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New playgrounds set for parks

\$150,000 OK'd for Lakeshore and Rotary upgrades ther improvements to those two parks," said City Manager Clay Pear-

The playground structures at Lakeshore and Rotary parks are being upgraded this month and will be ready for the fun summer days

Work is scheduled to begin this spring and is expected to be completed by the end of April 2013, weather

According to Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Department, the current structures at Lakeshore and Rotary Park have exceeded their useful lives of 10 to 15 years.
The City Council on April 8 award-

ed a construction contract for the purchase and installation of play-grounds at Lakeshore Park and Rotary Park to Superior Play LLC, in the amount of \$150,000. "This is very exciting to have fur-

son. "Both of them are going to be well received, I think." The projects are in this year's bud-

get.
Both playground structures are noncompliant with requirements set out in the Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specifications.

Lakeshore Park At Lakeshore, 601 S. Lake Drive,

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Park it here!



Jim Hess, a project consultant at Novi's Pavilion Shore Park development strolls near its breakwall as work continues on the Walled Lake park. The project has been somewhat delayed due to the winter's harsh conditions, but

Programs, exhibits target active adults

The Observer & Eccentric Media presents the 10th annual Spring Expo (formerly known as the Senior Expo) with a special lineup of guest speakers, more than 50 exhibits and entertainment by award-winning gospel artist Vickie Winans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Liyonia.

still should be ready to go later this summer.

Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. to accommodate expo guests attending programs and workshops that begin at 9 and 9:15 a.m.

This annual tradition for active adults features valuable information and resources from local experts on all things from healthy eating, exercise and financial planning. Free admission, free parking, free entertainment and complimentary morn-ing refreshments by McDonald's and Awrey Bakery are part of the expo

The first 100 attendees through the door will receive a pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's coupon for a four-square cheese pizza courtesy of O&E Media. In addition, there will also be a drawing every

hour for prizes and gift cards.

Returning for the second year as the expo's exclusive gold level sponsor is Comfort Dental Spa of Farmington Hills. Featured speaker is Dr. Aziza Askari, who will discuss "Your

Askari holds an advanced degree a mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry. Come hear about how oral health and whole-body health are uniquely related.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital joins the Expo as the entertainment sponsor. The Livonia-based hospital, part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, has been serving the community for more than 50 years. The entertainment segment this year features Winans, a Grammy-nominated, Stellar Award and NAACP Award winning artist.

Known as the "hardest-working woman in gospel music," Winans has 13 gospel and comedy albums. Her honors include Stellar Award Winner Female Vocalist of the Year, Music Video of the Year for How I Got Over, a Grammy nomination and more.

Rick Bloom, O&E Media guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, will be a guest speaker again this year. Bloom will discuss "Getting More Returns on Your Investments Without Taking Risks." Schoolcraft College will sponsor several demonstrations, including the popular "Zumba Gold" and "Strength Training for Seniors" p sented by American Health and Fit-

Larry Ruehlen of O&E Media will offer up Facebook tips, strategies for social media users. In addition, come take your photo with the Fathead® Wall Graphics of Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander and first baseman Prince Fielder. Take your photo and we will post it on a special photo gallery at hometownlife.com for your friends and family to see.

See the complete list of speakers and topics in today's Spring Expo sec-

Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information, visit www.

Novi principal arrested

By Cal Stone

Kim Warren, princi-pal of Deerfield Elementary, was taken into custody by the Novi



April 8 after in her

and suspected of being Police received two separate calls from concerned motorists

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regarding her driv

Locals ran in Boston

"It doesn't make sense to me," said one participant in the Bos-ton Marathon to a reporter, following two explosions that caused multiple casualties on Monday, Patriot's Day. And he wasn't the only one feeling like

Lori Jones Guthrie. manager of the Novi Running Fit store, posted the following on Facebook shortly after explosions rocked the finish line at the Boston Marathon Monday

afternoon. "Something just happened in Boston!!! Giant boom and police everywhere!! Anyone text me if you know

Shortly after, she posted again: "Everyone that we know is

According to the website http://www. baa.org/, there were five Novi residents signed up as entrants in this year's Boston Marathon: Anthony A. Hobart, 58; Shogo Ito, 39; Robert Lee, 42; Brian Sparks, 52; and Emily Valentine,

Cell phone service in Boston was shut down,

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Get down to the farm

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"The Embrace of Aging"

A movie on the male perspective of growing old, "The Embrace of Aging", will be shown at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Emagine Novi Theater.

During the peri-Director/producer Keith Famie will speak od April 15-24, aerial inspections of transbriefly about the makmission lines will be ing of the documentary conducted in areas and the entire series. including all or parts of The event will supthe following counties: port the Alzheimer's Oakland, Macomb, St. Association, Greater

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ITC conducting aerial patrols

Novi-based ITC Michigan is conducting its semi-annual aerial patrols of high-voltage transmission towers and lines in south eastern Michigan dur ing the second half of April. The helicopter

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tors (wires), insulators patrols are conducted to provide an overand other equipment. Crews check for dam all status of the overaged or worn equiphead transmission system that is operated ment and vegetation by ITC Michigan utilihazards.

The inspection flights are often conducted at low altitudes to allow accurate visual inspection of equipment for lightning damage, wear or other potential problems. This is normal procedure, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmis-

Recycling center open house

Joyful sounds

American Electrical Residents of the Reliability Corporation (NERC) require-RRRASOC communi ment for ITC Michities will be able to see gan's operations, main on April 20 where their tenance and vegetation recyclables go after management functions they're picked up at and are in line with ITC the curb. The Resource Michigan's model for Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest operational excellence. Oakland County (RRRA-They include inspec-SOC) and ReCommunity tions of steel towers. wood poles, conducwill host an open house

at the Southfield materials recovery facility, 20000 West Eight Mile Road. The open house will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday April 20. (Please note the HHW event only runs until 2

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Guided tours will allow guests to see the single-stream sorting facility, and employees will be on hand to answer questions. The open house is

timed to coordinate with Earth Day, and location as the spring Southfield Household Hazardous Waste event. The hazardous waste event and open house events are open

to residents of Farm-

Hills, Śouthfield, Novi,

ington, Farmington

South Lyon, Walled

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Lake and Wixom.

equipment. Work at Lakeshore will include removal of the existing play structure, sign and bench currentv located at the site. Once that is done workers will excavate the area and then begin to put in the different structures. The dis-

ty, safety and low mainte-

turbed ground and area will be retorted.

