS, B3



Novi's Tony Levy, right, wrestles on Feb. 6.

DeNova, Roush advance to Regionals CC knocks out Novi wrestling



Spartan opponent during a four-team meet at Novi High on Feb. 6.

team in district final **By Chris Jackett**

Hopes of a team title are done, but Novi's grapplers got some revenge on the way out the door and two individual wrestlers are still alive in the state tournaments.

The Wildcats (11-14) hosted Livonia Stevenson (8-10), Northville (12-8) and defending Division I state champion Detroit Catholic Central (20-3) for Team Districts Feb. 6 before the Novi wrestlers competed in Individual Districts Saturday at Southgate-Anderson. The week started off well enough for Novi,

who had lost to 39-30 to Stevenson Jan. 23 in a dual meet. The Wildcats got the upper hand last Please see WRESTLE, B2

ON TAP

Novi's grapplers' (11-14) season is done, but two individuals advanced to Regionals Saturday in Canton against others who advanced from the Garden City and Saline districts. If seniors Dan DeNova (29-11 at 103 pounds) and Zach Roush (33-10 at 215) can advance, they'll compete in the individual state meet Feb. 28-March 2 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.



Kara Berg will join Ball

State University's pro-

gram (Muncie, Ind.) and

Andrea VanderMey will

ioin Western Kentucky

(Bowling Green, Kent.).

Other individual Wild-

cats signing on to contin-

ue their athletic aspira-

tions in college include

ing Miami University's

field program, Mitch-

College's (Alma, Mich.)

lacrosse program and

na Heights University's

(Jackson, Mich.) football

(Oxford, Ohio) track and

. University's progran

Novi swims past Harrison

Wildcat tankers swim three races as exhibitions, still win by double digits

By Chris Jackett

Senior Night couldn't have gone much better for Novi's swim and dive team.

After taking first place in six of the first nine events, the Wildcats (4-3) raced the final three events as exhibitions and cruised to a 97-83 victory over Farmington Hills Harrison. Up 97-43 after nine events, had Novi's times been scored instead, the Wildcats would've won 133-47.

Although two of Novi's sweeps of first through third took place in the 100 back stroke, the Wildcars scored three more sweeps in each the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly and 1-meter dive. The feat featured nine different tankers.

In the 200 IM. Andrew Ao took first in 2:06.91, followed by Nathan Louie in 2:13.02 and Toraki Maehata in 2:13.82. In the 100 fly, Will Sohn led the way in 58.76 seconds, followed by Kyle Kilponen in 59.33 and Gucci Onimura in 1:00.98.

In the diving event, Eric Holst led the pack of Wildcats by finishing first with lowed by Jimmy Ciolli with 170.40 points and Nathan Pellerito with 130.30 points.

The Wildcats also picked up two of the top three in a trio of



The 12 Novi seniors on the boys swim and dive team pose for one last group photo Feb. 5. The seniors include Andrew Ao, Alby Ghazal, Anthony Herta, Eric Holst, Dennis Kim. Will Li, Sam Olsen, Kenta Onimura, Patrick Renner, Vinny Rosanali, Morgan Wang and

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Novi's swim and dive team (4-3) heads to South Lyon East Friday and Saturday for the KLAA Central Division meet before hosting the meet Feb. 22-23.

individual events. Dennis Kim won the 50 freestyle in 23.42 seconds, followed close behind by Vinny Rosanali, who finished second in 23.94

seconds. In the 500 free, Tanner Vincent took first in 5:06.64), with Patrick Renner finishing

third in 5:37.27.

Although Harrison took first in the 200 freestyle in 1:56.28. Renner finished second in 2:01.51 and Arthur Shi took third in

Individually, Gordy Williams also took third in 54.30 seconds, ning time of 53.20. In the two relays that Novi counted scores in,

the Wildcats took both first and second place In the 200 medley relay, Onimura, Kim, Ao and Rosanali took first in 1:44.56, followed by Maehata, Louie, Kilponen and Shi in second at 1:47.69. In the 200 free relay Ao, Shi, Rosanali and

Vincent took first in

1:32.64, followed by William Li, John Heslop, Kilponen and

1:37.35.

Had the final three events been scored regularly instead of as exhibitions for the Wildcats, Vincent would've taken firs in the 100 backstroke in 59.51 seconds, Louwould've won the 100 breaststroke for Novi in 1:04.93 and cent. Jake Robbins and Shi would've won the 400 freestyle relay in

Chris Jackett is a freestaff writer for the Novi SIGNING careers, Coach Annette's VanderMey's swim and dive team is also sending two girls into the college

University (Ann Arbor. dual-sport collegiate athlete, as she also signed to play basketball at Con-From the boys soccer

Tyler Holt and Jon Rice all signed to play at Lawrence Technologi cal University (South field, Mich.) together in the fall. Matt Wilson, who spent last season with the Wolves Academy instead of the high school team, signed on to play at Oak land University (Rochester, Mich.), where he will oin fellow Novi alumni

Coach Brian O'Leary's

soccer programs are not Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer sending multiple student-athletes to collegiate for the Novi News.

program.

