

### Meet Easter Bunny

All signs point to spring at Twelve Oaks Mall this April as the Easter Bunny hops into the lush, colorful Central Park Garden display March 8-30. Photos with the Easter Bunny are available for purchase, and each child who visits receives a free gift. Central Park Garden is located in the Lower Level Center Court. Twelve Oaks will be closed on Easter Sunday March 31. Photo operation hours

are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Easter Bunny takes brief carrot breaks throughout the day. A complete list of photo packages and prices is available on www.shoptwelveoaks.

### Oscar winners

The winner of the O&E Media Oscar contest is Anna Sharples of Northville, and she'll receive an annual movie pass for two for use at any Emagine Theatre. Second prize of four movie passes went to Jackie Hengtgen of Dearborn. Sharples and Hengtgen were the only two entries out of more than 150 who answered all but two categories correctly The first place winner was selected in a random

drawing. Look for more contests and chances to win tickets and prizes at hometownlife.com.

## Bowl-a-Thon

Novi Youth Assistance will hold its 31st annual Bowl-a-Thon from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Novi Bowl (21700 Novi Road), It's the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, and they're looking for bowlers. Sponsored by Providence Park Hospital, the

# Novi awarded \$741,000 for Phase I of connector trail

12-13.

He said Phase I is being

est nonmotorized grant we've received and one of the largest overall transportation grants The City of Novi received

we've gotten at the city." Haves said the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments recently notified DPS's Engineering Division that Novi was one of 12 communities in southeast Michigan to be awarded Transportation Alternative Program grants. Novi's award is the third highest amount awarded of the \$6.3 million disbursed to

Mile, and on the south side of 13 Mile from Meadowbrook to M-SEMCOG communities for FY 5. Novi's Capital Improvement designed now and will entail the Plan lists Phase II as a FY 15-16

construction of a 0.7-mile-long, project. With the \$741,200 in feder-10-feet-wide pathway along the al funds, Hayes said the City of east side of Meadowbrook Road Novi will provide a local match from the existing terminus of amount of \$185,300 to fund the 1-275 pathway (just south of Phase 1, which has an overall 1-96) to the north side of 12 Mile. construction budget of \$926,500. Phase II of the project will con-"The award of this TAP grant sist of a 1.6-mile-long, 10-footwide pathway on the east side of Meadowbrook from 12 Mile to 13 Please see TRAIL, A5

## Chop chop

By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

its largest nonmotorized grant

ed a \$741,200 grant that will go toward completing Phase I of the

"We're really excited to be the

recipients of that significant

grant funding," said Rob Hayes,

city engineer and Public Servic-

es director. "It's by far the larg-

to date after being award-

Metro Connector Trail.

### Staff Writer Novi's Board of Review will be listening to appeals next week from homeowners who feel their recent assessment is inaccurate. The deadline to schedule an appointment is

By Cal Stone

tomorrow at 5 p.m. (see sidehar for details). The average residential in the city was 4.08 percent, while the commercial class saw an average decrease of 3.92. Industrial lagged behind at an average of -6.98 percent. "Any property owner wishing to appeal their assess-

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER ment should be objective about the process," said D. Glenn

Novi High junior Charlie Smith-Firman tries to cool down a portion of his dish as he and other members of the Japanese Club prepare to begin their annual ramen noodle eating contest on Feb. 26. Fellow junior Louiza Kotchmareva won in the chopsticks division. A video of the event is posted at novinews.com.

## Board of review hearing assessment appeals next week

Pre appeal. If the to do some Lemmon the Novi Assessing Department is a good source of infor-

mation for sales history, and it has books available with the previously mentioned sales. A list of all the sales used by the Assessing Department is also online at cityofnovi.org. Follow the links to the assessing information

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Lemmon said

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"Realtors are another source Lemmon, the city's assessor. of information," said Lemmon. "The first question they need to ask themselves is: Could I sell my property for dou-

Please see APPEALS, A5 ble the assessed value that is



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POLICE, FIRE AWARDS: Novi honors its best

The Novi Police and Fire Departments held their annual awards cer emony at the Civic Center to celebrate accomplishments and recognize professional development achievements of those who protect and serve the community.

Both departments additionally recognized employees of the year. including Police Officer of the Year, Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year, and Fire Fighter of the

Year for 2012. "It is with great honor and pride that we recognize Fire Protection Officer Andrew J. Copeland, Police Officer Anthony Avant and Dispatcher Kelly Mesh for the honorable work they have done for the Novi Fire and Police Departments and in dedicated service to the entire Novi communi ty," said Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "In addition to carrying out their

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Mesh "take the initiative and do what needs to be done. even if it's not in her job description. Since joining the Novi Police department, she has received three letters of commendation for meritorious service, five unit citations for dedicated service during unique and stressful circumstances and, numer-

Avant

**Civilian of the Year** ous thank-you letters from grateful citizens for whom she provided excellent custome service. Additionally, in September 2008, Mesh was the Novi Police

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ly 10 years where he an excellent example of what it means to be a is responsible for traffic enforcement and team player and quickly provide solutions to reducing traffic crash es at high accident inter issues concerning the sections. He frequentdispatch center. ly receives thank-you letters from communi Police Officer of ty members who have the Year - Officer been fortunate to experi-Anthony Avant ence his professionalism and kindness. Avant has Avant has been a memalso been instrumental ber of the Novi Police in training other police Department officers and possesses since 2000. Dur 

an energetic and positive attitude. Throughout his career, he has been noming his 12inated and recognized as year law Public Safety Employee enforce of the Month on multiple ment occasions and received career several merit and unit he has repeated citations.

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For a complete list ly demof all the award recipionstrat ents, please see this stoed a capacity to sucry at www.hometownceed at accomplishing the mission of the orga life.com.

CORRECTION In last week's Novi News, a photo that appeared with the story "Napier residents concerned about road's

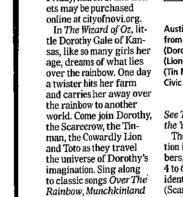
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Theatre. The show opened

Friday, March 1. and tick-

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Western Oakland Meals on

Wheels will be participating in

Meals campaign, and the event

will include a Volunteer Break-

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at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 12.

March For Meals campaign.

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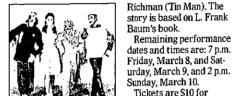
#### goes hungry." March For Meals is a nationtheir local Meals On Wheels program and take the pledge al campaign, initiated and sponto end senior hunger in Amerisored by Meals On Wheels ca by 2020. This national move Association of America ment comes at a good time, as recent MOWAA research stud-(MOWAA), to raise awareness ies have revealed that the prob-

March For Meals campaign includes breakfast

of senior hunger and to encour age action on the part of the lem of senior hunger in America is indeed growing worse. local community. Senior nutri-Currently, one in nine seniors tion programs across the United States, like Western Oakis at risk of hunger in the Unit land Meals on Wheels, promote ed States. The Volunteer March For March For Meals in their local Meals event will include break communities through public fast and a short presentation events, partnerships with local honoring the wonderful volunbusinesses, volunteer recruitment and fundraising initiateers who make this program worthwhile. Mayors, super-

A major aspect of the 2013 March For Meals campaign is for Americans to team up with

# **Civic Theatre stages** 'Wizard of Oz'



Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10. Tickets are \$10 for adults / \$5 children (ages 3-17) and seniors (age PRINCETON STUDIOS 60 and up). All seats are

Austin DuBois (Scarecrow) from left), Ellie Oegema (Dorothy, Connor Betts (Lion) and Trey Richman (Tin Man) star in the Novi Civic Theatre production. See The Wizard (Follow the Yellow Brick Road).

The musical production involves 79 cast members, ranging in age from 4 to 68 and stars Novi residents Austin DuBois (Scarecrow), Ellie Oege-(Ding Dong! The Witch Is ma (Dorothy), Connor Dead), and We're Off To Betts (Lion) and Trey



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mation, call the Novi

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divide \$1 million among antihunger agencies nationwide during March and April. on Wheels Program is participating in the challenge once again. All potential donors (and their local churches, schools and businesses) have been notified that the more

visors and other city officials have been invited to help cele stein money the Western Oakbrate the efforts of the volun-

teers who make this program a blessing for the area's needy

\$1 million giveaway For the 16th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will using it as a spur to raise funds The Western Oakland Meals donations made to the local agency, the more of the Fein-

land Meals on Wheels Program will get. According to Davey, many agencies featuring this in their

mailings and telephone solicitations in past years have increased their donations two or three times their usual returns.

Only donations or pledges received from March 1 to April 30, from use of the Feinstein Challenge, can be counted. If you have a senior loved one or neighbor who is homebound and could benefit from this program, and/or if you are willing to donate your time or money to keep this program rolling throughout your community, call (888) 886-8971.





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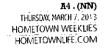
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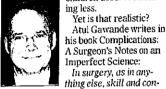


## Support helps children do their best every day

#### **By Steve Matthews** Guest Columnist

s a parent, while I wanted my sons to be always focused and engaged school, I knew that they would not. I knew that there would be times when they would gaze out the window, doodle on their paper, and squirm in their

My boys, I knew, would be like me. Yet, as a parent, I wanted my children's teachers to be at their best every day. My children deserved noth-



A Surgeon's Notes on an mperfect Science: In surgery, as in anyhing else, skill and con-Super Talk fidence are learned rough experience - halt-

ingly and humiliating-Steve Matthews ly. Like the termis play-

er and the oboist and the guy who fixes hard drives, we need to practice to get good at what we do. There is one difference in medicine, though; it is people we practice on. (p. 18)

I could add "in education" to his one area of difference. Teachers and princi pals and superintendents work not just with people but with children. More importantly, we work with your children. We cannot afford to make mistakes or take a day off or "waste" instructional time. The time we have is too precious and the task we have is too important to fritter away.

So what do we do in the Novi Community School District to support teaches and to ensure that every day is a productive day for students?

We have taken the time to create an online curriculum resource where we house our grade level and subject area units. These units identify the essential questions, the unit overviews, the vocabulary, and the unit calendars. This online curriculum center is valuable for

teachers because it clearly identifies the expectations for both teachers and students. Parents have access to this site on the "Curriculum and Instruction" link on the Academics page of our district website. This curriculum resource is constantly evolving as we refine our practice and find additional resources to teach our students. We also have instructional coaches in

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our district. The coach's job is to work with teachers to improve instructional effectiveness. The coach's model instructional lessons, work with teachers to evaluate lessons, and guide discussions of what effective classrooms need to look

and feel like. We also provide teachers time to talk with one another in grade level and subject area meetings. In these meetings teachers focus on four key questions: 1. What do we want students to know 2. How will we know if they have

learned it? 3. What will we do if they don't learn it? 4. What will we do if they know it already?

By providing time for teachers to talk, primarily on late start days, instructional practice will improve in our district. Teachers can share effective instruction al practices and identify common assess ment strategies

We recognize that these strategies are a work in progress. We want to be the best every day while recognizing that as we work together we can continue to

improve. We try and balance the very real experience that people improve as they practice their craft with the recognition that our children deserve the very best every day. We do that by providing a variety of supports that will help all of us who work with your children do the very best we can every day.

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Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents "Hair spray" on March 14, 16-17 and 21-24 at Walled Lake Central High School (1600 Oakley Park Road). Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the two Sunday matinees will start 2 p.m. "Hairspray" is a crazy '60s flashback. A chubby teenager, Tracy Turnblad, has just one dream. She wants to dance on a TV Dance Show (a la American Bandstand.) Not only does she defeat the prom queen, she gets the guy and integrates the show without even denting her do! This high spirited smash Broadway hit comes with a message, too. Tickets are available now and can be purchased online through the secure Walled Lake Consolidated Schools ticket website, www.wlcstickets.com or by calling (248) 956-4980. Opening night tickets on March 14 will be \$10 for all seats. Tickets for the remaining rformances are \$17 for adults, \$15 for students and senior citizens. For more information, visit www.wlcstickets.com or call (248) 956-4980.