Rotary Park

At Rotary Park, 22220 Roethel Drive, the play the current structure structure will be in a difis tucked back into the ferent area of the park woods, so planners think when it's completed. The current location is too ground collection is a natclose to a gravel path in ural fit. According to the proposal, the new struca drainage swale, which makes it difficult to mainture "will combine the adventure and wonder of tain the safety of the surnature with the durabilifacing.

be relocated to the east nance of high-quality play side of the park's pavilion. Workers will be installing a concrete sidewalk from the pavilion to the playground and ADA access

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not go into details of her

sobriety tests, he did say

es under the city's "super

high blood alcohol content

paring the case for review

ymour," said Molloy.

He added that when

charges are issued, War-

District Court in Novi.

employment status, Ms.

Effective immediate-

ren will have to surrender

for arraignment at the 52-1

Pending resolution of her

Warren has been placed on

paid administrative leave.

ly Lisa Fenchel, longtime

principal at Novi Mead-

ows, will serve as interim

principal at Deerfield Ele-

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nated by their use. Height-

ened security was also being reported at a Boston

medical center.

by our city prosecutor Phil

"Next steps involve pre-

she could face charg-

PRINCIPAL

ing while on Wixom Road, according to David Molloy, Novi's director of Public Safety/chief of Police. She was arrested shortly after 2 p.m. in the school parking lot and released that

"At no time did Ms. Warof Novi Community School this event, Ms. Warren has

Although Molloy could

Village Oaks Elementary School kids perform their musical The Grannys on March 28 in a matinee performance. The musical, a play-pun on The Grammys - featured lots of songs and silly sketches with characters

ren enter the building, or come in contact with the children or staff of Deer field Elementary while intoxicated," said Steve Matthews, superintenden District, "This is an unfortunate set of circumstance es and out of character for Ms. Warren, Up until served the Deerfield comnunity and our district

from kids' books and movies.

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out of concern that explo sive devices may be deto getting more funds

online at hometownlife.com

Street

repairs

The new playground will By Lonnie Huhman

> Funding for neighborhood street improvements in Novi will get another boost as the City Council reviews the budget for the upcoming fiscal

the document before

approved an increase

the final approval.

Fund Millage from

ly doubled the fund-

The new millage

capacity will gener-

tional revenue to be

invested annually in

ate \$2.1 million in addi-

Novi's major roads and

neighborhood streets,

as well as in pathways and sidewalks.

Council members

get be revised a bit to

had been planned for

they took the millage

increase to the voters

he told residents that

a big part of it is for

neighborhood streets

of placing more fund

ing into neighborhood roads, which the council agreed to by a 7-0

"When they increased

their own taxes, in

my mind and when I

pushed yes at the bal-

lot box. I was talking about the road right front of my house," he

said in regard to shift-ing some funds in the

To give more under-

revision, Assistant City

Manager Victor Carde

nas said the Munici-

pal Street Fund trans-

fers dollars to both the Local and Major Street Funds each year.

Regarding the Crescent Boulevard proj-

ect, which will be post

poned, Cardenas said

council didn't real-

ly transfer it from Major Street - it simply eliminated the

\$839,000 transfer to

the Major Street Fund that would, essentially,

finance the Crescent

The council instead

Boulevard project.

voted to divert that

\$839,000 to Neighbor-

hood Street repairs,

is funded out of the

Municipal Street Fund.

The council expects to approve the budget

on May 20 with a public hearing on it May 6.

rehabilitation and reconstruction, which

standing to this budge

proposed budget.

He put out the idea

allow \$839,000 (which

suggested the bud-

Street Fund.

ing for the Municipal

On Monday, the City Shari Peters, of the NCF. Council was officially presented with the said Maybury Farm is a proposed budget from great place for families City Manager Clay to bring the kids out for Pearson and the varia day to see the animals ous department heads and play on the expanded playground. She also as part of its annual review session. The said picnic tables are perfect for a packed lunch or budget has not been finalized yet, but some slight changes were discussed and agreed to that will be added to

Farm Fest. "This is the unofficial Last summer, voters kick-off to summer at the farm," she said. "Baby in the Municipal Street animals will be introduced 1.0 mills to 1.5, which and there will be a variety of demonstrations, kid-Pearson said essentialdie games, sheep shearing and more."

The birds are chirp-

are warming up, which

ing and the temperatures

means Maybury Farm is

getting into the full swing

The Northville Commu-

nity Foundation (NCF),

which operates the farm,

announced that the farm

is officially open for a

The farm is also available for a child's special party with the animals always ready to please. There's also spring/sum mer tours for schools, day

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cares, summer camps, scout troops, company outings and whoever else is interested in spending a fun day on the farm. Starting in the second of July, fresh produce that's in season will be offered as well as hon-

a snack picked up in the ey products, maple syrup products, and fresh eggs. farm's Welcome Center. For the new season, she Spring hours at the said mark the calendars farm are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunfor Saturday, May 18 for day - it is closed on Mon-

0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 8 Mile Road, near Maybury State Park Farm visitors should enter at the Maybury Farm sign, not at the state park. Parking is free. For more information

(248) 437-2011, Ext. 255

call the farm at (248) 374-



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Trevor Gilbert, 3, gets up close and personal with a llama at Northville's Maybury Farm. The farm, open every day of the week except Mondays, is now officially open for a new



Maybury Farm volunteer Scott Szukaitis tends the maple sap evaporator as he prepares to show visitors how maple syrup's made.

For more local stothe Crescent Bouleries relating to Monday's vard project) to be according to one report, transferred in the probombings, visit www. hometownlife.com. posed Major Street Fund for neighbor hood street improvements. This will make an immediate, positive impact to the roads at the end of many resi-Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S. dents' driveways. Councilman Jus Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S. tin Fischer said when

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Author, author!

Novi author Maria Dismondy addresses an assembly

Dismondy, visiting for March is Reading Month and

the students to know that they have ways that they

author of "Spaghetti on a Hotdog Bun" - wanted

can use to deal with bullying and that they don't

recent book is "The Potato Chip Champ."

have to tackie the problem alone. Dismondy's most

of Parkview Elementary School kids on March 22.