WRESTLE

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week, defeating the Spar tans 47-24 to end Stevenson's season. Picking up seniors Dan DeNova (103 pounds), Andrew Park Zach Roush (215), juniors Ben Wright (145), Carmores Evan Davis (125), Kyle Benkarski (140) and Dorian Haney (Heavy-

However, the only problem with the victory was that it pitted Novi against CC's powerhouse squad. The Shamrocks defeated pretty quick work of the Wildcats, as well. CC won 64-6, with Novi picking up two victories from DeNo va with an 8-2 decision and senior Mitchell Bos ton (Heavyweight) with a

3-1 decision. Three days later, the

in the Individual Districts where both Davis and Cook each fell one victoy short of advancing to Regionals. The only two to advance were DeNova and Roush

DeNova (29-11) started off strong, pinning Lincoln Park's Jack Jividen in 27 seconds and Farmington's Chase Walkowiak in 1:06, but he lost the cham pionship match to Livonia Franklin's Jack Newa by a 12-2 decision

Roush (33-10) also got a quick pinfall to start. beating Garden City's Toreano Nichols in 2:16 but was defeated by CC's Jay Peterson - who went on to finish second - in the second match. Roush wrapped up the day with a 12-4 decision over Wyandotte Roosevelt's Andrew Storms and a 10-1 decision over Southgate's Cody Tis

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Novi icers' offense comes alive, snaps losing streak

Wildcats' have favorable road for final two weeks before playoffs

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Despite a few rough patches in the past month, Novi's icers found a bit of a groove at last week's Public School Showcase.

hosted by the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea Even though the results were split the showing by No. 29 Novi (8-12-1, 3-6-1 KLAA Kensington) were promising as a

The week started Feb. 5 as the Wildcats allowed No. 40 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (10-8-4, 3-2-2 OAA Red) to come from behind for a 3-2 victory that extended Novi's losing streak to four games.

"The four-game losing streak was frus trating because I felt we could play better and compete better, but I give the credt to Brighton and Stevenson," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "They both have fantastic hockey teams that are better than we are right now.' Sophomore Bryan Fegert put Novi up 1-0 at the 12:24 mark of the first period off

assists from sophomore Bradley Hofelich and junior Jacob Lynch, and was followed iust 4:06 later when junior Isaiah Crawford knocked in a goal from senior Luke Bageris and Hofelich. Stoney Creek's Cam Scharret cut the

deficit to 2-1 at the 2:47 mark of the first period when he slid one past Novi netminder Austin Petty (27 saves), but the score would stand for the next 25 minutes

It was on the power play with 8:48 remaining in the third period that Stoney Creek's Sean Rewold tied the game before Ryan Matusik gave the Cougars the 3-2 lead for good with 4:29 to go. Stoney Creek netminder Maxx Grant had 21 saves in the win as Novi went 0-

for-6 on the power play.
"I felt the loss against Stoney Creek was our fault," Krygier said. "We let them hang around that game after we scored a couple early goals and they ended up coming back from a 2-1 score to get a 3-

Frustrated with the loss, Novi came out firing Saturday against No. 43 Ann Arbor Pioneer Metro (15-6-1, 7-6-1 Metro West). After losing 3-2 through three periods earlier in the week, Novi held a 3-2 lead after just the first period against Pioneer, Crawford scored one minute into the game with assists from Hofelich and

Ranked No. 29 in the state and No. 7

in Division II, Novi's icers (8-12-1, 3-6-1) KLAA Kensington) were scheduled to visit No. 36 Farmington (11-9-1, 1-2-4 OAA Red) two nights ago and host No. 76 Livonia Franklin (8-12-1, 1-9-0 Kensington) in a make-up game last night before a KLAA crossover 6:30 p.m. tomorrow when they host No. 84 White Lake Lakeland (8-9-4, 4-6-1 KLAA Lakes). From there, the 'Cats host No. 72 Oxford (10-8-1, 2-4-1 Red) 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to lead into a pre-regional home contest 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25 against No. 87 Walled Lake Northern (7-12-3, 3-7-1 Lakes).

"We are excited about playoff time and I'm very confident we will be better than we have all season and we will be ready to compete our first game against Walled Lake Northern," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "This team just needs to focus on shift-by-shift and period-byperiod hockey and hopefully the results will follow. Playoffs are always tough and tight and nobody knows what can happen in a one-game elimination event. We have to be determined to put ourselves in a position to win the next game and stay focused on just that."

Fegert. He was followed by sophomore Brendan Wexler tallying a goal at the 12:29 mark off assists from Hofelich and senior Mark Baker.

Baker got a goal of his own on the power play at the 8:22 mark off Fegert and senior Alex Turner to keep Novi on top 3-2 at the first intermission.

The 'Cats and Rats traded goals in the second period as Fegert knocked one past River Rats netminder Karl Gage (23 saves) at the 14:10 mark off assists from sophomore Ryan Baxter and junior Chris

Up 4-3 after two periods, Petty (26 saves) kept Pioneer off the board in the third period as his teammates racked up three unanswered goals to clinch a 7-3

Kennedy scored with 9:19 to go off assists from Baxter and Fegert to go up 5-3 before the Wildcats notched two goals in the final three minutes. Baxter got a power play goal off Fegert and Kennedy with 2:54 remaining before junior Mark Czapski scored with 1:20 to go off assists from Baker and Wexler.