### **Fancy Fun**



Deerfield Elementary kindergarten students celebrated their fourth annual Fancy Friday on Feb. 1. Heather Stewart and Cindy Lyon teach kindergarten at Deerfield

online at hometownlife.com

## Federal funds available to pay late property taxes

**Bv Aileen Wingblad** or fees on the home, have to be living there and can't have cash reserves more than one-and-a-half times the annual property Not paying property taxes can set off tax amount a process that eventually leads to loss of one's home. home for the next five years or face a But for some residents of Michigan and repayment penalty of 20 percent received

for each of the remaining years. a few other economically-ravaged states, help is available through a new program utilizing federal funds. to pay taxes going forward — this is a one-Some \$204 million is being redistributtime opportunity." Meisner said. ed by the federal government through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to relieve outstanding tax have nowhere to turn for property tax bills of as much as \$30,000 for people facassistance, especially those whose income ing certain financial hardships. The money comes from \$490 million in federal funds levels don't qualify them for a poverty exemption. the state received initially for the Step For ward Michigan's Loan Rescue Program to half of Michigan counties are participatprevent mortgage foreclosure. In mid-Jan-uary, a portion of it was set aside for qualing. He urges those interested to apply

now, noting that it will help Oakland Coun ifying homeowners for payment of delinty's "bottom line." quent taxes, interest, fees and condomin-Those with delinquent taxes from 2010 ium association dues, explained Oakland or earlier must contact the treasurer's County Treasurer Andy Meisner. So far, office to set up an appointment with a about half has already been distributed. housing counselor to begin the application process, while others can get started "It's a very rare opportunity," Meisner said. "It almost seems biblical - what a on-line. Reach Deputy Treasurer Lauren huge game-changer it can be." Bloom at (248) 858-0624, call the hotline (866) 946-7432 or visit www.stepforward-To be eligible for the funds, applicants must prove a qualifying hardship preventmichigan.org. ing them from paying property taxes, such

as a medical condition, job loss or divorce. They must have delinguent taxes, interest

"Don't bring in newspa-APPEALS per articles from Detroit Novi is not Detroit," said Continued from page A1 Lemmon. "Don't give the board more than five con parable sales to consider. "Bank appraisals done Don't do crazy math with linear regression and the for the purpose of refilike. Keep it simple." nancing are not usually a good indicator of value Lemmon said if a propbecause the appraisal is erty owner feels that their assessment information is done for the bank and not for the property owner." incorrect. a field review Those types of apprais will be done to verify the als, he said, are made to determine the level of risk that the bank may want to consider and they usually present a low number Your five minutes A person making an appeal will have five min-

according to Lemmon. "The board will look at The best comparable vour assessment informasales will be from your tion to see if there is any own neighborhood or one that is similar in age, location, construction, etc., he "Don't compare twostory homes to one-story homes. They have dif-

thing that sets your home apart from the sales." he said. "Finished basement swimming pools, lot size and other items can impact your assessment

neighborhood or the

study by Oakland Counhe may not use a sale if it doesn't appear repre-He also said don't talk ty that includes the last to the board about taxsentative of the neighborthree months of 2010, all es; they can only consider of 2011 and the first nine your assessed value and months of 2012. whether it is reasonably "In addition, I look at they are reasonably repthe final three months resentative of the normal The board may comsales," he added. of 2012," said Lemmor "Oakland County's study pare your assessment per square foot of home indicated that the entire to similar homes in your residential class needed to be increased an average of 4.08 percent. Once neighborhood average. the county does their ur years: study, my job is to look at the neighborhood sales and make the adjust-

Can you win? So, what are one's chances of winning an appeal? Look at the last In 2009, there were 1.189 appeals of various types. Some were valuaion appeals, some were ments necessar Lemmon said for 2013 assessor corrections, povmost neighborhoods erty appeals, personal operty late filings, pro tective appeals, etc. Of

increased in value while some continued to decline those, only 189 received - "and it is my job to reflect those changes as

long, 10-foot wide athway along the east side of Meadowbrook Road from the existing terminus of the 1-275 athway (just south of 11 Mile Rd. 1-96) to the north side of 12 Mile Road between two MDOT-owned trails: the 1-275 Metro Trail and M-5 Trail (which is now complete between 13 Mile and Continued from page A1 Maple Road in Commerce Township). It will also serve as a key link to the is yet another example of the City of Novi's commitment to leveraging Municipal Street Fund dollars to cap-

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Phase 1 construction is scheduled t

The Metro Connector Trail will pro

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grant revenue," said Hayes.

begin in early spring 2014.

regional trail system, promote recreational and alternative transportation options for the surrounding area, and provide the first nonmotorized crossing of 1-96 in the City of Novi, which currently has more than 230 miles of public pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

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Phase II of the project will onsist of a 1.6-mile long, 10-foot wide pathway on

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(96 reductions). And 2012 saw 492 appeals with 130 changes (91 reductions). "I may use bank sales if If one is unsatisfied with the Novi board's decision, an appeal can be made with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Residence es are typically appealed through the small claims section of the tribunal while commercial, industrial and higher valued residential properties are appealed through the entire tribunal "The small claims sec tion is fairly informal and can be done at little or no cost to a homeowner. said Lemmon. "Entire tribunal appeals are expensive and most often require attorneys.

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Those taking the funds must stay in that

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The program can be the answer to peo-

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# **On track to Autorama**

Brothers, family enjoy drag racing, Cobo show

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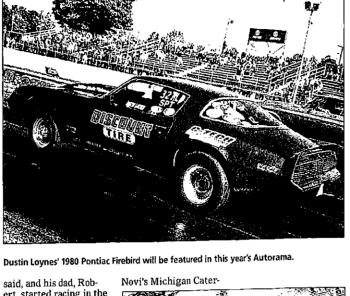
By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Nick Lovnes 14, of Novi and brother Dustin Loynes, 25, of Walled Lake both drag race at Milan Dragway as their home track. The young men will have cars in the March 8-10 Autorama at Cobo Center. "It's very exciting to have my car be in there," said Nick, who is homeschooled by mom Kimberly. He agreed it can be tough to balance schoolwork, friends and racing at times. "I still think when I'm older racing is going to be popular," Nick said. "Just more practice" will make him better. "As I go on, I get more used to it.' He got interested in racing from brother Dustin and his dad: "You get the adrenaline pumping," Nick said. Dustin, also the son of April Carrothers, works as a wholesale representative for Suburban



said. "First of all, it's an adrenaline rush." He Collection Group at the Chrysler dealership in also likes being mentally capable of handling "Everything is cool," the car. the older son said of his "Sometimes you've got employer and racing. He to kind of muscle the got some time off work car." Dustin said. "For for racing: "They're all the most part, it's not too very supportive." physically demanding." He's tried to help Nick Dad Ken is the grandwith his own learning, son of a longtime Novi and acknowledged, "It fire chief, and his uncle, was a really big learn-Tim Loynes, just retired ing curve," when Dustin as a city mechanic after started to race. many years. "I've been "This'll be my sevracing since 1980," Ken enth season," Dustin