Novi Winter Percussion members with their championship banner following the Michigan Color Guard Circuit State Percussion Championships April 7 at Saginaw Valley State University (I to r, back): Michael Werth, Jennifer Hepp, Jordan Horan, Akshay Kariakar, Connor Yergin, Evan Leffert, Geoff Gamm, Parker Maynard, Evan Thomas, Harrison Halley, Dan Larson, Garrett Flowers, Stevie Jecmen, technicians Tiffany Baker and Jackson Landry, director Brian Woodcox; (middle) Peyton Del Toro, Steffan Werth, Austin Brandenstein Ryan Fernandes, Lauren Carroll, Tanvi Prabhakar, Nathan Flowers; Vicki Qiao; (front) Rob

Percussion ensemble earns top honors

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For the second year in a row, Novi Ensemble won first place in the statewide competition sponsored by the Michigan Color Guard Circuit. The Novi group took top honors in the Scholastic A category held April 7 at Saginaw Valley State University. The winter drumline ensemble competed against percussion teams from across the state including Walled Lake, Farmington, South Lyon and Lake Orion. Novi finished with the highest score to become the MCGC's

2013 state champions. This year's show is called "Piec-

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ing it Together," a six-minute, puzzlethemed production under the direction of Brian Woodcox. The ensemble travels next to the World Guard International Percussion World Champion ships April 18-19 in Dayton, Ohio, where 60 other high school percussion groups from around the country. They will give a final performance of their show for family, friends and the community at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Novi High School which is open to the public and is

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Walled Lake Central to host College Fair

Walled Lake Central High School (1600 Oakley Park Road) is hosting a College Fair from 6:30-8 p.m. April 30 in Central's gymnasiums. All Walled Lake Schools students are welcome to attend this very informative event. College representatives from all over Michigan as well as several out of state representatives will be here to answer questions bout their university and programs

Over 50 colleges and universities will have representatives in attendance for students and parents at this event. In state schools include: Michigan State, Wayne State, Oakland University and the University of Michigan. Out of state schools include: Penn State, the University of Alabama, the University of Toledo and Ohio State University.

For more information, please visit www.wlcsd.org or contact Ann Marie Rutherford at annmarierutherford@ wlcsd.org or (248) 956-4829.

Walled Lake students earn high scores on ACT

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District recognized Kelsey Schultz for earning a perfect score of 36 on her

Schultz, who attends Walled Lake Northern, is the daughter of Bill and Margie Schultz. She is undecided on her choice of colleges but currently she plans to explore the University of Michigan, Northwestern University and Stanford University. Schultz is consider ing either pre-med or biomedical engineering as her focus of study after high

While attending Walled Lake North-

ern, Schultz has enrolled n three Advanced . World History, and Riology) courses and plans to take three more next year (Calculus, AP English Language, and Chemistry).

FACEBOOK: HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Outside the classroom, Schultz is a member of the swim team where she competes in the 100, 200, 500 freestyle as well as relays. She also serves as vice president for her class in stu-

Greg Diamond, principal at WLN, said: "We are extremely proud of Kelsey and all of her accomplishments here at Northern. Kelsey is involved in many extra-curricular activities, including Class Council, where she has demonstrated leadership skills, and extraordinary volunteerism and community service. We wish Kelsey the very best as she begins planning for what will most assuredly be a bright and promising future."

Walled Lake Schools also had five students earn a score of 35 on the ACT: Lauren Barlass, Walled Lake Northern; Arin Amin and Michelle Sheng, Walled Lake Central; and Umang Lathia and Perry Lee, Walled Lake

The Novi Middle School Theater Company will present "Pippin" at 7:30 p.m. May 3 in the auditorium.

The play was originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Ostrow and directed by Bob Fosse from the book by Roger O. Hirson. Music and lyrics by Ste-

Tennis, anyone?



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Madison Heatherman takes aim at a ball during a tennis lesson at the Sports Club of Novi on April 5. Heatherman and other youngsters were enrolled in a spring

break week-long athletics camp held at the Novi facility off Novi Rd.



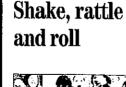




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With a fun Rock and Roll-er pose, musiciar Jeff Rutler brought some excitement to Village Oak's March 25 assembly as they celehrated the end of March is Reading Month.

students crack up as they try their best to do some disco dancing during the March 25 visit of Rock and Roll Reading's Jeff Rutler. The guitarist, celebrating the end of March is Reading Month, entertained the students with a wide variety of music styles and even got the kids into a music triva

Novi U-M student heading to Argentina on exchange program

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

University of Michigan sophomore Jaime Cameron started Spanish studies in elementa ry school and continued through middle school, high school and college. That knowledge will come in handy when the graduate heads to Argen tina for an international

"I guess we'll see," she said of language skills, noting native Argentinians have a strong accent and speak rapidly. "I've joined clubs that involve speaking more," and that's helped.

fellowship/internship this

She's the daughter of Karen and James, of Novi. Cameron, 19, is working toward her bachelor of business administration degree.

"I will be interning in

LEARN MORE doesn't have her exact

The fellowship is a new endeavor focused on sustainable development, launched this past fall, to give more Americans opportunitie for meaningful international experience. Information is online at www.culturalvistas.org/

vfellowship.

program," she said of the nonprofit Cultural Vistas, which focuses on international exchange and experiential learning.

She's one of seven U.S. university students comprising the inaugural class of Cultural Vistas She will complete "Fel-

ties to share what she's gained overseas in her local community in the fall 2013 semester.

lows in Service" activi-

assignment yet. "I'm not really sure what the next step will be after here," she said of U-

M in Ann Arbor, "It would largely depend on the She's started to look at careers overseas for after U-M graduation. Ideally, she'd work a year

and then go on for a busi-

ness-paid M.B.A. neron said Novi schools and Advanced Placement classes prepared her well. Calculus in particular was "a

She took Spanish from second grade on. She found her Spanish helpful: "It was good prepa-

wakeup call.'

She would have liked more chances to speak "I was very involved in

Marching Band in high school," said the former track team member.