Dupessey second Wildcat skier to qualify for SEMSL in seven years

Novi boys finish middle of the pack, girls fall to bottom

By Chris Jackett

online at hometownlife.com

With make-up meets and the first rung of post season action, Novi's ski team just wrapped up a busy week.

The teams had each a dual meet Feb. 4 and Feb. 6. a conference meet Feb 5 and a SEMSL division meet Feb. 7. Things started on a sour

note for both squads, as the boys (5-4) lost 14-33 to Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and the girls (0-9) lost 10-39 to Bloomfield Hills Marian on the Alpine Valley slopes in White Lake.

Bastien Dupessey was

by 0.03 seconds against Brother Rice with a tworun time of 38.34 seconds but the Wildcats' next best racer finished ninth. Wrapping up the Novi scoring was Zach Johnson (ninth, 43,74), Mark Schlax (11th, 44.76) and Andrew Jamison (12th,

The girls had an even tougher time. Marian's Haley Goeckel won the race in 41.32 seconds and her teammates took the next six slots. Miranda Hanby led Novi in seventh at 46.68 seconds, followed by Ashley Sawava (ninth, 48.30). Nina Li (11th, 51,33) and Audrey Traveling to Mouth

go as well for Novi,

lom were Harrison Hal-

8:45 a.m. Tuesday. No

Novi's Bastien Dupessey skis down the slopes Feb. 7 during SEMSL Divisionals. Dupessey was just the second Wildcat to qualify for the SEMSL league meet over the program's four-year history.

Brighton for the KLAA schools with 82.5 points Led again by Dupessey meet, things went better for the Wildcats, Novi's (fifth, 32,34), the other scoring Wildcats in the boys took third of 13 72-racer field were Halteams in the slalom race ley (14th, 34.15), Johnwith 69 points, behind South Lvon Unified's 48 Mitchell (50th, 38.76) and Walled Lake North-Grand Blanc won the ern's 58. Novi was led by event with 26 points, as Dupessey, who finished first of 72 racers in two Northern's John Mer chant took the individual runs that combined for 37.96 seconds, which was title in 30.91 seconds. 1.15 seconds faster than the runner-up. Following Dupessey in the sla-

(18th, 44.25) and Jamison (33rd, 50.77). The giant slalom didn't

son (17th, 34.24) and Liam

The girls' race didn't go so smoothly for Novi as the Wildcats finished ninth of 13 teams in the slalom and 12th of 13 in It wouldn't be the last the giant slalom with 149 and 207 points, respec-Novi saw of Central, as

In the slalom, Novi

0-9 airls) were scheduled for Regionals vesterday at Mount Brighton in hopes of earning a spot at the Feb. 25 state meet at Boyne Mountain. The Wildcats also have the Milford Invitationa Monday and Bastien Dupessey was the lone qualifier for the boys to earn a trip to the SEMSL League Championship

51.04), Hanby (34th, 54.75), Li (42nd, 56.66) and Megan Cox (48th 1:01,05), as Lakeland's Kelsey Griffin won the event in 42.47 seconds Walled Lake Central won the team portion with 27

Novi girls qualified for

the SEMSL meet.

In the giant slalom Novi was led by Sawa va (34th, 37.72), Li (55th 41.13). Elaine Hamilton (58th, 42.26) and Waech tor (60th, 42.98) in the field of 69 skiers. Miranda Vandertors won the race in 31.97 seconds and portion with 39 points.

the teams went head to head the next day. The

for Novi's boys were Dupessey (first, 39.69) Halley (second, 42.27), Johnson (fourth, 43.72) and Schlax (fifth, 45.60) while the girls were led by Hanby (sixth. 47.27). Sawaya (seventh, 47.94), Li (10th, 56.05) and Waechter (11th, 56.55).

won that race in 44.72 seconds. The same night, Novi's boys dropped a 14-27 decision to Walled Lake Northern and the girls lost 13-26.

John Merchant won the boys race in 38.11 seconds for Northern, as Dunessey (second, 39.00). Halley (fifth, 42.00) and Mitchell (11th, 47,45) were Novi's scorers.

by Northern's Mackenzie Moran in 42.59 seconds, as Novi's score came from Hanby (third, 46.01), Sawaya (fifth, 48.70), Li (eighth, 53.16)

The SEMSL Divisional meet two days later had a similar taste as the KLAA meet, as the boys finished fifth and the girls 10th, Brother Rice and Marian took first place for each gender's league, respec-

Just like at the KLAA meet, Dupessey won the individual slalom title in a two-run time of 37.74 seconds, 0.24 seconds ahead

a team with 94 points in 41.21), Schlax (40th 46.87) and Mitchell (41st. 46.93) rounded out the scoring in the field of 72 skiers. Brother Rice won the team portion with 21