pillar and Blackbeard will have a junior drag-Passages HOLY View Online www.hometownlife.com Motorsports. ster. He's required to Dustin garnered Best race an eighth of a mile, SHOW DETAILS Appearing Crew the last due to his age, rather at the two years in Indianapothan a quarter, his dad lis, in competition drawexplained. Nick can get The 61st annua Weo Meguiar's Detroit to 84 mph in 8.2 secing from seven states. 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com He's also 2012 Driver of Please visi Autorama will be noon Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday the Year at Milan Drag-"You have to have a to 10 p.m. Friday, March love for cars," said Ken, way 8, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat-WENDELL. MIDDLETON, Dustin travels some BEEHR. who works in landscap urday, March 9, and 10 LAWRENCE "HAP" to race, including the MATTHEW DAVID KAREN M. ing and snow removal. LA WREINCE THAT So of Beaveron, Michi-gan, passed away in Mid-land, Michigan on Satur-day, March 2, 2013. He was born in Flint, Michigan on December 25, 1927, the son of a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, RAREN M. Age 60, passed away February 27, 2013. She was born on Janu-ary 24, 1953. in Ann Arbor, daugher of the late Kenneth and Dolores Faris. She is survived by her loving children: Dana (Ste-ven Pheley) Beehr, Matthew Bechr and Alison Beehr. She is the another by ber bethers: Age 23, of South Lyon, Michi-gan, passed away suddenly Feb-ruary 25th, 2013. He was born December 28, 1989, the beloved Wa "The speed, the power, Chicago area, Bowling March 10. The show will Green, Ky., Maryland it's just all of it togethbegin with an outdoor and Indianapolis. The Admission at the gate December 25, 1927, the son of Javier Recent son of Davier and Susan Middle-tom. He is survived by his parents, lexiford and brother Ja-son Middleton, He was a devoted uncle to mephew Morgan and niceses: Madelyn, Abigail and Elizabeth. Matt is also survived by grandparents: Theresa Ravi-ings, Henry & Marlene Butter-worth. Bill & Bev Middleton, sunts & uncles: Doug & Debbie Turner, Fred & Kathy Rawlings and Denies Sullivar, coustiss: Dougias Turner, Dawa (Eric) Mockatitis and Brendan & Kelli Sullivari, and countess other family & friends. He was pre-ceded in death by his favorite puppy dog, Harley, Matt loved the warld that God created He was drawn to the outdoors whether it be the big Montan sky, or a simple fishing boat on lake. He was a simple grantecture needing the things of the world. He could always make you alush. His sorie reas infectious. His love for and loyally toward others is what he will always be remembered for. Matt claimed Jesus Christ as his Savior and is now at peace in heaven with Him. Visitation was held on March 1st. Fumeral was om March 2 and a Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon, MI. Online guestbook ww.phillipsfumeral.com son of David and Susan Middle-ton. He is survived by his pa-rents, loving sister Rebecca (Brian) Ledford and brother Ja-The 1980 Firebird was family likes working on CO. is \$18 for adults, \$5 for Dustin's first street car. cars as well as racing. children ages 6-12, free "Everybody's always "Now he races it only." Beehr and Alison Beehr. She is also survived by her brethers: Kenneth Faris and Jordan Faris; 3 nephews and 2 nicces. She was preceded in death by her parotts and her borbher Jeffrey Faris in 1976. Visitation was held on Monday, March 4, from 4400 pm. - 9:00 pm. an PIILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word funeral was cele-brated on Tuesday. March 5, an 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guesthook at (Brian) Ledford and brother Ja-son Middleton. He was a devoted uncle to nephew Morgan and nicces: Madelyn, Abigail and Elizabeth. 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He way drawn to the outfoots "It's a whole different again after. Group tickets are also FELL He called Autorama crowd of people," Ken said. "It's just a really available. "an awesome event to For more information, Rev. be in. It's definitely well nice group of guys, and call (248) 373-1700. worth the time.' women, too." 5 Lyon. Online guestbook at Go to www.autorama Wors Wed **Discount** Tire is www.phillipsfuneral.com com for up-to-the-min-BELL, FRANCES K. Age 69, passed Feb. 26, 2013. Visitation March 1, Phillips Fu-neral Home, Funeral March 2, Dustin's main spor ute information. sor. Nick's sponsors are St. Joseph Catholic Church CLARK, CASTEEL ism charges and felony weapons charg-CANDUS M. Longtime resident of Milford, passed away on March I, 2013. FELLO es for shootings in Livingston, Shiawas Continued from page A1 see and Ingham counties. He's due back She was 68 years old. She is surin a Livingston County court March 27 vived by her son, Craig (Jane) Houck; daughter, Natalie (Wil-liam) Campbell; grandchildren, Jayson, Justin, Craig II, Ethan, for a preliminary exam. Prosecutors maintain Casteel random intent to murder for a string of shoot Children's Sunday School 10:30 z.m. 248-437-2222 - www.tellowshipepc.org ly fired a 9 mm handgun from his vehi-Dr. James N. McGuire + Kussey Provis Aikayla, Lane; great-grand-children, Sierra, Anthony; moth-Jayson, Ju Mikayla, ings in Wixom and Commerce Town-**New Hudson** cle, mostly at passing motorists. One victim was hit by a bullet. ship last October. The additional forenwishes, cremation will take place Online guestbook The Church of Christ FIRST UNITED MET Clark and many exand a Memorial Service will be conducted by Rev. David Amstutz on Friday, March 8, 2013, 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church, Gladwin, Michigan. The family will receive friends on Friday. March 8, 2013 from 9:30 A.M. until the time of service. A Graveside Service will be held at Highland Cernetery, Highland, Michigan, Friday, March 8, 2013, 3:15 P.M. In lieu of flow-ets. memorial contibutions may how Casteel is not www.pl 640 S. Lafavette (246) 437-0760 tended family and friends. Serv responsible criminally for the shootings Plymouth **NEW HUDSON UNITED** ices will be held privately. For further information please OCHALEK, DALE ANN Sunday Worship & 15 apr, 11 00 am & 6.30 pm because he's legally insane. awingblad@hometownlife.com | (248) 685-1507, Ext. 261 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship dnesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.n METHODIST CHURCH ay School 9:30 am Children, 9:40 am Teerts & phone 248-684-6645 or visit In a related case, Casteel faces terror-Twitter: @awingblad Age 57, passed Feb. 25, 2013. Visitation March 3rd, Phillips Funeral Home, Funeral March 4 30 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson Mi (249) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunley, Pask St. John's Episcopal Church 1.ynchFuneralDirectors.com Reverend Sondra Willober Rob Callicott, Pastor unday School & Dible Class -9;30 a.r Worship-10:30 a.m. CULPEPPER, GERRY S. southlyonfirstumc.org 74 S. Sheklon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 481 734-453-0190 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. 71, of Northville, passed www.cowfudensumC.or suddenly 2/28 2013. Share OLIVER, DAVID M. online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com Bervices on Sunday mornings 745 Mi-Eucharist - mediative (without musi 900 Mi - Eucharist with Casterporary Musi **BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH** SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH Age 89, passed away Feb. 22, 2013. Visitation Feb. 25 and 26, Funeral Feb. 27, Phillips Funeral Gathering in Jesus Name Head Loving God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400 **NEW HOPE - A Unitarian** HAGGE, ROSEMARY K. 2909 10 Mile Rd + South Lyon, MI 4817 (1904) - Eucharst with Traditional Musi-Universalist Congregati (In Brookdale Shopping Cente Sunday 10:30 and 1:30 ets, memorial contributions may be used according to the wishes Age 88, of Northville passed away 2:24/2013, Full obituary at Home, www.phillipsfunctal.com behind Powerhouse Gym) SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M. rand River Ave., New Hudso Phone 248-474-9106 start Friends of Unity be used according to the wisnes of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Gladwin, Michi-gan. http://www.hall-kokotovich funerathome.com/ Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teach 774 North Sheldon Road www.casterlinefuneralhome.com unday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a Sudhir Sang www.solidrocksouthlyon.com Old fashioned preaching Plymouth, M Plymouth Commonsy Arts But Rov. Suzanne Paul, Minister hvi, 2013 chair HUNT. Website: http://www.newhopeou.or PAULINE JOHNSTON of the Novi www.friendsofunity.org FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN** ay Service and Youth Programs 10 Dec. 1924 - Feb. 26, 2013 Polly Hunt was born Paulme Rotary golf 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.287 YOUNG, WILMA B. sconsin Synod • Reynold Ň Age 82, of Bowling Green, Ohio passed away Saturday, March 2, 2013. Wilma was born in Hennef, Germany, to the late Wilhelm outina, begin 734.454.0015 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Johnston Pelletier, the youngest Johnston Pelletier, the youngest of five children born to Ernest LeRoy and Myrile Pelletier of Ferndale, Michigan, She mar-ried her high school sweetheart, John Willis Hunt (Jack), and their built summing and that for Idren's Church for Grades K thru 5 Nursery Care Provided practice for Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. the June 20 Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m Rev. Michael Herlocker, Paster www.tpcseathlyon.org Northville fundraising Wilhelm A. and Maria (Thomas) Schelt, She married Donald C. Young in the St. Matthias Church in Detroit, Michigan, in Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-165 PERGAMENT. event. The DOUGLAS S. annual event, FIRST UNITED METHODIST their toying marriage endured for 66 years. Together they raised NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Beloved husband of Pat-ricia Sabolo Pergament. Cherished father of Pergament, Conner in its 28th CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 66 years. Together they raised thase children, Ralph, Pany, and David. Her husband, Jack, her older sister, Peg, and her chil-dren, Ralph, Patty, and David survive her. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations Highland Church in Detroit, Michigan, in 1952 and he preceded her in death in August of 2008. Wilma is survived by her daughter: Lori (David Pileger) Young of Bowl-ing Green, Ohio; a son: Neal (Vicki) Young of Grand Rapids, Michigan; grandchildmer: Helen and Thomas Young of Grand Rapids Michigan; sisters: Experience Life Each Week unday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 a year, support (248) 349-1144 Chrished father of Brian Pergament, Conner Pergament and Sydoie Pergament Devoted son of Ger-aki (Marha) Pergament and Mir-iam Pergament. Dear bother of Lisa (Brien) Runyon, Aaron (Adina) Pergament and Jeffrey Pergament. Step-brother of Jeff (Kim) Blakeslee, Jerry Blakeslee and Limow, Vidhysak Blakeslee 1.1 the club's loca 777 West B Mile Road + (8 Mile and Talt Roa av School and Children's Prog In March 1 March 1 March 2 (19 March 12 March and worldwww.ncalite.org 41355 Six Mile Road HIGHLAND UNITED wide chari-METHODIST CHURCH 248+348+9030 www.tumonortivile.org ties. Contact 9 W. Livingsten Rd. + Highland, MI 493 248.697.1311 + www.myhumc.com stonate Care Hospice. Canton, MI. Sanghvi at OUR LADY OF VICTORY unday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Nighl - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. Grief Share: Mon. at 8:30 p.m. and Thomas Young of Grand Rapids, Michigan, sisters: Cacilia Esser and Brunhilde Jochmus-Stocke of Bonn, Ger-many and her four legged com-panion Ms. Mavis. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM on Sat-urday, March 9, 2013 in the DECK-HANNEMAN FUNER-at LOVIE 6, CPEMATORY 4000 S + Mide Rad Northwee, M1 48:55 248:374 7400 www.wardchurch ag novirotary.org CATHOLIC CHURCH LynchFuneralDirectors.com for informa-133 Orchard Dr., Northville No tra RAMSEYER, ROWLAND (Kim) Blacesice, Jeny Blakesice and Jimmy (Melissa) Blakesice. Son-in-law of the lac Amelia Sabolo. Brother-in-law of Robert Sabolo and John Sabolo. SERVICES WERE HELD ATTHE IT A MANEMANY. tion. EEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p Sunday, 7:36, 9:30 am. 11:30 am. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2599 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastur Tradulional Worship at 8 9 30 & 11 a m Contemporary Worship at 9 30 & 11 a m Idren's Programs avalable at 9 30 & 11 a m Passed away on 2 24 13 at the age of 86. He is sur-vived by his wife of 66 years. Mary Ellen Ramseyer, his two daughters. Cynthia (Francis) Pucci and De-The Independent Service is breadcast on the radio each week at 11 a m on 560 AM AT THE IRA KAUFMAN Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church 54899 & Wile Rol. at Currle Rol. Northville, MI. 45167 Pastor Andy Whitten Phone 249-374-2258 CHAPEL 248-569-0020 AL HOME & CREMATORY, 1460 W. Wooster Street/P.O. Box 648, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, Tel: 419-352-2171. Presbyterian (2) INTERMENT AT CLOVER Cymbia (Francis) Pucci and De-barah (Steven) Barnes, five grandchildren and mine great-grandchildren. He was a Novi Northville resident for almost 40 years. He was alwo a WWII vet and a Builder in the area. The memorial sense will be at 2pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at Mi, Hope Congregational Church Oluma II, no acoustic HILL PARK CEMETERY Church<sup>of Northvi</sup> Sunday School (ages 5-12) at 10 AM Adult Senday Bible Study at 10 AM Sunday Service at 11 AM Rate Study Microsoft www.fpcnorthville.org E IRA KAUFMAN CHAPE Online condolences and fond 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON memories can be left for the 10.00 an Young family by visiting: www.hannemanfh.com 248-349-0911 For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 Mi. Hope Congregational Church followed by a coffee hour. Denations to the charch in or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com freu of flowers are requested. ٠ . 1 į, .



ert, started racing in the 1950s Dustin, a 2006 South Lyon High School graduate, will have his 1980 Pontiac Firebird in Autorama, along with a rear-engine dragster. 'You would never see it on the street," his dad said of the dragster. "A lot of time we build our own engines." Oth-

This is Dustin Loynes' 1995 T.N.T. Dragster. He and younger er people build them for brother Nick race at Milan as their main course. the Lovneses as well. At Autorama, Nick



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# Trio of Scouts go for the bronze

Caitlin Fokken, Mary Grace Piotrowski and Eesha Avtha are members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 71462 and they have been working hard on their Bronze Award over the last several months The Bronze Award is the highest leveled award a Junior Girl Scout can obtain and requires the development of a project idea that will "take action" and change the world around them. Ideally, it will be a sustainable project that will continue on after the girls have completed their portion, truly making it something that will provide longterm change. These girls spent almost 40 ect alive for U of M Mott.

hours each developing a proj-ect to collect new art sup-Help Support Vorm Mott Childrens Hespetal plies and books for U of M Mott Children's Hospital in Students please help us by donating Ann Arbor. For the main par of their project, they worked with Parkview Elementary and principal Jen Michos to apply The Leader in Me and Please putall donations 7-Habits principles to their project by thinking win-win. synergizing and sharpening their saw to develop a project that met their project goals and the goals of the school. Over 400 items were collected by Parkview staff and students, and the girls created an outline that can be used by future groups to keep the proj



Parents welcome twin girls



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women event was held at MGM in Detroit. Go Red for Women is nationally sponsored by Macy's --- which has raised \$40,000 for the fight against heart disease these past 10 years. The 10th Anniversary of the event was attended by 800 women --- and a few good men. Shown are Marci Schwartz of West Bloomfield, event vice chair Janice Cosby-Bridges of Farmington Hills, and Sara Gutowski of Novi in front of Presenting Sponsor Chevrolet's Camaro.



Motown was nine days early with its red carpet roll-out at a special Detroit Loves Cinema event on Valentine's Day. Shown (i to r) are Jason gg of Detroit, Philip Rivera of Ferndale, Todd Erickson o Ferndale and Novi librariar Bryce Gamper who works for Orchard Hills School. their home in Northville.



Northville, and the late John and Janet

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#### Hansen-Bigalke

Megan Leigh Bigalke and Daniel Ray Hansen of Northville were married Feb. 9, 2013 at St. Mary Student Parish, in Ann Arbor. Father Daniel Reim presided over the marriage. Bride attendants were Whitney Roberts, Kristi Trombley, Jenny Hansen, Erin Reiss, and Roni Newman. Groom attendants were Rick Hansen, Russ Hansen, Ben Bigalke, Jeremy Reiss, and Joe Newman. A reception was held at Travis Pointe Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Janet and David Bigalke of Saline. She is a graduate of both Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University, and is currently employed by Plymouth-Canton Schools. The groom is the son of Pat and Russ Hansen of Greenwood, Ind. He is a graduate of Indiana University and is currently employed with Ford Motor Credit Company. The couple honeymooned in Maui. They will make



John and Megar



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Gary and Patty Lounsbury, along with their twin grandkids Luke and Colin Herman, 7, approach a large red oak tree near their Wixom Rd. property. Gary measured the tree's girth as more than 15 feet and hopes that it can be preserved in the area northwest of Beck and 11 Mile. The tree is probably well over 200 years