Jaime Cameron of Novi, a University of Michigan student, will travel to Argentina this summer as a

na, 17, a Novi High senior and drum major, is headed to Michigan State. "For Christmas, I bought my dad the 'House Divided' T-shirt." the U-M student said, adding he's a

Next year, she'll be at MSU games for the first time, along with her dad Jaime Cameron will leave for Argentina in late May, with a stop in New York City and time to explore over the week

end. That's true for the "You talk about great opportunities," she

Novi school kicks off Count Your Steps initiative

Brooks Patterson's Count Your Steps initiative to fight child obesity kicked off its 10th year April 8 with students from Franklin Road Christian School

in Novi. More than 13,000 students from 105 schools are participating in the 2013 Count Your Steps program from April 8 through May 5. "Count Your Steps encourages kids, adopt a more active and healthier life-

style." Patterson said. Oakland County third- and fourthgraders will use pedometers to log the number of steps they take every

also keep track of the fruits and vegetables they eat. The top three schools and their students will be recognized in May. Students from Franklin Road Chris-

tian School, the 2012 Count Your Steps winner, began counting their steps today at the kick-off event with songs, nces and games by Star Trax and other fun activities provided by Oakland County Parks.

Last year, Franklin Road Christian students walked an average of 184,227 steps per student to win first place. In total, all students participating in last

vear's Count Your Steps walked more than 1 billion steps, or over 540,000 miles. Since Count Your Steps incep tion in 2004, more than 188,000 third and fourth-graders have walked 17 billion steps, or 341 times around the earth. Supporters include Platinum, PNC Bank; Gold, DTE Energy Four dation, Oakland County Parks and Oakland County Health Division; Sil ver, McLaren Oakland, Bronze, HAP and Supporting, Beaumont Health Systems, Detroit Zoo, HealthPlus, and Henry Ford West Bloomfield

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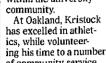
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Kristock earns O.U. award

Novi native Nicholas Kristock is the recipient of Oakland Universior is presented annually to a graduat-

ing senior who has made within the university



of community service organizations and char ity events. He played for the OU men's soc-

cer team and has been a Golden Grizzlies Academic Award winner for the past four years. He is a member of the OU Student Athlete Advisory Committee and Oakland Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a volunteer tutor through the OU Tutoring Center, and an OU Student Athlete Ambassador. As a peer consultant with Oakland University's Peer Transition, a program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Kristock has played a key role in the lives of students transitioning to college.

In his four years with the OU men's soccer team, Kristock helped guide the program to three Summit League Con-

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ference Championships and one NCAA Tournament appearance. He served as team captain for three consecutive years, earned Summit League Academic All-Conference honors three times and appeared on the OU Dean's List every semester.

"Nicholas is without a doubt one of the finest young men and student-athletes to ever walk on the field for Oakland University," said Eric Pogue, head men's soccer coach. "We are all better coaches and better people for being a part of this young man's life. Nicholas is a very deserving candidate and will be an excellent recipient of such a deserving honor.'

He also contributed to numerous community service and charity events such as the OUCARES Autism Soccer Clinic. National Autistic Society, Meals on Meals through the Rochester Older Persons Commission, Grizz Skills soccer training for youth, March of Dimes Walk America, Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells, Gigs for Good - a non-profit organization he started to help raise funds to support Christian missions abroad - National Bone Marrow Transplant Link, canned food drives, and

mentoring and tutoring inner city youth. He will graduate in April with a bachelor of science in business administration

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ART SERIES

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junior, just might see

The daughter of Marian Mahoney and Bill Rouston recently got some songwriting help on six songs she's releasing at an April 20 party. The songwriters gave the beat and lyrics.

my own," she said. She

describes her sound as

flair to it. I'm going for my own sound." After Novi High graduation, she'd like to attend Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., for vocal perfor-

ry and political science. "It's just all good of her friends she's told and their reaction. She hasn't told all at school

since forever. I got into

More companies are using an increasing number of plastic parts in products ranging from motor vehicles to medical equipment. Dunbar

> college wanted to help students land a job and develop competency levels in technology. Those discussions led to the development of a plastics technology pro-

learned companies want

who know plastics. The

to hire trained employees

gram. Schoolcraft is expected to offer associate degrees in 2015 and build an academic foundation for plastics engi neering. Starting in May, the col-

lege will offer its first plastics class, Characteristics of Plastics. While that class is noncredit, it will help build in students a foundation of

plastics knowledge. The idea for the program is similar to that of the college's health infornursing programs, which also have strong "indus-

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Bill Dunbar, dean of Skill building occupational programs The first four classes and economic develop after the Characteristics of Plastics will be "stackment at Schoolcraft Colable" credited classes, lege, met with engineers and manufacturers over which will be added to the past several months the curriculum as stuto discuss changing techdents progress through nologies and how tomorclasses will build their row's workers can best be skills for a one-year cer-

> degree in plastics technology." Dunbar estimated entry-level positions range from \$13 to \$16 up from there," Dunbar

tification: then once they

hit 60 to 62 credits in that

curriculum, they can

obtain their associate's

"It gives them an opportunity to build their skill levels and keep building their credentials. Education and those credentials are something that no one Sassan Tarahomi, president-elect of the Soci-

> Detroit Section, will be teaching the class in May. He and other SPE members met with Dunbar to discuss the program. "We are targeting this southeast Michigan region to bring in jobs. Tarahomi said. Compa-

need to prepare so that nies with representation in the group include they can get experience, try working in that NYX, IAC and Q'Vive. field and experience that

nies would like to hire

workers, but many of

the younger ones don'

have experience, Stu

dents can learn about

plastics materials, pro

cessing and design in the

class. The class would be

geared toward a design-

er, technician or a high

school graduate. "They

learning, and eventual ly get a co-op position,"

merce, and Amy Jones, director of business development, Schoolcraft College

NYX Cherry Hill Plant Manager Gurjit Singh Sidhu explains how plastic parts for Ford and General Motors products are

produced at the plant. Listening to the explanation are Dawnne Toppa, vice president of the Livonia Chamber of Com-

as intelligent control of

Companies are turning

mechanical systems.

Schoolcraft to start plastics technology program

Part of program nies will be available Dunbar estimated that students would be eligible after the one-year

certification. Plastics technology is part of the growing field of megatronics. said. "The auto industry is big on plastics,

Students will be able to facturing and production transfer those credits to to lighten the weight of Ferris State University, vehicles to improve mile which is the closest uniage and durability and versity that offers plas also lessen the cost of tics technology and plasmedical equipment. Hospitals are full of equiptics engineering, Dunment comprised of plas-

"Companies are heavi-(313) 222-2591 Twitter: @KenAbramcz

Shannon Rouston, 16, relaxes in her basement studio space recently. The Novi High School junior will soon be releasing a CD with six songs.