Novi's boys took sixth in

the giant slalom with 93 who finished fifth in 38.33 seconds. Rounding out cats were Halley (13th. 39.40). Johnson (28th, 40.94) and Jamison (47th 43.02). Janssen won the individual race in 36.96 seconds and Walled Lake Northern took the team squad was led by Sawa

portion with 24 points. va (23rd, 54.64), Hanby (27th, 56.21), Li (41st 1:01.08) and Hamilton (47th, 1:03,72). The Wild cats were ninth with 138 points, as Marian won with 18 points, led by Kat Streng's time of 42.80 sec-

The Wildcats were also ninth in the giant slaby Hanby (16th, 42.71) and followed by Sawa-48.32) and Cox (56th, 49.12). Marian won the team event with 26.5 ooints, but Central's Tay lor Krumm won the individual title in 39.93 sec-

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tle 23-16 and had favorable numbers in both steals (10-1) and deflections (14-4), the Wildcats also had 15 turn-The Rocks shot 9-for-29 (31

percent) from the field. time this season Novi's visit to Livonia last Saturday - due to a snow day Friday - resulted in a closer contest due to an 11-1 fourth In 9-6 after the first quarter, the Wildcats outscored Stevenson 14-4 in the second quarter and 11-7 in the third to head into the final quar ter ahead 34-17 before win venson (8-6, 4-5 Central).

ning 35-28. "(I'm) just really proud of what these girls have accomplished so far," Kelp said. Pavlika was just a few stats off from a triple-double with a game-high 11 points to accompany eight rebounds, nine steals and also seven

defensive deflections With the team shooting 11for-38 () compared to Stevenson's 10-for-28 (), Pavlika got some help from Antolec (nine points, nine rebounds, five steals), Geiger (seven points, two steals), senior Kasey Lowney (three points) McMahan (two points, three assists), Fawaz (two points) and Schubring (one point,

three rebounds). The two teams had 23 rebounds each, but a 19-4 advantage on steals and 23-3 advantage on deflections helped Novi's defense tip the

However, the team had 23 turnovers when the Spartans had just three. With a 38-10 turnover disadvantage between the two games last week, it remains the Wildcats' biggest remaining area to improve on.

"Again, I think at times we play a little too fast and thus make poor decisions," Kelp From a standpoint of injured stars, Antolec has

and saw limited minutes in the Stevenson game. 816-779. Megan Engels (166,

the Novi News.

Turnovers plague Wildcat cagers 2 Central) rattled off a 21-9 lead after the first quarter.

In their lone contest last eek, Novi's boys basketball squad was hoping to upset and turnovers let to quick bas-Plymouth Salem for a second

The Rocks' lone KLAA Central Division loss in the first half of league play came to Novi 64-60 Jan. 15 at Novi. Heading to Plymouth Feb. , the Wildcats (6-9, 4-5 Central) were hoping to repeat the effort on the backs of Salem's second division loss, 60-59 in

overtime Feb. 1 at Livonia Stethe 'Cats within two before fall-

"They got rebounds and ran the floor well." Novi coach Brian Tass said. "Our missed shots

kets. Poor defense. The Wildcats outscored Salem in the second quarter, but lost senior point guard Tre Cadwell (two points) in the process, due

to a bruised hip. With Salem up 30-23 at halftime, the teams traded 13 points apiece in the third quarter before an attempt at a fourth-quarter rally only got

points, five rebounds), soph-Tass said Yanke and fellow sophomore Billy Ulle (two omore Max Yanke (12 points points) have really stepped up three rebounds) and junior Nelson Cagle (11 points) led the and helped the team in recen

third of their shots or less. 'Cagle did not shoot well. McKinney was a non-factor in the game," Tass said. "I would like to think he's got a chance

but we would have to have him playing his best to do it. 'Yanke can really play on the offensive end. We were challenging him to step up defensively. He has made a little

"The sophomores have McKinney and Cagle hit oneexceeded expectations and contributed to any success we've had," Tass said. "They have a high basketball IQ and work very hard. (Naii) Ozier has also to get us through our district, been a pleasure to coach as a

freshman and has made gain: in every area. Without Cadwell on the second half. Ulle and senior Brandon Macklin (five points) saw increased playing time in the

'Cats head to hoop playoffs with win over Stevenson

It was a game that at times resembled a rodeo rather than

But when the dust cleared Monday night it was host Novi moving on to the Kensington Lakes Activ ities Playoffs as the fourth seed in the Central Division after being able to lasso Livonia Stevenson,

The Wildcats, now 7-9 overall and 5-5 in the KLAA Central, take on the KLAA's top seed, Westland John Glenn, in Friday's opening

Meanwhile, Stevenson (8-7, 4-6) will be relegated to the KLAA's

By Chris Jackett

48**-4**3.

recovered well, shooting 5for-9 (55.6 percent) between both games last week. However, McMahan, who was injured more recently, sho just 3-for-18 (16.7 percent)

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"We're really happy to be in the was missing in action for most playoffs," Novi coach Brian Tass of the night after picking up two anything can happen. Was it cra-

zy" Yes, it was crazy. Both teams

were playing really hard, but pret-

ty out of control at times. It was Senior Night here and our seniors give them credit – played real-Three Wildcats scored in double figures - Nelson Cagle (12), Tre Cadwell (11) and Jionni Ivy (10) Stevenson sophomore guard

ly added 10. Stevenson's bugaboo all night was turnovers - 30 total.