### **NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Local Events

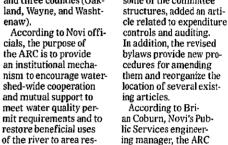
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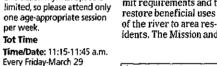
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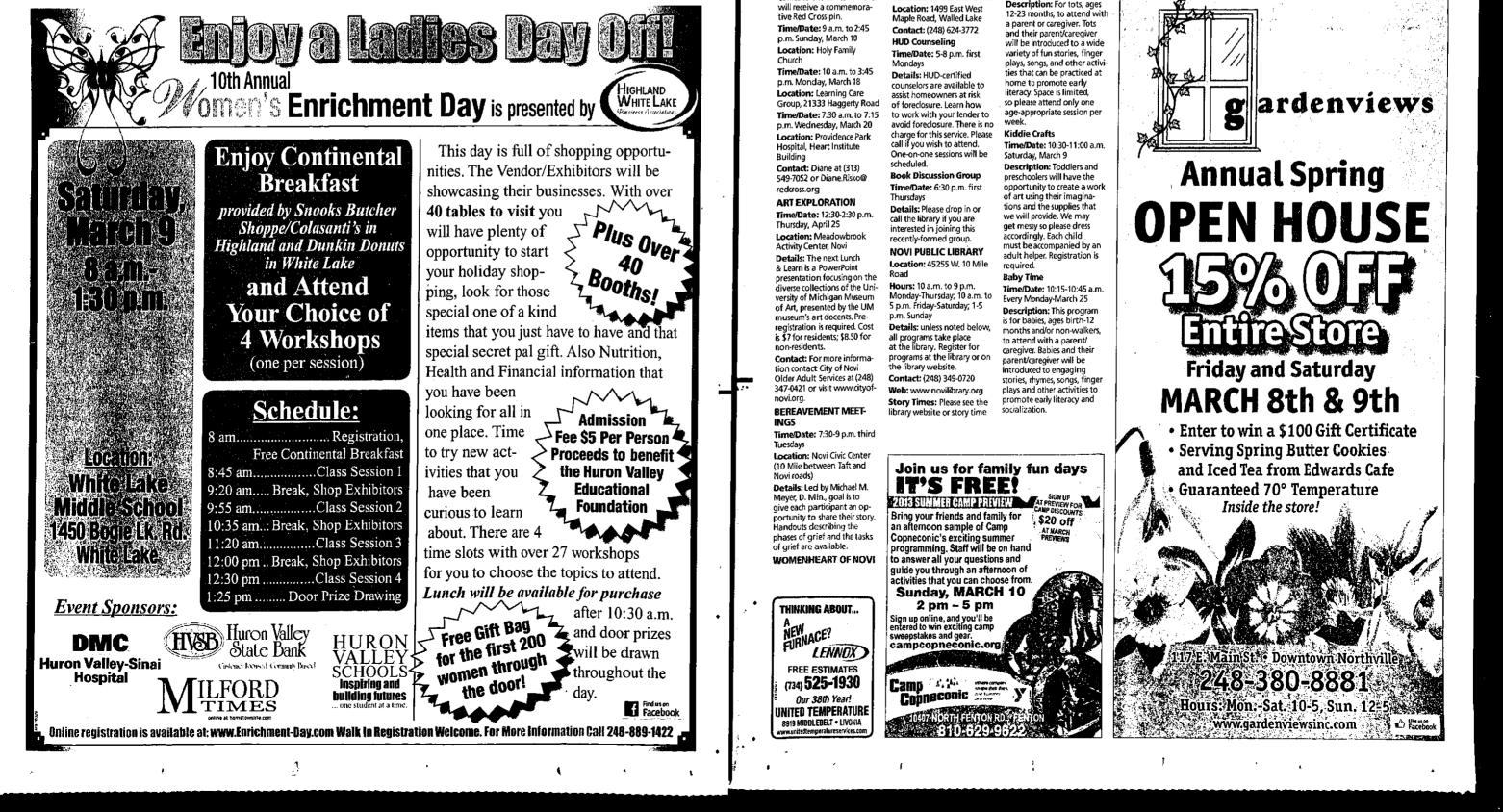
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By Lonnie Huhmai

Time/Date: 11:15-11:45 a.m. Every Friday-March 29

ber com munities for meet-Alliance ing stori water of Rouge permit require Communities ments through cooperative **OURS TO PROTECT** efforts and pro vide a Working together, restoring the river state and national mode for local ly driven watershed approaches that minimize the need for State/Federal mandates. This is done through following the goals and objectives to improve water quality, reduce runoff impacts, inform and educate the public, protect, restore and or enhance natural features, maximize commu nity assets, support insti tutional relationships and obtain grant funding. In order to tackle this large cooperative effort and objectives, the ARC annually collects dues from each community county. The amount of dues collected is based on the prorated area and population of the commu nity or county within the Rouge River Watershed These dues have volun tarily contributed nearly \$1.2 million (since 2006) toward cooperative watershed management activities - all of which has been matched with state and federal funding,

according to Coburn.





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teens, in fact, don't

recall a time when

the U.S. Secretary of

State wasn't female,

up until just recently.

Barriers have fall-

en, but some remain.

There's a notable pay

gap between men

and women, even

adjusting for family

responsibilities. Many

women are breadwin-

ners, and our nation

as a whole suffers

when women face pay

New career oppor-

tunities are emerging

for young people of

both genders, espe-

cially in STEM -

Science, Technology,

Engineering and

Math. We need to

guarantee our young

discrimination.

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## Library to require cards beginning Sept. 1

is the smartest card on your

patrons plenty of time

to prepare for needing a

library card for service

beginning on Sept. 1.

25075 Meadowbrook Road. Participants

\$7.50 per resident or \$9 per non-res

chased at the Older Adult Services

office located inside the Novi Civic

Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road.

Saturday, March 23, Disney Cele-bration - "M.I.C.K.E.Y. M.O.U.S.E."

and "It's a Small World After All" are

two of many songs that bring smiles

and special memories of one's child-

hood. Come reminisce and share fun

stories. Ticket deadline is March 20.

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Hear the roar of the crowd and the

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ing the race and "horsing around"

ident, per event. Tickets may be pur-

must be 55 or older and the cost is

Novi Public Library will usage and fewer guest passrequire all patrons to preses will be needed which ent a library card to check helps reduce the library's out materials, place items paper costs. on hold, access online Cards are already a resources, and more. requirement for the self-Library cards are free of check stations and drive-up charge and are available in window, so by having this key tag and wallet options policy become effective to make having your library on Sept. 1 it will provide a card readily accessible more consistent environwhen needed. Having the ment for patrons. card in hand will provide 'We want patrons to patrons with not only a fast understand the importance and easy check out service, of their library card and but it will also eliminate all of the great opportunithe possibility of checkties available when having the card in hand." said ing out an item to the wrong patron. Also, it will help Julie Farkas, library directo drive more self-check tor. "We feel a library card

### UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

#### Activity Center (Novi Senior Center), Tech classes for 50 and up

Tech Talk classes, offered by the City of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed for those 50 and above who are interested in becoming more tech savvy. The classes will introduce smart phones, buying and selling on the Internet, and using technology to remain independen Each class will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, between 6:15-8:15 p.m. and \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Pre-registration required for each class. Monday, March 11 Buying and Selling on EBay and Craigslist Monday, April 15 Using Technology to maintain your Independence Register is available online or at the Older Adult Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center. For more nformation, call (248)347-0414. To learn more about older adult programs in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

Super Saturdays beat

winter blues

days between 4-6 p.m.

doing Derby Day activities. Ticket deadline is May 1. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Registration deadline is the Wednesday prior to the Saturday event or until sold out. Transportation to the events is avail able for \$1 each way. Please call to reserve a ride by calling (248) 735-

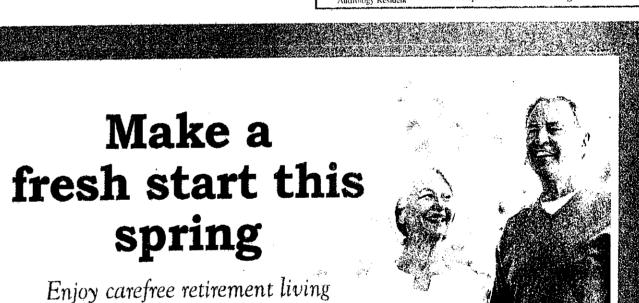
Super Saturdays, presented by City of Novi Older Adult Services, fills the 5617 For more information about Oldprescription of much needed fun with er Adult Services in Novi including themed activities taking place on Satur upcoming events and classes, visit cityofnovi.org or call Novi Older Dinner, entertainment and friendship Adult Services at (248) 347-0414. are on the menu at the Meadowbrook

key chain or in your wallet. The smartest card concept is a national campaign by the American Library Association that helps libraries promote the importance of using a library card to enjoy the many programs, services and resources that are available to library patrons." The library will be actively promoting this policy change over the next six months in order to give



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# Assessed correctly?

## Appeal your property's value next week

Most Novi homeowners should have received in the mail their latest property tax assessments. Reactions likely have varied from surprised, sad or angry to elated or dumbfounded. As metro Detroit's housing market recovers, two out of three communities reported rising

In Novi, values rose 4.08 percent. Yours may have not have; or it may have climbed even more. Next week homeowners will have an opportunity to appeal the new assessment in person before the Board of Review. But if you decide to do that, you better hurry - the deadline to make an appointment is 5 p.m. tomor-

And you can't make an appointment without completing a petition form, which is available at the Assessor's Office in the Novi Civic Center (south side of Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft Road).

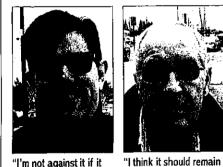
If you don't want to appear in person before the Board of Review, you can submit a written appeal - but those most be received by the Assessor's Office by 5 p.m. next Wednesday.

But, first things first. If you believe your assessment is out of line, stop at the Assessing Department and have it reviewed. Here's a simple way to determine when NOT to appeal If you could sell your property for double the new assessed value.

If the answer is no, then you've got some research to do (see the front page story for tips) before you make your case to the Board of Review. Three individuals sit on the board -- Ernie Aruffo, James Staschke and Debra Blashfield - and they'll be more than happy to hear appeals next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

### Should Michigan's .08 blood alcohol content law be raised to .10?



"I'm not against it if it means it factors out to where it is to keep the less than two drinks, but roads safer.

## Women's history: Celebrate those who dared to dream

Women's History Month sheds light on the many contributions women have made to life in the U.S.

Abolitionist and suffragist Sojourner Truth delivered her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech December 1851 at a Women's Convention in Akron. Ohio

"That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm!

have ploughed and

planted, and gathered

into barns, and no

man could head me!

Soll the Shadow to Support the Substance.

And ain't I a woman? Sojourner Truth — taken from the cartes-de-visite I could work as much which she sold to earn her living, saving, "I sell the and eat as much as a shadow to support the substance man — when I could

get it - and bear the Congress of Black recently the combat lash as well! And ain't Women was instruban for most military I a woman? I have mental in having a women has been liftborne 13 children, and bust of Truth placed ed seen most all sold off Obstacles remain, in the U.S. Capitol's to slavery, and when but it's hard to imag-Emancipation Hall I cried out with my ine a time when girls in April 2009. At the mother's grief, none dedication, first lady thought their options but Jesus heard me after graduation were Michelle Obama hon-And ain't I a woman?" ored Truth in her role limited to teaching. Truth asked her audinursing or being a as the first black first secretary. Such work ladv. Public Library and Truth has ties to During World War remains valuable, but read about women in Michigan, having lived the final 27 II, many Michigan women have broken history and encourage women went to work through many barchildren and teens to vears of her life here. in defense plants as riers, entering law, do the same. She died at age 86 in medical and engineer-"Rosie the Riveter." Explore women's 1883 and is buried in Women also served ing schools in record history — it's an intera Battle Creek cemwith distinction in numbers etery. The National esting journey. Some children and the military, and just

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Deadline: Letters must be

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eceived by 9 a.m. Monday to be

### **Curriculum changes**

LETTERS

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Many students at many schools We welcome your Letter to the around the state are in need of Editor. Please include your name desperate help. As the school years address and phone number for pass, more and more students are verification, Letters should be finding it hard to survive in school. 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. As curriculum becomes more com Submit letters via the following plex, students are finding it harder to compete with their grades. formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com Students in many schools in Michi-Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi gan have realized that it's not like News, 101 N. Lafayette St., South the old days anymore. In the past, Lyon, MI 48178 much curriculum was based on

textbooks. Now, teachers rely on

Americans will lose their jobs. As many as 600,000 children and their mothers will lose nutritional food assistance and other services that promote good health. Seventythousand children will not be able to attend Head Start and Early Start educational programs. There will be five million fewer low-income families receiving pre-

natal health care and other services which assist in reducing infant mortality as well as improving maternal

people have these skills and take courses that will prepare them for the future. which will have tech nology likely barely dreamed of today. Celebrating Women's History Month allows the community to collective ly shed light on the impact women have had on our society. culture and economy The stories of women who have had an incredible impact can provide excellent role models for today's teens and children. Stop by the Novi

it should ac than .10.' Doug Breckenridge



Absolutely, I think rais-"It's hard to say. A lot of people have different ing it might make people try to stay below that tolerances, so it may benefit the frequent (.10 BAC)." Fady Fareed drinker but we could see Novi more first-time offenders.' Merle Keith