Novi teenage singer aims high, seeks musical career

By Julie Brown

16, a Novi High School

and Ten Mile roads, Novi) "Hopefully," the aspir-TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS ing singer said. "That's Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 18: Dakini Circus June 25: John the Magician July 9: Jason Kollum: Com-July 16: "Fisherman and his

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wife" theatre show

"I'm bringing my own

mance as a major with two minors, music theo-

things," Rouston said "I've been singing

She's in the NHS choir

and is a drum major for

the marching band. She

plays the tuba in class.

She has a sister. Car-

ly, 21, a Novi High grad

uate. Shannon Rouston

had originally planned to

study music education in

Her proud dad said,

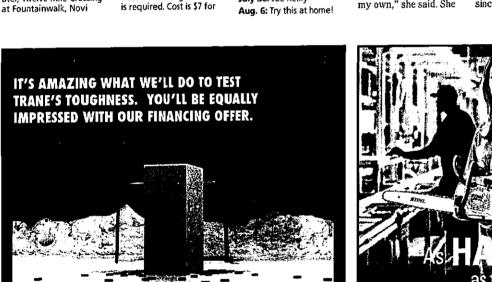
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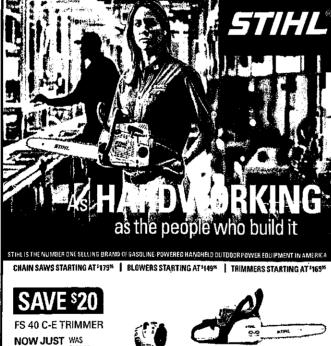
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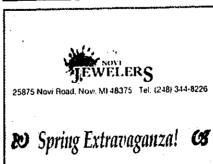
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'Obama Phone' store comes to area

By Karen Smith

A new store has opened in Livonia that serves as the Michigan headquarters for a distributor of the "Obama Phone."

The Obama Phone is a refurbished cell phone with 250 monthly voice minutes provided free to lowincome and disadvantaged families by the federal Lifeline Assistance The program is funded by FCC-

mandated universal service fees paid by telecommunications carriers and passed along, at least in part, to consumers. Consumers may notice a "universal service" line item on their telephone bills. It is one of 11 My Life Mobile locations the businessmen have opened in Michigan and Toledo since starting their company three months ago. Budget Mobile is the

Owners Zach Carroll, 25, of Farmington Hills and Jim Allie, 51, of Novi opened the store March 6 at 20215 Middlebelt Road, next to

Clarenceville High School. The Livonia store is one of a handful of the standalone stores; the others are located inside other

businesses, such as tax centers. Carroll said that while the Obama Phone is available from other distributors and carriers, they don't have storefront locations like My

Discount service

"We're here to provide support as well (such as instructing recipients on the use of the phones).' he said, adding they intend to keep their locations open as long as the program is available.
Allie said the Lifeline Assis-

tance program started before President Obama took office, so the term Obama Phone is a misno mer. According to the FCC website, the Lifeline program has pro-vided a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers since 1985, to ensure that

The phones are refurbished and can he used for voice and text message:

all Americans have the opportuni ties and security that phone ser-vice brings. In 2005, Lifeline discounts were made available to qualifying low-income consumers on pre-paid wireless service plans in addition to traditional landline service.

"This program allows people who are using certain government assistance programs to help keep in touch with the person that care about the most," Allie

My Life Mobile is compensated for each phone it gives away, with the amount going up as the volume it gives away increases. It also receives a monthly residual for 12 months for each phone, Carroll said

In addition, My Life Mobile earns an average 16-percent commission for selling services over and above the 250 free voice minutes. For an extra \$25 a month, recipients can purchase unlimit ed text messaging and voice call

minutes. For \$10 more per month, recipients can purchase an additional 100 minutes or 1,000 text

One per home

Only one Obama Phone per household is permitted. Phone service ends after 250 minutes per month for those who haven't purchased additional service. Recipients qualify by having an income that is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline or by participating in a qualifying government assistance program, such as Social Securi-ty, Medicaid, food stamps and the National School Lunch Program. "Seniors are ideal for the program," Carroll said. "Most don't want a cell phone, they don't want

Carroll said they've given away about 50 phones so far in Livonia. He estimates 15,000 to 20,000 Livonia residents qualify.

More coming Recipients can also apply online at www.mylifemobile.us/ and have a phone mailed to them with-

to pay for one. The major car-

riers, they can't afford or don't

in about three days. Carroll and Allie, both of whom have backgrounds in the cell phone industry, hope to open as many as 50 My Life Mobile stores each in Michigan, Ohio and Ari-

Carroll said he gets satisfaction out of giving something to someone in need, rather than selling services to those who can afford it. "I don't expect to make millions,"

My Life Mobile also accepts donations of used Verizon phones for refurbishing. Hours are from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (248) 289-0046 or visit www.

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Help Kenyan children



In June, Dr. Mehul Mehta, a surgeon at Oakland Regional Hospital, will join the 24 Michigan team members of International Surgical Mission Support on a mission to Kenya. The team will be performing surgery on adults and children in need during their 10-day trip. More information on ISMS may be found at www.ismission.org. Michigan Surgery Specialist office locations, including 44000 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 205, in Novi (248-374-0077), and Oakland Regional Hospital locations are hosting a donation drive that is open to the public and their employees. From Monday, April 22 through Wednesday, May 8, individuals are asked to drop off comfort and basic items for children of Kenya that will be receiving much needed medical attention: soft children's toys (stuffed animals, dolls); pencils, crayons, coloring books; small pillows; small games (not a lot of pieces); underwear for boys and girls; and flip-flop sandals of all sizes.

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The PMI Great Lakes Chapter will hold its 12th Annual Symposium on April 26 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, with the theme being Advancing in the

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'Walk a mile in my shoes' solid advice

here is a familiar adage which assures us that we can never, truy, understand an individual until we have "walked a mile in their shoes." This, of course, assumes that the shoes are the same size so as not to add a higher level of discomfort to that mile long

Organizational life is robust with selfheld beliefs fostered by individuals who emphatically state, "If I were in that to be done." Often, the premise from

which the statement is derived starts with the elief that what is being observed "looks easy" and, therefore, should be something "I" can easi-

ly accomplish. "Walk a mile in my shoes" is a nice way of reminding the casual observer that all is not what it seems and to withhold commentary or judgment until, through experience, insight

takes the place of ignorance. Now, in extreme cases, like ice-skating, the casual observer has to know that when they see a Quadruple Lutz or Salchow performed to perfection, there is a rational appreciation for an act that

was mastered over years of practice, dedication and an unwavering commitment to the art. More often than not there is an expression of awe and complete resolution to knowing, "I could never do that." The reason being that while that performance is made to look easy, it is clear that the path to making it look easy was not. There is a degree of the tangible and concrete that allows for the acceptance of that Quadruple Lutz being something that is well beyond our reach. However, when the observed behavior is less tangible, as in the case of good leadership, there is a tendency to attribute the successful Quadruple Link (profits, people, structure and capital) as being within our grasp. Undoubtedly, the leader being observed makes it look easy and, as such, rarely receives

the appreciation for balancing and integrating the Quadruple Link so effectively that there is no hint of the circus going on behind the curtain.