Jailen Webber led all scorers with 18 and junior forward Devin Kel-

And the team's with top scorer Josh Campbell, a senior guard. get you anywhere when you turn

the free throw line. "They pressured the ball and Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi

said, "But there's no reason for us

Campbell sat the rest of the

first half and eventually fouled

out with 6:08 left in the game on

a charging call. He finished with

to play with the lack of composure that we played with ... to convert 30 turnovers, that's unacceptable. "That's not going to get you in the playoffs, that's not going to get you into districts. It's not going to

did. And our best player, our leading scorer, fouls out in the fourth

quarter. Despite the foul problems, Stevensor was tied at halftime 23-all Novi then outscored the Spartans 13-7 in the third period to open up a six-point lead and the Wildcats went up by as many as 11 in the final quarter before Ste venson pulled to within three on two different occasions on successive three-pointers by Webber, the last coming with 2:48 remaining to

make it 45-42. But the Spartans turned it over three more times during the final 2:10 and got just one more free throw the rest of the way as the

Wildcat bowlers split with Plymouth, Canton

the pack as the KLAA Central Division season winds down. The Wildcat girls (8-6, 5-6 KLAA Central) are in a fight for second in the division. They started off the week with a 22-7 win over Plymouth (5-9, 4-7 Central) Feb. 6 at Super Bowl in Canton, winning both bakers 171-136 and 186-163 to start. Novi also picked up four single points and the first game 840-784 to clinch the match, bu

139) and Evie Plantinck (149,

After splitting two dual meets,

Novi's bowlers are still battling

183) each won two points and Sara Schulz scored a point with high games of 212 and 180 for

However, Novi followed it up

with a 16-14 loss to Canton (7-

7. 6-5 Central) Feb. 6 at Super

Bowl, putting the Chiefs in second and dropping Novi into a three-way tie for third in the division. Novi won the first baker game 147-110, but lost the second game 153-135. The Wildcats then won the first regular game 778-667, including four

single points, to take a 14-5 lead

with 111 pins toward totals. But

the Chiefs bounced back to win

the second game 696-578, eras-

ing the 111-pin total lead and

all five single points to win the match. Megan Engels' 182 and Sara Schulz's 183 led the way for Novi. The Novi boys (3-11, 2-9 Cen-

tral) had a similar result this

week, starting with a 17-13 victory over Plymouth (6-8, 4-7 Central). Losing both bak er games 242-182 and 185-167, vi won five single points while taking the first regular game 847-793 before also wining the second game 845-768. Keegan O'Donnell (155, 152) and Charlie Woods (171, 205) led the way, each scoring two points. The next day, the Wildcats dropped a 24-6 loss to Canton (10-4, 7-4 Central), losing the

first baker game 177-157 before

But the Chiefs won both regular games 865-804 and 892-795. including eight single points. Morgan Wiley (202) and Cory Brown (170) brought the other two single points in for the Wild

Novi wrapped up the week in their home alley Sunday at Novi Bowl for the Valentine Tour nament, where the boys finthe girls took eighth with 3.180 pins. The winning boys team had 3,535 pins and the winning girls team had 3,505 pins. Wiley was the Wildcats' star on the day, making the All-Tournament team for the boys with a threegame total of 572 pins.

CC grapplers advance

Team wins district and 13 individuals head to regional

By Sam Eggleston

A whopping bakers' dozen from the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team earned the right to advance to the regional tournament last week at the MHSAA individual tournament following a team victory in the dis-

The squad, coached by Mitch Hancock, earned a victory at the MHSAA Team District Tournament last week to advance to the region al tournament this week. Following that performance, the squad entered the MHSAA Individual District Tournament and advanced 13 wrestlers to the regional.

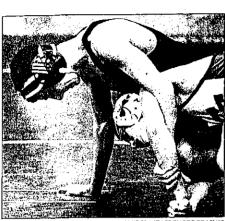
"These guys are healthy and confident," said Hancock "We have a few small things to fix bere and there, but overall I liked the way our guys competed.'

In order to qualify for the team regional, a squad must win the district title. To qualify for the individual regional, a wrestler has to be in the

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earned a title, his coming

pinned Logan Parks of

Mustang Spencer Compo goes up against CC's Myles Amine on Feb. 6 at Novi High.

top four in order to qualision with a pin over Ryan fy for the next round. Southerland of Farming-The Shamrocks qual ified Logan Marcicki, Drew Garcia, Nick Giese, Jay Peterson, Bob Coe. Parker O'Brien, Trevor Zdebski, Evan Toth, Myles Amine. Ken bade Malik Amine and Mike

Babicz.