Grace Perry

Director of

Advertising

Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Wixom the Internet to teach their students. The outcome to this experiment is that grades are sinking. Government is trying to make changes to the curriculum and trying to come up with a better plan for the education of America's next generation. To come up with the solution, members of Michigan's Senate and House are debating on creating an Education Achievement Authority. By creating this body, they can focus on the issues and concerns specifically towards school districts and education in Michigan This "project" will involve lots of communication and cooperation. The amount of money that will be needed will also be a debatable subject in this process. Some people are also speaking out against this legislation. I believe that proper education for every student should be mandatory. With the way that things are

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published Thursday. Online: Due to space limitations not all letters submitted can be published in our print edition. lowever, all letters will be published online each week at www hometownlife.com. we need to help the failing school districts Bad time for cuts Speaker John Boehner and many other Republican politicians are as changeable as the weather when it comes to taking ownership of the sequester. On some days. Boehner claims that sequestration will save millions of jobs, while at other times, Boehner condemns the sequester, referring it as the Obamaguester When Republican legislators

being handled now, the school curriculum needs as much revision as it can get. I feel like this may be one voted for the sequester, Boehner solution to the problem. By changinsisted that he got 98 percent of ing and revising the education what he wanted. Boehner and his standards, many students can learn caucus have refused three times proper material to succeed into to allow the House to take up a college and future jobs. The failures Democratic sequester replacement and dropouts are increasing, and if bill while also refusing to offer their we don't do something about this own sequester alternative. When issue, the next generation won't the sequester goes into effect, stand a chance in the real world. draconian federal budget cuts The main goal is to realize that will cause great pain for millions many kids are in need of help, and of Americans. At least 750,000

when our economy is in the midst of a recovery, our country does not need drastic cuts to social programs.

Jill Farber-Bramson West Bloomfield

**Fix intersection** problems I started to drive a few months

ago, and what I see is that is some of the lanes when people turn at intersections aren't the biggest for

big vehicles. At some intersections, Liyan Mathews it's hard for big vehicles to stay in the same lane without going into Novi High School student the other lane.

Lawyer J. Price McNamara said that one of the most common types of car accidents is when people turn right and end up in a collision. When I take the bus home from the high school, at the intersection at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, my bus driver would run over the curb when turning so she doesn't hit anyone in the other

lane who is turning left. There's a thing that can be done about this. We can stop some of the car collisions in Novi. We can extend the curb or, to make it better, add an extra lane for cars to merge if it's only a one lane. That's what I feel is what's best to do. Don't you agree? If we don't, there just might be more and more collisions waiting to happen. Chris Fadanelli Novi High School freshman at Waltonwood

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m

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Sunday Schedule: 9:30

a.m. Worship service with

ellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fel-

owship and refreshments

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Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

VBS/Caravan, Club 56,

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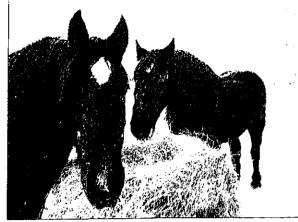
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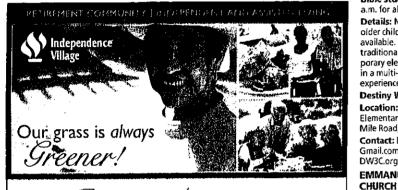
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All the pretty horses



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A pair of percherons enjoy a snack of some sweet grass on Feb. 28 at Novi's Tollgate Farm. Percherons are usually used as plow horses on farms and originate from France. The MSU educational facility is open for visitors everyday and hosts a few gatherings through the year like its spring garden tours and fall festival.



The grass is always greener on our side of the fence!

There's a bright, exciting world waiting for you at an Independence Village community. Our residents tell us all the time how life has truly changed for them since moving here --and for the better! We are certain that once you tour our beautiful surroundings and meet our happy residents, you'll agree that this is the place to be. Come smile with us!

> Easter Bonnet Hat Show

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

#### St. Patrick's Day Party Thursday, March 14 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wishing all Lads and Ladies a bit of luck while they enjoy by our gourmet chefs.

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH CALENDAR

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HOLY FAMILY Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to Contact: (248) 349-8847 or cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by visit holyfamilynovi.org mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 novi.org p.m. Monday-Wednesday; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Saturday **Book of Revelation** Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and Study Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Location: 205 East Lake Reconciliation: beginning Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. 9 a.m. Saturdays or by ap-Wednesdays Details: Come and learn Contact: (248) 437-2875 Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix what John is writing about pastor, and Rev. Michael what the symbolism means, Zuelch, associate pastor and how this book still CROSSPOINTE speaks to us today. MEADOWS CHURCH Faith Journeys Location: 29000 Meadow-Date: Third Sundays brook Road, south of 13 Details: Following worship Mile Road and fellowship, someone Contact: (248) 669-9400. will share how they have 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondayexperienced God in their Thursday or visit www life and the difference that crosspointemeadows.org has made Sunday Worship: 11:15 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH-Bible study classes: 10 VILLE a.m. for all ages Location: 217 N. Wind Details: Nursery and Contact: (248) 348-1020 older children programs available. Worship blends Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. traditional and contem-Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. porary elements resulting n a multi-sensory worship Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 \$15 per family; experience. a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Destiny Worship Center Men's Bible Study: 9 Location: Ridge Wood a.m. first Saturday of every lementary School, 497756 Mile Road, Northville FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Classes, Youth Group Contact: DestinyW3C@ OF NOVI-FAMILY INTE-Thursday Schedule: 6 Gmail.com or visit www **GRATED CHURCH** DW3C.org. Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Group EMMANUEL LUTHERAN Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or Location: 34567 7 Mile \$15 per family; firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Road, Livonia Family Bible Hour: 9:45 Contact: (248) 442-8822 a.m Sunday Worship: 8, 9:30 Family Worship: 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. (SS at 9:30 for Bible Study: 6 p.m. all ages) Ministry for Spe-Family Movie Night: 5:30 cial Needs Adults contact

Currently on Wednesday ights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of p.m.; fourth Sunday of Purpose Prayer Group judy@emmanuel-livonia.org every month FAITH COMMUNITY FIRST UNITED METH-FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ODIST CHURCH OF CHURCH OF NORTH-NORTHVILLE VILLE Location: 777 West 8 Mile Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Location: 200 E. Main Road, Northville Street Contact: (248) 349-1144 or Contact: (248) 349-2345 or Contact: (248) 349-0911 or



Yad Ezra gave out one million By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer visit www. fpcnorthville.org Nancy Kleinfeldt has not been donating her time and money for the last 12-plus years to the Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Jewish food organization Yad Ezra because of how it makes her and president of Yad Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road Ezra's board of directors does it because it's Contact: (248) 348-7600 or her "obligation." "It's something I feel has to be done," she said. "I've been blessed Praise Band, Children's Sunto be able to provide for day School and Adult Bible my family and they never have to worry about going hungry. But it's 11 a.m. Traditional worship also my obligation to take care of everyone else that doesn't have those luxuries." It's volunteers like Kleinfeldt, her fellow board members, and the hundreds of others Family Meal, \$5 per person, who show up regularly to help clients or drop **Currently on Wednesday** off food that make the iahts: 6:30 p.m. Children's 22-year-old independent organization run. Bible Study, Quilting, Adult More than 1,400 Jewish families, making up 5 percent of the Jewa.m. Men of Purpose Prayer sh population in metro Detroit, use Yad Ezra to Family Meal, \$5 per person, get kosher food, person-I hygiene and household items they cannot otherwise afford. More than one million pounds of groceries were distributed last year from the organization's Berkley warehouse. Lea Luger, executive director of Yad Ezra, said the organization just doesn't care about Jewish people who are hungry but they care about everyone.

pounds of groceries in 2012 If a non-Jewish person comes, they will receive assistance at least once. while a Jewish family who meets the financial guidelines, can pick up items once a month "There is enough food in this country to feed everyone it's not just the priority it needs to The Huntington Woods be," Luger said about the hunger problem in the United States." It's a priority for Yad Ezra, which also makes it a point to make the clients feel as comfortable as possible. The clients aren't just given a box with items in it. they get a choice. Everything is based on points system, and the families with multiple members receive more points. The organization also delivers food to those who cannot pick it up, and they recently installed a drivethrough window for those who feel uneasy being seen by others. The volunteers also play a big role in the atmosphere at Yad Ezra. over backwards to be compassionate and understanding," Luger said. "Because you that shopping cart you could be on. Kleinfeldt said it's amazing to see what tion davs. "The clients and volunteers have formed a lot of friendships

online at hometownlife.com

ly beautiful to see how they interact with each other and how appre-"Our volunteers bend ciative the clients are to the volunteers.' Yad Ezra will again be hosting a "hunger Seder" at 7:30 p.m. on March 19 in its waredon't know what side of house to raise hunger awareness and share over. goes on during distribu-

the message of Pass-For more information about Yad Ezra or to volunteer or donate, vis it www.yadezra.org or call (248) 548-3663.

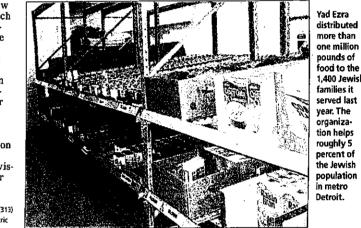
and there is so much nlife.com I (313) respect for each oth-222-2343 Twitter: @SOKEccentric er," she said. "It's real-

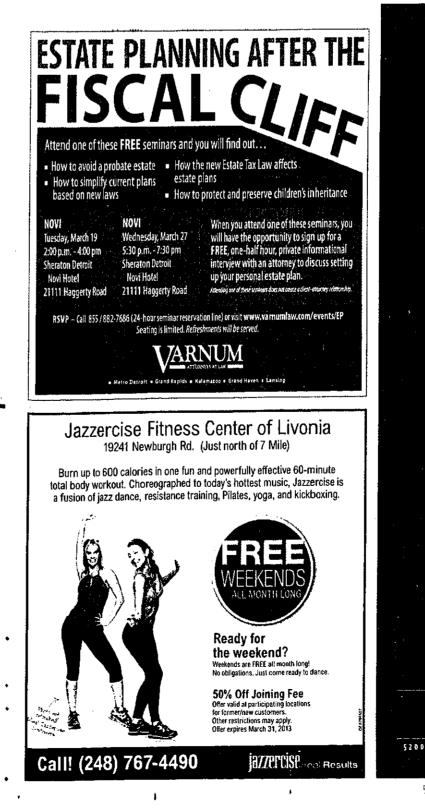


LOCAL NEWS

Food pantry makes helping Jewish families a priority

Yad Ezra warehouse manager David Jaffee unloads a box of bananas at the nonprofit organization's warehouse in Berkley. Yad Ezra provides free kosher food, toiletries and household cleaning items to low income Jewish families in east Michigan









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Friday Night Live! The Chamber Soloists of Detroit present works by Beethoven, Kodaly and more. 7 & 8:30 p.m., Rivera Court. Sunday Music Bar The Northwoods Improvisers perform their unique blend of jazz, Michigan rock, world music and modern classical. 1 & 3 p.m., Kresge Court. Family Sundays Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fex Puppets present The Fisherman's Wife, a timeless tale of greed and envy. 2 p.m., Lecture Hall. Now on View Guest of Honor: Van Gogh's Bedroom in Arles, through Mau 28. Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs, Then and Now, through June 16. Ford Second Sunday: General museum admission is free for everyone on Sunday, March 10, courtesy

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SPORTS

CAL STONE, EDITOR cstone@hometownlife.com (248) 437-2011 EXT, 237

Crawford and Feger

A wrist shot by Rozek

from the near left side

with 8:20 left in regula-

tion beat Novi senior net

minder Patrick Carney

and tied the game at 2-2

vith assists from senior

Eric Woolf and junior

Just 3:05 later, Feger

notched his third point

of the game with a wrist

shot from the top of the

right circle that went

through traffic in front

of the net before hitting

Luzynski and trickling between his legs and into

the goal for a 3-2 Wildcat

lead. Crawford assisted

Fearing their play-

off run was ending in

left in regular with a

shot from the right side

the first game, Sanson

answered back with 2:07

Nick Goldman.

assisting.