One of the penalties for making the "difficult" look easy is the unsolicited criticism from those who believe they are better equipped to do the job without truly understanding what is required. It is with a heightened sense f delusion and conviction that the critic stands ready to offer their insights on what the leader "ought'," "should" and "might" do while completely uninformed as to the context in which the leader must operate.

When a first-line supervisor is adamant about how a regional director should perform their leadership role, it never occurs to them that their context is narrower, and any insight being offered is limited by the nature of that experience. The decision always looks easier when you not the one making the decision. When operating in the context of the leader's broader view of the global village, there is more behind the

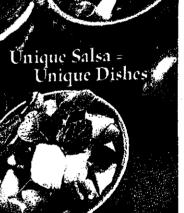
decision than is visible or known. Some of the most inspiring and effective leaders, over the course of time, always made it look easy. They call upon a skill set that was sharpened across a series of experiences and complimented by an unending acquisi tion of knowledge. While confident in their actions, they are also comfortable in their skin. It is that combination of confidence and comfort that allows for a daily presentation of 'life in the big chair' as just a series of innocuous

This false interpretation of the observation is the reason why successful comics believe they can be great singers, professional wrestlers believe they can be cinema action heroes, and the five-beer limit karaoke warblers believe they can take the top prize on American Idol. It always looks easy until you walk a mile in their shoes.

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By Ken Abramczyk

Political campaigns are

fueled by television ads

and mailings that are dif

ficult to trace back to the

Individuals often

tees formed to advertise

"issues" without formal-

ly endorsing a candidate

to skirt campaign laws

according to Rich Robin

son, executive director of

Finance Network, a non-

partisan, nonprofit group.

who recently spoke with

members of the League

of Women Voters at the

Livonia Civic Center

Robinson said vot

ers often are viewing

on television. Rather

than endorsing a vote for,

or against, a candidate,

most of these advertise

ments attempt to frame

the character, qualifica-

tions, record or fitness

By Christopher Behnan

Lansing lawmakers and open-gov

ernment advocates are renewing a

push to make access to public docu

mending the state's Freedom of

Information Act, which ensures

The changes would come through

Making a request under the law is

the process by which the general pub-

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\$50 million worth of cam-

documented more than

paign advertising that

was not reported in the

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Robinson used the

as an example. In 2008,

the candidates' spend-

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parties totaled \$3.7 mil-

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and the political parties

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that was not reported

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over half the money is

the 2008 Supreme Court

campaign was "off the

books," Robinson said

Between 2000 and

2012, there was \$61 mil-

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Robinson said offi-

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a vote, so the expendi-

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finance reporting sys-

tem. That seems to be

the prevailing interpre

tation of Michigan can

paign finance laws, Rob-

inson said. As a result, the

financial contributions to

the sponsors that pay for

not revealed in the public

Throughout this decade,

the Michigan Campaign

been collecting political

Finance Network has

the advertisements are

record, Robinson said.

\$50 million

unreported

about \$35 million was off

the books, which means

undisclosed," Robinson

Just \$4.7 million out

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was reported through the

state campaign finance

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McCotter files civil suit against former aides

Former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter is accusing two former aides of deliberately forging petition signa tures to keep him off of the Republican primary ballot and ultimately from seeking re-election.

McCotter filed a civil suit Thursday in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court against Don Yowchuang, a former deputy district director, and Dillon Breen, an intern with McCotter's office. McCotter's com-



for each of seven counts, including fraudulent misrepresentation, silent fraud, negligent misrepresenta ion, breach of fiducia ry duties, among other The complaint alleges

plaint seeks damag

s in excess of \$25,000

that there are "inconsistencies" in the defendants' depositions with Michigan's Attorney General and outlines misrepresentations" the defendants made to investigators, according to McCotter's attorney David Ottenwess

"With the power of the subpoena in this civil suit, we will get to the bottom of what really happened to sabotage former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter,' said Ottenwess in a prepared state-

Ottenwess was not available to discuss the complaint on Friday, but a copy of the 55-page complaint was e-

Messages were also left for Timothy Dinan, an attorney representing Yow chuang, and Breen, but calls were not

Yowchuang, formerly of Farmington Hills, pleaded no contest before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton Nov. 27 to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor. Yowchuang was sentenced by Braxton Jan. 18 to three years' probation.

Braxton dismissed a charge against Yowchuang of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a fiveyear felony filed against both defendants. That dismissal was appealed by the Attorney General's office. Both

sides await a ruling. Breen was not charged in Attorney tion into the signature fraud. He ran unsuccessfully in November for LivoMcCotter filed a civil suit Thursday in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court against Don Yowchuang, a former deputy district director, and Dillon Breen, an intern with McCotter's

nia school board In May 2012, elections officials notified McCotter that there were duplicate signatures on his nominating ballots, which made him fall short of the minimum 1,000 signatures. McCotter

auit Congress in July. On Aug. 9, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding the nominating petitions. At that announcement Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" criminal charges.

Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five term congressman for the 2012 Michi

Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty Nov. 27 before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Seewald was sentenced by Braxton Jan. 18 to two years' probation; 100 hours of community service, and repayment of all court costs and fees.

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program. Following that sentence, she was to serve 18 months' probation and was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and

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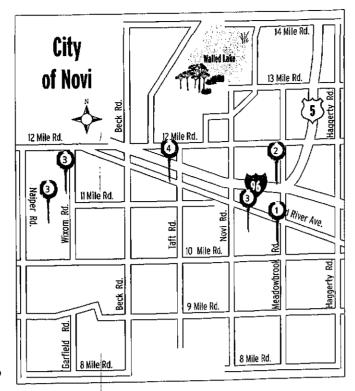
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Trespassing at

A man was arrested for trespassing on April 10 at the Busch's supermarket on 10 Mile Road after being told not to come back to that store the previous day.

patched to the location and upon arrival were told by the manager that the man had caused a disturbance the day before, and was told not to come back. The type of disturbance was not specified. The man said to police that he didn't realize he was banned from the location.