Marcicki won the title

over Dearborn Fordson's

160 pounds while Garcia

won the 171-pound divi-

with a major decision

at 119 pounds with a pin in 3:49 over Southgate's Raven Schmitt while Toth earned a title at 125 pounds with a 7-4 decision over Farmington's nmanuel Govantes. Bade was the top grappler at 135 pounds, pinning Quentin Santiago of Wyandotte Yahya Yahya Talab, 9-0, at in 2:42, while Malik Amine

ling team will be back in action when they wrestle Saturday in the ndividual regional. They vere scheduled to wrestle in the team regional against Southgate yes terday, after the sports section went to print.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wres

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the title at 140 pounds. Coe earned a pin against Northville's Jon Wines at 285 pounds to secure his Giese took second at

189, falling to Allen Steele of Livonia Franklin, 3-2, while Myles Amine took second with a 1-0 decision going in favor of Southgate's Alex Molloy in the 130-pound division. At 215 pounds, Peterson took second place with a 6-3 loss against Wyandotte's Vincent Pizzo, while Mike Babicz lost via pin in 1:20 against Franklin's Jordan Atienza to take sec-

a pin over Abe Ajami of

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks O'Brien took third with

proved to be welcoming and gracious to the vis Showcase tournament last week before turning them out and sending them home with losses. The Shamrocks earned a 2-1 victory over Upper

By Sam Eggleston

Canada College a day after handing Notre Dame Academy of Wisconsin their first loss since winning the state title last season, 6-3. Against UCC, the Shamrocks let Ryan Mulka

keep out the majority of the shots he faced against our neighbors to the north, while Danny Middleton and Mitch Ossowski collected goals to help the Shamrocks secure the

The sweetest victorv, however, was against the visitors from Wisconsin. The Shamrocks gave Notre Dame their first loss in over a year as they skated away with a 6-3

victory. Leading the way was Ryan Burnett, who scored the first two goals for Catholic Central to

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic

Central Shamrocks fell

victim to back-to-back

competitive Catholic

losses last week as they

took lumps from two very

High School League foes.

The squad, coached by

Bill Dyer, fell to Orchard

Lake St. Marv's, 63-44.

after taking a 60-30 loss

o University of Detroit-

"We got beat sound-

down the floor," said

Dver of the U-D game.

"We were down six half

way through the second

Jesuit High School.

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Shamrocks

beat up two out

of town teams

Hockey team defeats Upper Canada College,

previously unbeaten Notre Dame Academy

Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice when they play Hill Academy tomorrow at 1:15 p.m. before playing Divine Child Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and University of Liggett at 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

tage. The first goal was ond goal found Burnett snagging a pass from Alex Kruetzer before fir-

The Shamrocks made it a 3-0 game when Carter from Luke Turner and Mike Babcock and found the back of the net.

Some penalties put the Shamrocks in a bad position in the second period and the Wisconsin squad took advantage of it, scoring a couple of goals to make it a

But the Shamrocks would have none of it, gaining more momentum off a goal by Bobbie Carey, assisted by Ossowski and Carson Gatt before Nick Daigneau capped the scoring in the final min-

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quarter and we didn't respond well late in the second quarter. We had problems guarding them in transition and we got beat down the floor a lot. 20-8 after the first quarter of play but fought back

> make it look as though they were going to make a game of it. Unfortunate ly, the squad couldn't keep up with the high-octane offense that University of Detroit has become known for this year and could only watch as they went up 36-20 by the end of the half. The Shamrocks were outscored. 24-10, throughout the remainder of the game.

ON TAP

for Shamrocks

Basketball team falls to OLSM

and University of Detroit-Jesuit

The Detroit Catholic Central basketball team will be back on the court when they play Saturday and into next week in the CHSL tournament.

U-D was led by freshman Cassius Winston, who poured in 16 points to lead all scorers, while senior A.J. Horde added 10. The Shamrocks were led by junior Noah Lee,

Against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the Shamrocks trailed 17-11 after the first quarter before slipping behind, 33-22, at the half The team did, howev-

in the third quarter as they outscored their foes, 10-9 and narrowed the Eaglets' lead to just five points, 37-32, But OLSM was not about to be undone and came out to dominate the final stanza. 24-12, to finish the game. Leading the way for the Eaglets was Ted McCree. who put on clinic for 25 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, while

and Lee scored nine each for the Shamrocks. Detroit Catholic Central

Matt Linehan scored 14

points. Garrett Moores

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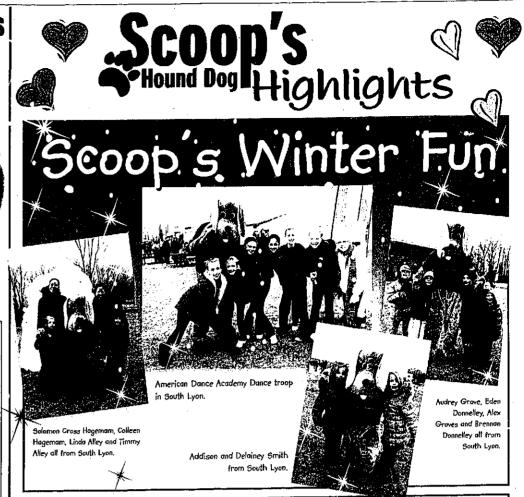
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Scoop's Coloring Contest Favorites!