# WLN gets last laugh on Carney

Knights knock out Novi icers 4-3 in fifth overtime IAS REYES **Bv Chris Jackett** Correspondent

SECTION B , (NN

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

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On paper. Novi's ice hockey team should have won their Division II regional quarterfinal contest Feb. 25, but that's why they play the game. Ranked No. 30 in the state and No. 8 in Divi-

sion II heading into the game, the Wildcats (11-14-1) hosted Walled Lake Northern (10-15-3), who was ranked No. 90 in the state and No. 32 in Div. II, in a battle that took five overtimes to complete. Nearly four hours after the game began, the Knights prevailed 4 3 on a putback from the right side by junior Austin Sansom with 24.2 sec onds remaining in the eighth period. "I thought it was a fan tastic hockey game," Novi coach Todd Krygi-

game. I thought both goaltenders played fantastic. We played almost two hockey games. Good for Walled Lake er said. "Its not like we Northern, they worked hard. We worked hard didn't have a penalty and we didn't take shot, three breakaways, a crossbar. We had plenadvantage of our oppor ty of chances to win the tunities.

a 4-3 Knights victory.

Despite the final result, the Wildcats had and Sansom. several golden chances to clinch the game after falling behind early. The Knights had started the game with a deflection goal from senior Joe Rozek 2:59 into the game off assists from

Walled Lake Northern junior Keegan Brown (left) sprays up a mist of ice as he slides to block a shot by Novi senior Carl

freshman Ben Grudzien Bryan Fegert and senior Connor Kenrick. The Wildcats took a 2-Novi avenged the 1 lead 1:58 into the third goal with 8:09 to go period with a baseline in the second period flick over Northern netwhen senior Carl Faraon knocked home a goal minder Grant Luzynswith one second remainki from the right side by sophomore Ryan Baxing on a power play, off assists from sophomore ter, with junior Isaiah

#### tying the contest 3-3 with Faraon Feb. 25. Northern senior netminder Grant Luzynski (51 saves) also comes out of his crease on the play en route to assists from Goldman and Rozek. Carney (45 saves) made two big saves for Novi with 18.7 seconds remaining and Luzynski (51 saves) was able to corral a flick by Baxter with 12.5 seconds to go, sending the game into overtime.

Please see HOCKEY, B2

# Mustangs stomp Novi lady cagers in playoff overtime

**By Chris Jackett** The record-setting season for Novi's girls basketball team came to an early ending in their first postseason contest The Wildcats (18-3, 10-0 KLAA Central) lost a 49-41 overtime battle in a district semifinal against Northville (16-6, 7-3 Central) on Canton's

court Feb. 27. Novi coach Bill Kelp has regularly said how tough it is to beat any team three times in a single season, but the Mustangs

(14-6, 9-1 South) or Plymouth Salem led for Northville Mustang Emily Maresh, rear, during the teams' didn't cost us. Played Feb. 28 match at Canton High. Northville won the game in overtime a good half on both (12-7, 7-3 Central), who Novi split "Too many turnovers," Novi the season series with. The winner ends." coach Bill Kelp said of what put the Wildcats under in the latest Novi foul trouble advances to the 7 p.m. Friday district final against Northville (12-8, 6-4 dismantle the Central Division and the Highlandalong with five assists and two contest. "We didn't rebound and champion Wildcats, who shot a Central), Plymouth (9-11, 4-6 South) turned the ball over too much. ers' increased pres steals, but it wasn't enough. sure in the fourthor Detroit Catholic Central (7-13. 0-7 similar 17-for-40 (42.5 percent). "Kerri played great -- one of Ultimately, that's where we lost quarter proved to tilt Catholic). All district games will take the game - on the boards. her best games," Kelp said. Chipping in for the Mustangs' offense were senior Kenthe scale late in the place at Northville. Down 14-13 at halftime, the "They played a 1-2-2 zone. I game, as Howell fin-ished on a 19-10 run Mustangs trailed 33-27 after dra Brenner (eight points, five thought we settled for too many outside shots rather than trying three quarters before turning rebounds), senior Brittany Berehulka (seven points) and to win 56-45. up the pressure for the victori to penetrate against it." "I thought it was a pretty lopsided affair with them shoottwo points apiece from sophoous overtime comeback. North Northville won the rebound ing 26 free throws and us only six," Tass said. "You don't get more Emily Maresh and senior ing battle 25-12, including 12 ville juniors Gabby Mencotti calls there, you have to play through it and it hurt us having (14 points, pine rebounds) and Diane Myers. offensive rebounds. Additionalguys like (senior point guard Tre) Cadwell on the bench. We got frazzled for a bit in the third quarter when they put some McMahan's offensive efforts Heather Randall (12 points, five ly. Novi had 12 turnovers picking up eight steals and the Musrebounds) led the charge with for the Wildcats was assistpressure on us, but we worked past it. Just never cut into the tangs committing 10 turnovers a combined 14-for17 (82.4 pered by senior Jade Antolec six-point lead in the fourth quarter." As a team, the Wildcats shot 18-for-39 (46.2 percent) from (eight points, four steals) of their own. cent) performance at the free junior Kristen Schubring (six Novi junior Kerri McMahthrow line. the field, compared to Howell's 19-for-29 (65.5 percent), led points), senior Amanda Geian led the way for the Wildcats As a team, the Mustangs shot 14-for-33 (42.4 percent) from the field, which was enough to with a game-high 16 points on 7-Please see BOYS, B3 Please see GIRLS, B3 for-13 (53.8 percent) shooting, WE'LL BEAT YOUR BEST PRICE WINTER SPECIALS On all name-brand tires we sell. uick Lane THE RIGHT TIRE AT THE RIGHT PRICE! TIRE & AUTO CENTER (2)**GUARANTEED!** (S SERVICING ALL MAKES & MODELS Including FORD Up to 5 qts. Motorcraft \$80 MAIL-IN REBATE OF 4 SELECT TIRES 49251 Grand River Ave., Novi Synthetic Blend Oil Replace Oil Filter with 800-837-5682 or get up to <sup>s</sup>130 in mail-in rebates otorcraft Filter Mon. Fri. 7am-6pm, Sat. 8am-4pm BLOW-OUT SALE \$17995 COMPLETE BRAKE SERVICE Oil Change when you use your QUICK LANE CREDIT CARD Brake Inspection Belts & Hoses Check KELLY NE TIRES UNIROYAL . TIRE Fitter Check יין אין אינצע 🎸 BFGoodrich MICHLLIN Tire Rotation GOOD, YEAR IRBLE Free Tire Rolate + Free Car Wash Edwis Battery Test GENERAL TIRE FREE CAR WASH WITH Fluid Top-Off VARSITY **FREE Lifetime Tire Rotation** Multi-Point Inspectio ALL SERVICES w/purchase of 4 Tires QUICKLANEOFNOVI.COM (PON WHEN ORDER IS WAVITEN, Excludes Deseils, Pina lax and shop supplies. Mori It valid with gay off-un offers. Expires 3-31-13, Valid anily al Varsty Duick Larie of Nov JST PRESENT COUPON WHEN ORDER IS WRITTEN, Plus tak and shop supplies. Most makes and Not work with any other offers. Expires 3-31-13. Valid only at Variaty Duck Lang of Novi,

Novi Wildcat Kristin Schubring steps in front of and steals a pass and 51-29 during the regular

Wildcat cagers test Highlanders

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Novi boys 'buy in' in time for playoffs

### By Chris Jackett

Although the final score may not show it, one of Novi's closest boys basketball games of the season took place in their KLAA crossover finale last week

Trading baskets with Howell (11-9, 6-4 West) throughout the first three quarters, the Wildcats (8-12, 5-5 Central) were tied 8-8 after the first quarter, 22-22 at halftime and trailed just 37-35 after three

"I really liked the the game 37-37 at the end of ON TAP regulation. Northville kept the way we played Tues-Novi's boys basketball team (8-12. day: unselfish " Novi pace going, outscoring the Wild-5-5 KLAA Central) was set to kick off coach Brian Tass cats 12-4 in overtime, success the postseason with a district semifisaid. "Made a couple fully avenging losses of 35-28 JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE nal last night against either Canton mistakes early, but it

proved him right last week with ouarters a 10-4 fourth-quarter run to tie

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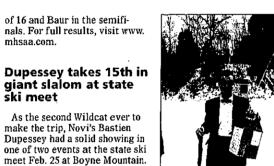
Novi's 200 free relay team of Kenta Onimura, Vinny Rosaneli, Dennis Kim and Andrew Ao pose after breaking the school senior Mark Baker, but Luzynski charged forrecord by 00.02 seconds in 1:28.52. The time also won the group the KLAA Kensington Conference title in the event.

By Chris Jackett

#### Novi bowler Schulz finishes 25th in Division I

As the lone Novi bowler qualifier for the Division I state finals March 2, junior Sara Schulz battled to a 25th-place finish among 60 howlers at Northway Lanes in Muskegon. The group competed through six qualifying games before the field was cut to the ton 16. With games of 190, 175. 200, 211, 191 and 182 for a total of 1,150, Schulz finished 24 pins short of the 16th spot. Grand Ledge's Barbara Lawson, who finished 12th in the qualifying round with 1,183 pins, ish. went on to win the state title over Macomb L'Anse Creuse North's Alyssa Meade 419-323 in two games. Lawson shot games of 200 and 219, compared to Meade's 121 and 202. Davison's Brooke Wood and Heather Baur had finished first and second. respectively, in qualifying play

with six-game series of 1.256 and 1.255, but Wood lost in the round



With runs of 30.18 and 31.27 in the giant slalom, Dupessey finished 15th with a two-run time of 1:01.45. However, he did not finish the slalom run, which defaulted him to a 60th-place fin-The Wildcats also had some fun at the Feb. 18 Milford Invitational at Alpine Valley, where the

team won team costume participation for the third year in a row and Harrison Halley won best costume, dressed as Carl, the old man from "Up.'

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News. third-straight year.

in the fifth overtime, the Northern bench rushed the ice. After 90 minutes and 35.8 seconds of action had elapsed on the game clock, the game ended about three hours and 38 minutes JAMES HALLEY of real time after the Novi's Harrison Halfey shows off his puck had dropped. Not to mention the other

costume of Carl from "Up," which regional quarterfinal's won him the best costume award at puck drop was therefore the Feb. 18 Milford Invitational. The Wildcats won the ski meet's team delayed until about 10 p.m. that Monday night costume participation award for the

lance writer and former staff writer for the Novi 'Twice we had a one News

it done.

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goal lead in the third

period," Krygier said. "So you can't expect to

be successful and give

up one-goal leads in the

third period in the play-

hang on and continued

to create scoring chanc-

es, but Walled Lake got

basically one chance and

The Wildcats finished

the season ranked No.

32 overall and No. 9 in

Div. II, as of March 2,

while Northern went on

to defeat Walled Lake

Western 7-2 before fall-

ing 3-2 to Hartland in

Knights capped their

season ranked No. 85

eight seniors, includ-

and No. 31, respectively.

Novi's souad graduates

ing Carney, Baker, Fara-

on, Kenrick, Collin Pew

Luke Bageris, Kyle Lash

and Alexander Turn-

er. However, the Wild-

cats had seven juniors

and six sophomores ros-

tered this season, many

of which carried a large

"This has been a great

coach Todd Krygier said.

"I thoroughly enjoyed

the season although we

didn't have the success

we've had in past years.

coaching these guys and

for me. They were real

I thoroughly enjoyed

they've worked hard

"I always feel bad,

throughout the whole

are going to be disap-

playoffs who gets

there's got to be a team

knocked off and seniors

pointed. We've had some

another one tonight, but

Walled Lake Northern

Chris Jackett is a free-

figured out a way to get

big successes over the

last couple years and

I thought we'd have

coachable.

bulk of the offensive

team to coach," Novi

the regional final. The

offs. We continue to

they buried it."