He was cited and later

Marijuana possession

A driver stopped for speeding along Meadowbrook Road on April 10 was later taken into cus-

Novi Police stopped the man near 11 Mile Road for going 55 in 45 mph speed zone. The man

didn't have a vehicle registration, and upon making contact with him the lice reported smelling marijuana. The man said a friend had smoked some days earlier in the

vehicle and denied hav

ing any on him. The police then called for the K-9 search unit. When it arrived the man revealed he did have a small package with marijuana inside a pocket. It was wrapped in notebook paper and later tested positive. He apologized for lying, police reported, but was cited for pos-

Larceny from autos

session.

There were several Drecent incidents of thefts of auto parts or items inside a vehicle. On April 10-11, a resident on Bashian Drive found their Ford Taurus

up on landscape blocks with all four tires/ wheels missing. No evidence was obtained. On April 5, in the

line Drive, a truck

was broken into that was parked outside a garage. There were no signs of forced entry, but the thief got away with a GPS device and

sunglasses. In another similar incident, a man's GPS went missing from his vehicle parked at his residence in the 50000 block of Langley Drive. signs of forced entry

Property destruction

4 A vacant build-ing's door was broken by an unknown suspect sometime during the week of April 8. The plass front door was broken at the location in the 46000 block of Grand River Avenue

Compiled by staff writer

Lonnie Huhman

ments to extend that deadline by up to The police report Under House Bills 4001 and 4314, stated the method of breaking the glass was introduced over the winter, charges for public documents under the FOIA unknown and doesn't would be reduced - and in some casappear as if anyone got in. The building is empes waived — if government units violate the law. The identical bills were introduced in the last legislative ses-

Changes proposed for state's

Freedom of Information law

House Bill 4001 would prohibit gov ernment units from charging more than 10 cents per page for requested documents or charging to view docu-

House Bill 4314 would create the nine-member Open Government Commission, appointed by the gover nor, to investigate FOLA complaints and potential violations.

The measures would require governments to reduce fees by 20 percent for each day after the five-day deadline they don't make available FOIAapproved documents. Government units would be required to waive all

fees if approved records are produce more than five days after the deadline. The proposals also would increase from \$500 to \$5,000 the amount circuit courts are required to award, in addi-

tion to damages, in cases in which gov-

ernments are found guilty of violating the act. The ideas have been met with oppo-

sition by some local governments and the Michigan Townships Association. The association's concerns remain the cost to cash-strapped townships of copying large documents and filling sometimes voluminous FOIA

requests, said Judy Allen, the organi zation's director of legislative affairs. If required to redact portions of dociments, clerks must make copies of the documents before marking them up and making them available to those requesting them in person, also something the bills don't take into account,

Allen added. The actual costs would exceed the fees, especially if it's a larger document, Allen said. FOIA requests from individuals often snowball, and in one case reached 67 requests from one person in one day, she added.

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With the dark money hidden in committees and Super-PACs, "candidates have become bystanders in their own elections." Robinson was asked

Robinson said Michigan what the public should do ballot committees raised more than \$154 million for advertising to support or "It's a fair question to ask your legislators where oppose the six statewide they stand on disclosure, llot proposals in 2012. "We've never had that Robinson said. Robinson said he was before," Robinson said.

All six proposals lost at the polls. Proposal 2 drew the most money from comnittees at \$46 million. which asked whether voters wanted collective bargaining for unions written into the state Constitution. Proposal 3 attractd the second most at \$39 million, which would have required 25 percent renewable energy by 2025, "It was the environ mental groups and non-

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several books set in Detroit in the early 20th century, will be featured

Hills Country Club. The annual luncheon is sted by the Friends of the Plymouth, Can-

11:30 a m. Thursday, May 9. Tickets are \$25 and the reservation form is on the Plymouth library's website, www.plymouth library.org. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Novi Public Library and mailed to the Plymouth District Library. 223 S. Main, Plymouth, MI

Johnson, a Central Mich igan University graduate, lives near Kalamazoo and is married with three el in 2010 was The Detroit Electric Scheme, fol

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historical mystery. Essential for historical fans." Johnson's grandfather was vice president of Checker Motor and had worked there many years, helping author Johnson

Carla Barrett of Plymouth is a Friends member there who served on this year's four-person author selection committee, with one member from each

"We talk about different People thought that was

The annual luncheons are popular, noted Susan Stoney of Plymouth, community relations specialist with the Plymouth library. Last year's featured Kevin Boyle, author of Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age,

the high profile murder

the place," she said of authors over the years. Kiska was a hit in the past with his history of Detroit Attendees bear an inter-

esting author each year. Barrett visits Nicola's, an independent bookstore in Ann Arbor, and hears authors speak there. The libraries often host author programs that are wellattended, Barrett said. Tickets are going fast,

ting together for lunch as "It was a fabulous event last year," she said, "I just hope it's a huge success. The four libraries welcome new Friends members, Barrett added: "We're pretty lucky in our area people support

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confirmation within a daughters. His debut novlowed by sequel Motor City

Attendees will receive

Shakedown. He also wrote Scheme was described by Library Journal as "full of nonstop action, plot twists and turns and great insight into the early history of the U.S. car industry, this debut is part coming-of-

age tale (about a young

leaves his and shows what he is and part

gain insight into automo-Stoney said, and have an

people we've read about,' Barrett said. Detroit and Michigan themes have appealed over the years: a good first choice." she

"He drew very well,"

Stoney said of Boyle. Arc

of Justice is a nonfiction

trials of black physician family attempted to inte grate a neighborhood, and

"It's really been all over

April 25 cutoff — but they "When it's sold out, it's sold out," Stoney said. another sequel to The Detroit Electric Scheme. The author's website is www.deiohnsonauthor.com Barrett hasn't read the ohnson mysteries yet. She finds people enjoy get-

libraries.