All of the drawings were GREAT!

Our grand prize winner is Aset Hill who received the board game Angry Bird Knock on Wood. Everyone received an Angry Bird coloring book. Great Job!





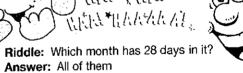








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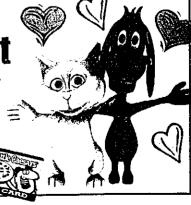
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All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on February 28 or email your form to: cbjordan@hometownlife.com Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights. Deadline

announces his retirement

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By Robert Meisner

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Shaping up



Work continues through the winter on the Suburban Collection Showplace's Hyatt Place Hotel, which should open in July. The six-story structure will have 128 rooms and is attached to the center's east side.

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Doyle to head Oakland County's One Stop Shop **Business Center**

The Oakland County Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs has named a veteran business counselor to direct the One Stop Shop Business Center.

Greg Doyle is a certified Michigan Small Business counselor who has worked with small business owners for more than 20 years. In his new position, he will lead the team of business counselors who work with startup and second-stages businesses to help them succeed. He oversees the and workshops the county holds every month. Doyle spent the past

business counselor for

the Michigan Small Busi

Sara is 36 years old.

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global purchasing where he managed the supplier diversity program for the General Motors account. ment Center. He is

He also owned his own business for 10 years. Irene Spanos, the county's director of economic levelopment, said Doyle is a perfect fit for the

"Greg has a keen insight and a wonderful business sense," Spanos said. "He is passionate about helping business owners succeed. We're lucky to have him."

Doyle is a graduate of Michigan State University. He and his wife have two children and live in Rochester Hills. He was board president of the Rochester/Avon Historical Society, a board member of the Six Rivers Conservancy and a commit-

tee member of the Roch-

ester Downtown Develop-

When should you have your estate planned?

By Daniel Hoops

put off signing an estate plan is their fear of death. Another reahave an estate worth planning. There are very few people that do not need some advanced planning. Just because you do not have a \$5 million estate or all

> of your assets are jointy-owned does not mean ou don't need to think bout some things. An estate plan is simply a person giving directions and making decisions in the event they are unable to make those decisions; this is

Takin' Care

due to their incapacity or death. If someone isn't sure they need an estate plan, they should ask a lot of 'what ifs'.

What if you are hospitalized and cannot pay your bills? Who pays them and how do they pay them? What if your child should get a divorce or file for bankruptcy? Will the divorced spouse or bankruptcy trustee have a right to the

What if you or your business partner were to die? Is there someone capable of running the business? Is the business a substantial part of the estate? Would your business partner want your husand involved in your business?

What if your spouse is involved in a devastating car accident in which he and others are killed? Is it possible all or part of the estate is at risk if there's a

The objective of your plan must be to minimize costs to administer your estate. Yes, if you are incapacitated your assets need to be preserved. Most people think probate is simply for dead people. The probate court also has jurisdiction over incapacitated people

through guardianship and conservator-ship proceedings. And I can tell you, the cost to administer any probate administration is expensive and all proceedings are part of the public record.

Do you really think your broker is going to allow your adult daughter to handle your investments "just because she's your daughter"? Durable powers of attorney and patient advocate designations allow you to appoint someone to make these decisions on your behalf and you avoid the probate court.

An estate plan should protect against the inevitable and unpredicted consequences of life. No one can predict when a child may be born, perish or divorce. Your plan should include alternate provisions that cover these possibilities, no matter how remote they may be Surely a person would want a portion of their estate to go to a child, but what if the child has severe financial problems?

Creditors would love to find out that a debtor recently fell into an inheritance. Most living trusts include a provision called the "spendthrift clause" which instructs the trustee to withhold funds for a beneficiary until such time as the risk of forfeiture is gone. Until that time is reached, funds can be provided on behalf of, as opposed to directly to, the beneficiary for living and other essential expenses.

Do yourself and your family a favor and think about the what ifs in your life. The reason it is called an "estate plan" is because you have an opportunity to "plan" before it's too late. Select the decision makers yourself while you have capacity. If you don't, a probate judge could appoint someone you may not want as your decision maker.

Daniel S. Hoops is an associate professor at Walsh Business College, chair of the Accounting and Taxation Department, and a 1987 graduate of Novi High School. He can be reached at Walsh College at (248) 823-1334 or dhoops@walshcollege.edu.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oak land County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings

on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at www.advantaor call (248) 858-0783.

Twitter for (Beginner)

Feb. 14, 6-9 p.m. Introduction to Social Media Marketing and using Twitter for Busi ness. Millions of people are using Twitter and social media for fun, but it is also a powerful business tool that can connect you with your customers potential customers and the world. You will learn how to sign yourself and/ or your business up for Iwitter, how to navigate how to find the right peo ple and businesses to follow, and more. Fee: \$40

Starting a Business

Feb. 20, 6-9 p.m. This course is designed considering self-employ ment or are at the beginning stages of starting their business. Delivered in a workshop format. his introductory session helps aspiring entrepre neurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, and evaluate market and sales potential for their products/ business ownership are introduced along with resources available to

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

April 3: Marketing Your Business April 4: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion April 4: Small Business Loan Workshop April 10: CEED Microloan Orientation **April 10: Starting a Business**

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April 10: Legal and Financial Basics for Small Business May 1: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion May 8: Writing a Business Plan

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May 14: Advanced Legal Series: Protecting Your Intellectual Property

May 22: Women's Business Enterprise Certification Ori-

Feb. 27, 6-9 p.m.