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ward out of his crease

as Baker approached

from center ice, forc-

ing the Wildcat to make

a quick shot that Luzyn-

ski knocked away off his

pads on the stick side.

"Baker, Fegert, they

er said. "Our (defense)

There's nothing to be

ashamed of. Both teams

played really hard and

Walled Lake did a great

When Sansom's shot

found the back of the net

worked real hard.

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played fantastic." Krygi-

**NEF** sponsors Masters golf raffle package: The Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) s sponsoring a premiere raffle that offers 11, 12 or 13 one lucky winner four tickets to the 2014 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga. But you have to hurry - raffle ticket sales are limited to the first 100 people. This year's Masters Raffle is one of many highlights at the 7th Annual Green Gala fundraising event at 7 p.m. Saturday. March 23 at the Lyon Oaks County Park on Pontiac Trail in Wixom. The annu al Green Gala extravaganza has grown in attendance over the years. Approximately 300 people come and enjoy casino games.

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## Franklin Road Christian junior sets state record for single-season free throws made

**By Chris Jackett** 

While much of the local basketball focus this winter was on Novi High School's program-best 18-3 record in girls baskethall, Kristen Massey was just up the road setting records of her A junior point guard at Franklin Road Christian School in Novi - at 13 Mile

most free throws made in a single sea-Massey nearly broke Whittemore-Prescott's Jessie Miller's 2002 record of 199 free throws (of 308 for 64.6 per cent) as a sophomore last year when Massey finished at 196-for-270 (72.6 percent) from the line. Already with the second-most single-season free throws in school history, Massey was just focused on helping her team this season. The Warriors went 13-9, losing 53-45 in a Class D district final to Plymouth Christian Acad emy at PCA last Friday despite a 38point effort from Massey, who averaged 29 points, 4.5 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 5.5 steals per game this season. Massey didn't even know until Friday, but she was two free throws away from setting the new state record with 200 made in a single season. So she made 15 that night. "It wasn't really in my mind at all. I

ing her junior season at 213state. She would need to make 210 as

from 2002-05). of how she gets to the line so often. natural shooting guard."

63.2 percent as a freshman to 72.6 per-



Junior Kristen Massey of Franklin Road Christian School in Novi set the state singleseason record last Friday for most made free throws in a season with 213. She finished three shy of tying the old record of 199 as a sophomore last year.

cent as a sophomore and 78.9 percent "Just aggressive play, being asser-tive getting to the basket," Massey said as a junior. Having played basketball for seven or eight years after starting at Faith 'I started off being an OK free throw Christian Academy in Southfield and shooter. I really spent a lot of time at (a) gym in Livonia. I started off as a transitioning into AAU, Massey - who carries a 3.7 grade point average - said she is now being scouted by the Univer-Massey said she switched to point sity of Cincinnati, Coastal Carolina Uniguard two years ago, which helped improve her shooting, which helped versity, Cornell University, Evanston University, Ashley University, Harvard her free throw percentage jump from University and others that have yet to see her play.

Walled Lake Western hosting volleyball marathon fundraiser

Walled Lake Western High School (600 Beck Road) is hosting a volleyball marathon fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 22 and ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 23. All funds raised will go directly to Friendship Circle, an organization that provides assistance to families with spe cial needs.

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The event will include volleyball, inflatable games, a DJ, dancing, games, hypnotists, comedians, food, prizes, and more. It is open to any student who raises a minimum of \$100.

Prizes will be given to the top five stu-dent fundraisers. In order to raise money, students need to complete and sign a contract and pick up a volleyball marathon packet. Packets will be available during all lunches starting Monday, Feb. 25 and must be turned in by the end of school on Wednesday, March 20.

Every person who donates to the volleycall marathon will be entered in a raffle for a \$200 Amazon gift card. Online donations are accepted at www.wlwvom.com. Every student who attends the fundraiser will be entered in a raffle win prizes. For more information on the volleyball marathon, visit www.wlwvbm.com. For more information on Friendship Circle, visit www.friendshipcircle.org.

Crafters sought

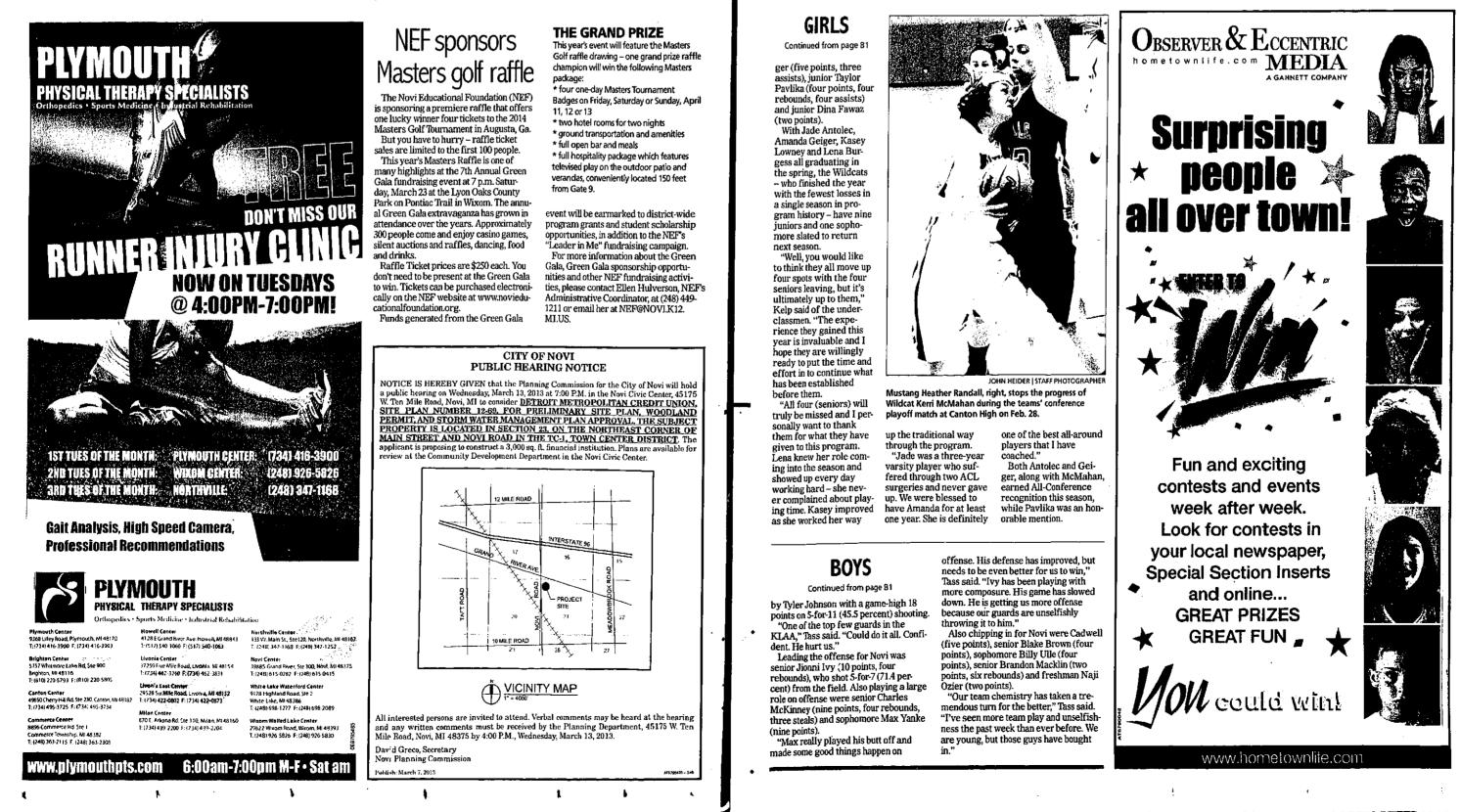
The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a juried show more than 250 booths are available at \$60 each. The show will be spread out in the school's atrium, cafeteria, performance gym and fieldhouse, allowing ample space all exhibitors

To download the exhibitors application visit www.noviathleticboosters.com/craftshow/. The application deadline is March

#### Recreational softball

Now in its second year, the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League is recruiting players age 55 and up from Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and the surrounding areas to form new teams. Season will begin May 28; games will be played at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Interested players/teams, please contact one of the following for additional info: Charlie Gabbeart, Northville Recreation, (248) 449-9947; Tori Heglin, Novi Recreation. (248) 347-0422; Chris Galatis, Howell Recreation, (517) 404-3323.



and M-5 - the 16-year-old Southfield resident set the state record for the

just kind of went out and played and came upon it," Massey said. "I really wasn't shooting. I was just playing and trying to get points for my team. for-270 (78.9 percent) from the line, Massey is now 488-for-665 (73.4 percent) in her career at FRCS, plus 52 more as an eighth-grader on the varsity squad that will not count toward her career total in the record books. With 488 made over three seasons. Massey is already fifth all-time in the

a senior to set the career state record, breaking Miller's 697-for-1,014 (68.7 percent) pace from 1999-2002. The others above her on the list are Dansville's Lindsay Bowen (610-for-740 from 1998 2001), St. Joseph's Kim Knuth (552-for-716 from 1991-94) and Traverse City West's Kalvn McPherson (509-for-751

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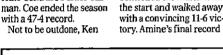
# **Record-setting season**

Catholic Central gets four individual titles

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team has not disappointed the blue and white faithful this season not only bringing them to their feet two weeks ago with a last-second team state championship, but setting an all-time tearn record last week as well In the MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Finals; held at the Palace of Auburn Hills last week end, the Shamrocks made history by earning four ndividual championships Previously, the Shamrocks had just three individual champions in the same year-a feat that was accomplished three times. If that weren't enough, the Shamrocks also had four other All-State wres tlers who finished in the top three of their respective weight classes. "I'm happy for our state champions," said Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock. "Not many individ-

uals can walk away at the end of the team as team champions and individual champions. They did it and wrestled incredibly sharp the past two weeks For them to be the first (to capture four titles in the same season) in our program--with the history that we have--is simply remarkable.' The first state champi on to be crowed this year for the Shamrocks was none other than Bob Coe. a senior captain who has dominated the heavyweight division all season long. He took the title with a 3-0 victory over Forest Hills Central's Parker Till-



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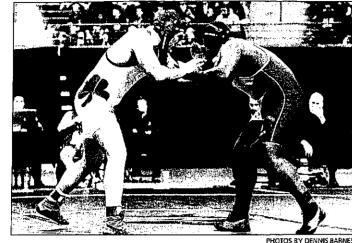
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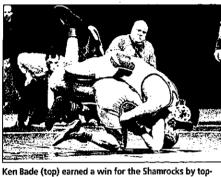
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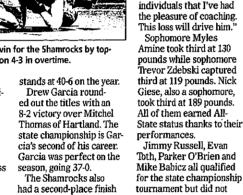
CC's Bob Coe earned a 3-0 decision over Parker Tillman of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the heavyweight division



ping Matt Miller of Davision 4-3 in overtime

Bade won his third state stands at 40-6 on the year. title with a win over Davi-Drew Garcia roundson's Matt Miller in overed out the titles with an time, 4-3. Bade was dom-8-2 victory over Mitchel Thomas of Hartland. The inant most of the season. earning himself a 40-7 state championship is Garcia's second of his career Malik Amine captured Garcia was perfect on the season, going 37-0. the 140-pound weight class crown when he put on an The Shamrocks also had a second-place finish from Logan Marcicki, a impressive performance against Anchor Bay scrapjunior, who fell in his secper Eric Rybarz. Amine ond appearance in an indicontrolled the match from the start and walked away vidual state title match to with a convincing 11-6 vicdefending champion Jor-

dan Cooks of Davison, 8-5.



tournament but did not place in the event. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville

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Marcicki ended the season

with a 35-6 record.