A business plan is a doc-

ument that serves your

needs and the needs

of others (investors.

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Workshop participants

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May 30: Team SBA Financing Roundtable

help launch new ventures Writing a **Business Plan**

Twitter for **Business** (Intermediate)

Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m. Create your Twitter Strategy. In this Intermediate session of Twi ter for Business you will establish your social media objectives and goals for Twitter. You will learn core strategies and tactics businesses are using to get customers talking through Twitter how to use social media management tools and how to schedule tweets in advance. Prerequisite is Twitter for Business (Beginner). Fee: \$40

Women's Business Certification

Orientation Feb. 27, 9-11 a.m. Learn the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise (WRE), Bene fits include certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. For additional infor mation on what it means to be certified as a Women's Business Enterprise

Real estate association executive

he said.

month process.

"You always look at the

"There is such a lack of hous-

ing now. The inventory is very

The CEO position usually

takes a business degree with

a finance background, Smith

executives in Michigan with

associations who have real

"That really helped," he said.

He saw the position as being

more about member services

"Every association is

said. He's one of some five

low at this point."

estate backgrounds.

Dale E. Smith, CEO of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, recently announced his upcoming retirement. The West Bloom field resident, at the helm 12 years, will stay on for a transition time.

By Julie Brown

He oversaw the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, where he'd worked from the Farmington office, with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors to form

The 2010 merger is a point of pride for Smith, who previously worked in a similar canacity at a larger association in New Orleans, La. He's a native of the Chicago area, and is married, with the couple's daughter making her home near Chi

cago.
The Michigan Association of and helping the public. Smith Realtors and National Assohas certifications, and taught ciation of Realtors will assist industry certification courses with a national search, "That's to other executives. kind of how they got me when unique," he said. He was just I came," said Smith, who want-

things you did most recently," he said. The merger brought more resources and better communication through tough times in the housing industry, "The number of days on the market is better," he said of metro Detroit real estate now. Financing remains an issue, he

giving GMAR volunteers direcbusiness that had to support tion, "kind of like writing your own obituary."

Smith has adapted to new technology. "The business has changed so much and you need to keep your eyes open," he said. "Education is just prima ry. The business is changing so

Smith said an executive with out real estate experience needs trusted advisors. He's proud of GMAR educational programming.

You had to be a step ahead of what the market is." The skill set is changing quickly, he said. "It is still a person-to-person

In the 1980s, Smith wrote a manual sold to NAR that he's now rewriting as one of his preretirement projects. "I really haven't given a lot of

thought to that," he said of other retirement plans. He agreed some good real estate professionals couldn't make it in the tough industry of the past five years. It "has driven a lot of people out of the

their families.' The Michigan field is almost 40 percent of those licensed today as were three years ago: "That's unfortunate for the public," Smith added.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYN

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to convert that facility into a public accommodation under the ADA. Under this rationale, where a clubhouse may be rented to an owner and guests from outside the community an argument can be made that it is not the general public, but only invited guests that are permitted to attend on an occasional basis, and therefore, such use does not convert the clubhous into a place of public accommodation. As always, you should get an opinion from you legal counsel.

O: Our association has an issue with the placement of safety devices like carbon monoxide alarms, fire extinguishers, etc. Please contact since we have initially contacted our lawyer

A: I don't think you lawyer should be telling the association where to place its safety devices, but rather he or she should be referring you to literature and suggest a safety expert. Nor do we think the association should get into any unit common element distinction. If a fire or CO can kill your neighbor. it is a board safety problem. Obviously, treating the problem at the association level installation and economies of scale. As counset. I emphasize that the association should disregard the distinction between common elements and ands noting that smoke, fire, smeti, mold, water, insects. etc. do not respect borders and a remedy using borders is complicated, if not futile. A single building should have a single solution for everyone's benefit

Robert M. Meisner la farsver and author of Concominium Operation

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Seven jobs for people who like to travel

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1. Airline and commercial pilot*

What they do: Airline and commercial pilots fly and navigate airplanes or helicopters. Pilots spend a considerable amount of time away from home, because flights often involve overnight layovers. Typical education level that most workers need to enter this occupation: Many pilots learn to fly in the military, but a growing number have an associate or bachelor's degree from a civilian flight school. All pilots who are paid to transport passengers or cargo must have a commercial pilot's license. 2010 median pay: \$92,060

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4. Heavy and tractortrailer truck driver

What they do: Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers transport goods to and from locations. They deliver goods over intercity routes, sometimes spanning several states. Long-haul truck drivers can be away from home for days or weeks at a time and spend much of their time alone. Typical education level: High-school diploma or equivalent 2010 median pay: \$37,770

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