"I'm proud of Logan

said Hancock. "For him

to rebound from a disap-

into the finals says a lot

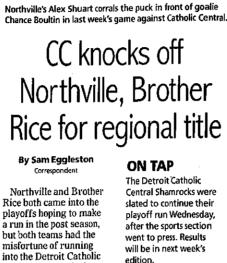
about his work ethic and

determination. He is one

of the most determined

pointing 2011 and get back

and the year that he had,"



Central Shamrocks last week and losing. The Shamrock in the second were Cartcoached by Todd Johnson, er Cerretani, Luke Turner, Matt Sorisho, Danny scored nine goals in the Middleton, Brady Jones two games while allowing just two to capture and Gatt. The final period found the regional title. They upended Northville, 6the Shamrocks scoring just 25 seconds in as before defeating rival Michael Babcock fired Brother Rice, 3-1, for the home a shot to make it Against Northville, the a 6-0 contest with assistance from Sorisho and Shamrocks scored two Gatt. Northville tallied goals in the first period, three in the second their lone goal of the game 30 seconds later as and one more in the third Jack Meacham and PJ while allowing just one Schnepp fed the puck to goal against them in the final stanza. Buddy DeBrabander, who capped a strong year with Carson Gatt started the the team's last goal of the night off for the Shamrocks, scoring at the season for the 6-1 finale. 6:24 mark to make it a 1-Northville picked up five penalties for 10 min-0 game with assistance from Nick Daigneau and utes in the game while Domic Mancinell. Just the Shamrocks were two minutes later, Charwhistled eight times for lie Green scored his 16 minutes Earning the win in goal first goal of the game was Ryan Mulka, who on a powerplay, with stopped 13 shots for Cath-Daigneau and Gatt get ting assists on the play olic Central while Chance for the 2-0 lead. Boultin stopped 43-of-49 The Shamrocks made in the losing effort. Northville's victory it 3-0 at the 7:45 mark in the second period off the over South Lyon moved stick of Ryan Burnett them into the second and three minutes latround of the state tour

er Green tallied his secnament to take on Cathond goal of the contest. olic Central in front of a At 15:21, Northville found packed house at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena Both themselves trailing 5-0 off the shot by Manciteams moved the puck nell that found the back well in the opening minof the net. Earning assists utes and generated shots

## Catholic Central takes two lumps to end



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By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist e of the most common rants

I'm subject to as a social media rofessional is that people don't like or understand Twitter I liken this to someone saying "I don't like or understand words on the

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ly challenged (and it's OK to be technological Jon Gunnells ly challenged). I feel it is my duty to explain Twitter. Twitter is a social network designed in 2007 that asks one question: what's happening

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Zhao Wei-Ping (second from left), of the People's Republic of China and newly appointed to his post as Consul General in Chicago, was invited to Michigan by Northville resident Lisa Gray (second from right), president of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit to meet with business and governmental leaders. The meeting took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Novi. Zhao spoke of the passion and enthusiasm he witnessed from the business and government officials he met in Michigan in building cultural, educational and economic ties between Michigan and China. Mike Finney (left), president of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, welcomed Zhao to Michigan on behalf of Governor Rick Snyder. He, too, spoke of building bridges between Michigan and China in ways that create jobs and build wealth on both sides of the ocean. On the right is Northville resient Tom Watkins, former Michigan superintendent of schools and a U.S./China business and educational consultant

### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

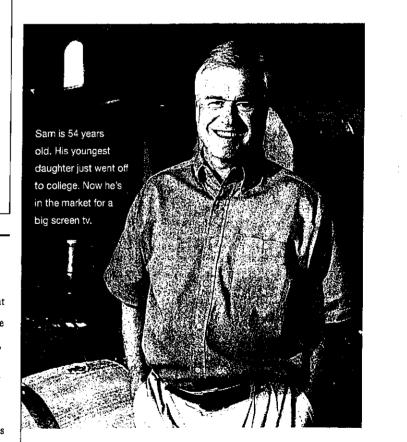
**Club Pilates leases in Novi** Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 1.300 square feet of retail space located at 39799 Grand River Avenue. Novi. Abraham Leon and Bruce Baja of Signature Associates represented the tenant, Club Pilates. Club Pilates is a franchise based out of San Diego and Novi will be home to the first Michigan Club Pilates franchise

### Novi's ITC and Entergy Texas file transaction request

Entergy Texas, Inc., in conjunction with ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) and ITC Midsouth LLC, filed a request Feb. 19 at the Public Utility Commission of Texas to spin off Entergy Texas' electric transmission business and merge it into a subsidiary of ITC. The Texas filing is the final in a series of local and federal regulatory applications seeking approval for the transaction announced in December 2011 by Entergy



Entergy is seeking approval to transfer its transmission business, including approximately 15,400 circuit miles of interconnected transmission lines at voltages of 69kV and above and the associated substations, to ITC, ITC will then be one of the largest electric transmission companies in the U.S., with more than 30,000 miles of transmission lines spanning from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. Meanwhile, Entergy's oper ating companies will continue to own and operate their respective distribution and generation businesses and will provide customer service, billing, outage reporting and restoration services to homes and businesses in the region.







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## regular season

#### By Sam Eggleston ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central basketball team was The Detroit Catholic slated to play Plymouth Central Shamrocks bas ketball team continued in the district tournastruggling last week as the ment Wednesday, after regular season came to a the sports section went to print. Results will be The squad, coached by available in next week's Bill Dyer, took a loss to edition.

No. 7-ranked Detroit Douglass, 53-42, before bow ing to Detroit Mumford, while teammate Doavi

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Bradley added 12. Cath-Against Douglass, the olic Central's Nick Mal-Shamrocks showed signs zone led his team with of competing with the top-17. while Garrett Moores ranked Douglass squad, added eight points, eight rebounds and four assists staving even with them throughout the first quarin the losing effort. ter and ending the open

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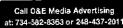
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# Sign of spring: Home Expo in Canton great place to get spruce-up ideas

#### By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Annette and Michael Popa of Canton came to the right place Saturday, March 2. "We come pretty much every

year to see what's new." she said of their attendance at the 12th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit. They just did some waterproofing with a business at a previous Expo. "We're starting to paint stuff." Michael said of their home. The Popas like to get new ideas. "It doesn't hurt being free." he said. "There are a lot of vendors

That will help them freshen up their home interior. John Weyer of Canton, Canton's building official, was busy at the Saturday-Sunday event. but took a moment to talk. It draws some 5,000-6,000 people, he said. This year, there were about 20 new vendors for a total of around 130 "The workshops are really

popular," Weyer said. "Home Depot does a lot with the kids." "People enjoy the entertainment of it. too. It's really a onestop shop. There are exhibitors from

Ohio, Wever said, as well as Chelsea and Brighton. "Geographically, we're pulling from a bigger audience. It truly has grown to a Southeast Michigan

It helps Canton Township staff with issues of permits. inspections and code compliance, working with contractors. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts from the event each year, and was instrumental in getting it going N.A. Mans Lumber and Mill Work, in Canton and Trenton, has been in business since 1900. It was represented Saturday by Chris Degiulio of Dearborn, who works in the kitchen department, and Dottie Kelly of Canton, in inside sales support. "A great company to work for," she said. "We've been coming to this (Expo) since it started." Owner Doug Mans is active with the Canton Cham-

the Observer & Eccentric and

coming in because they're thinking of spring," he said. in the last six months, he said. "The economy, we feel, has turned the corner." Consumers are more confident. added of the Home Expo. "It's a hometown feeling." Younger people are also visiting, along with older familiar faces.

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town. Kelly is a cancer survivor and recalled the support her employer gave: "It was my family. My family lives in Philly." "And they take care of their customers the same way," Degiulio added. They've been busy with kitch en and bath work. "People are "We're seeing a big interest in interior remodeling," especially

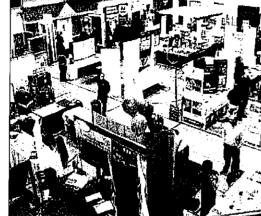
others helps bring the show to

"This is an exciting venue," he John Sarnecky of Canton is owner of Canton Construction He's been busy following last year's March 15 and July 1 hailstorms, and noted approaching insurance claim deadlines. "It's a win-win for the customers as well as us," he said of the exte-

"This show is wonderful." Sarnecky said. "We've been with this show since day one.' Outside the Summit doors, the company's apprentices were building cedar furniture, done with the township building department's help. One compa ny staffer uses a chainsaw for "It's good exposure and it's

said of the Expo. His firm had a busy winter. They do addievent. tions, basements, kitchens, baths and exterior work including roofing, siding and gutters. Company president is his wife, Marissa, and they've been in Also busy was Susan Glessner of Livonia, with Baldwin Landscape Group in Plymouth uge," Glessner said. She does landscape design construction. "I'd like to get some business in the Canton area." said Glessner, who's also doing her own home landscaping.

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PHOTOS BY AMY COLLIGAN This is the 12th year for the Canton Home Expo, held at the Summit.

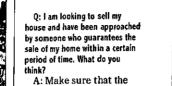


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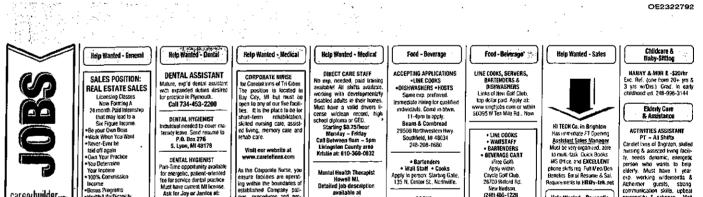
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## Ford makes sales a bigger goal in new 'Fiesta Movement'

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playbook for social-me- a new, high bar for big brands' socialdia marketing with its media marketing programs. It essentially first "Fiesta Movement" kicked off a new era of digital marketing in 2009, but it didn't for the car business. help sell the new Fiesta Propelled by the "Movement," Fiesta for very long.

more than 69,000 sales for the year.

Problem was, the initial burst of at-

tention didn't create a long-term boom

in sales for Fiesta. By last spring, Fiesta

sales had begun slumping badly. For all

of 2012, Fiesta sold 17 percent fewer

units than a year earlier, sliding to under

57,000 sales overall (though in December

they rose by more than 50 percent versus

a weak year-earlier month, and ticked up

At least a couple of factors were to

blame for Fiesta's flame-out from social-

media star to showroom bust. One was the

introduction about a year ago of the new

Ford Focus, a little bigger than Fiesta but

not all that much more expensive; Focus's

appeal and Ford's promotion of its bread-

and-butter small sedan surely sapped

by more than 20 percent last month).

So with the just-By Dale Buss

ment "Remix." Ford seems determined to use its social-media skills to sell significantly more Fiesta subcompacts as well as to stay ahead of the fastest-moving game in marketing.

This time, Ford plans to use the online content generated by 100 social-media influencers, in their unscripted experiences with the car over the next several weeks, as the entire palette of creative for a paid-media campaign around the launch of the 2014 Fiesta later this year.

"We're turning to our 100 Fiesta 'agents' and saying, 'We're going to use only your content for our ad campaign for the new Fiesta," Scott Monty, global head of social media for Ford, told me. "That's never been done before in the auto industry."

Fiesta Movement: A Social Remix also will include ties with prominent TV, entertainment and sports programing including American Idol and the X Games as well as the Bonnaroo music festival in Tennessee. And Ford will curate all the content generated by the bloggers and other Fiesta-driving digerati on a new web site.

Ford's original Fiesta Movement in 2009 was hailed for raising awareness of the Fiesta — which was coming off a new global platform to the U.S. market for the The 2014 Ford Fiesta



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Which brings us to the 2014 Fiesta. "So by designing missions" for the in-Monty told me that the Movement "refluencers, and their content, "around mix" and eventual ads will generate conthese broad themes, we'll be much more tent "about a lifestyle and everything authentic and in line with what [target in concert and in particular being able consumers) are interested in learning to get the value with Fiesta that we can about and sharing."

prove to customers." Ford will do that by Nevertheless, Monty recognizes that tasking the influencers "to say whatever Ford is in business to sell cars, not just they're going to say" based on monthly social-media-marketing platforms, and themes that each will be related to difto that end the company is counting on at ferent aspects of the car's appeal and least two significant differences with the personality, including travel, adventure, 2014 Fiesta from its effort of three years entertainment, technology, a "healthy ago

First, it will tie a program of paid TV From what it learned during the first spots and other advertising directly to Fiesta Movement, Monty explained, the Fiesta Movement content - and derived brand needs to be careful to emphasize only from it. such "lifestyle" elements "rather than

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