NEWSMAKERS



Christopher Emmett

Erickson Living, manager and developer of Fox Run in Novi, has named Christo pher J. Emmett as regional vice president of operations. In his new leadership

position, he will oversee the company's campus operations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts. Michigan and Kansas. Emmett began his career with Erickson Living in

1996. He has held sever-

al management positions with the company, which reflect his superior leadership skills and expertise in healthcare and strategic management. For the past eight years, he has served as the executive director at

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borhood at Oak Crest, in Parkville, Md.; and, assis tant administrator, assisted living administrator, special projects manager and health services business

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Highland Springs, in Dal-

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the continuing care neigh-

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of State Hillary Clinton.

She's been seen on CNN,

in USA Today, The Wash-

ington Post and The Chica-

go Tribune, among others.

undertaking is Project: For-

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with two men: Gary Wein-

stein, who lost his wife and

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Noguchi appointed president of Hino manager at Charlestown in Trucks Yoshinori Noguchi has Emmett holds a gradu been appointed president of ate degree in aging studies from the University of

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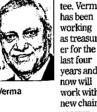
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2012. Noguchi joined Hino in 1977 and has held various domestic and Asian overseas assignments in his 35 year career with Hino. Most recently, he was responsible for all overseas business, including the United States.

Dems elect Verma treasurer

Ramesh Verma, of Novi, was unanimously reelect-Democratic Party on April 3 by the Michigan Democratic Party Executive Commit-



now will work with new chair-

Ramesh is a trustee of the Novi Public Library and commissioner Asian Pacific American Affairs, State of Michigan.

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BEAUGRAND, EILEEN J. April 9, 2013, age 93. Born August 11, 1919. Resident of Dearborn, formerly of Elik Rapids and Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Niles Beaugrand. Dearest mother of Bonnie (Edward). Wagman, Stacie (late Jack), Ma-Loving grandmother of Gregor (Jennifer) Wasman Ch. (Jennifer) Wagman, Christopher (Elaine) Wagman, Amy (David) Rohweder, Rebecca Little, Kelli DiPietro, John (Angela) May, Natalie (Patrick) Keane, Emily Wooderson and Thomas Wooderson Jr. 17 great grand-children and 5 great great grand-Services were held on Saturday April 13, 2013. Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Fund.



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ROSEMARY DOWSEY Born November 12, 1922, passed away April 10, 2013. Born in Iron River, MI to Blanche Bertrand and Walter Dowsey, one of six children. Raised in the Upper Peninsula, father a cement contractor, mother a spirited housewife. Schooled in Iron River, Ferris nstitute, and later the University of Michigan. Served in Wom-en's Army corps to rank of Techen samy colps talk of retinal Sergeant after which she went to the U of M, graduating with a major in Speech Therapy. Taught in a field which was always a joy to her in the Plymouth, Northville, and South Lyon Schools. Her devoted husbard Bernard to whom she was pand, Bernard, to whom she was narried on Fcb. 21, 1952, predeceased her in 1973, and she finished raising her six youngest children while teaching in the South Lyon Schools, until retir ing in 1986. Upon retiring, she was able to do the volunteering, for which there had been too I tle time in earlier years. Si gave 12 years to being a monitor with Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, many years to de-livering Meals on Wheels, 27 years acting as a weekly volun-teer at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor where she delighted in learning about the behir the-scenes operations of the Concert House while enjoying music and the people who made Throughout her long and much enjoyed life, she was a volunteer at her parish Church, St. Joseph's atechism classes, and becoming the first woman lector in her parthe tirst woman icctor in her par-ish and continuing in the role for years. Her great delight in life was her large and enthusiastic family of eight children: Polly (Ron) Kufner, Joe, Julie (John) Milowe, Greg, Steve (Kaori), Ted (Lorain), Dan and Peter (Corol) and her much loyed 21 (Carol) and her much loved 21 grandchildren. Her faith was always important in all that she did and was a factor in everything

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that she undertook. She truly enjoved life and tried to spread that

joy to all those she met. Visita-tion was held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on Aptil 14, Sunday, from 3:00 - 8:00

p.m. Funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in

South Lyon on April 15, Monday, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Stan Tokarski officialing. Interment was at Old St. John's in

Harland, MI following the fur-neral Mass. Anyone wishing to do so may donate to Active Faith, South Lyon, in her memo-ry. Her one hope for those she

leaves behind is that they will

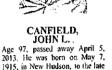
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and Friends ALBERT anuary 23, 1925 - April 1, 2013



William and Elsie (Harding)
Canfield, On Nov. 1, 1939, he
married Mary Holtz. He was a
member of the New Hudson
United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau, Michigan Milk Produc-ers, New Hudson DDA, Agricul-tural Soil Conservation Committrea Sol Conservation Commission of the Manager of the Was Born to Arnold and Roberta Lakes Hybrids. He took up golf in his 70's and played as long as his health permitted. John is survived by his children: Carolyn (Bruce) Sdunek, Joyce (Richard) Chillingworth, Doug-Carolyn (Bruce) Sdunek, Joyce (Richard) Chillingworth, Doug-Carolyn (77) from the University of Michigan (79) and his MBA (74) and MS of Accounting (77) from Eastern (Richard) Chillingworth, Doug-las (Robin LaBelle) Canfield and 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary K. Canfield, his brother Harding Canfield, and his sister Mary E. Marvin. A memorial gathering will be held on May 3, Friday, will be held on way 3, criday, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A memorial service will be held on May 4. Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist

MacKenzie. He is remembered for his work ethic, his intellect,

and his natural leadership abili-ties. Jim was a member of Wal-nut Creek Country Club in South

Lyon, Michigan as well as Cas-

ryon, Michigan as Wen as Cas-cade Hills Country Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was an avid golfer, hunter, and fish-erman. He and his brother, Steve, enjoyed annual hunting and fish-

ing trips with Jim's son and both

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cious reader, an inspirational speaker, and a loving, encourag-ing, and a generous provider. He was a lover of history, politics. was a fover of instory, pointes, and a deeply spiritual man. Jim's doctrine was as follows: "God is the creative force in the Universe, animated by Love, leavened by forgiveness and Revealed in Jesus Christ." - James Lee Embree. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his children. RICHARD WAYNE Passed away at The Sanctuary at White Lake, Michigan on April 10, 2013 at the age of 85. Wayne is survived by his loving wife Sue of 46 years. They were married at St. John the Baptist Church in Fenton, Michigan on January 7, 1967. Wayne is lovingly remembered by son David and his wife Wendy of Lakewood, Ohio, son Dandra 1, 2007. They were married at St. John the Baptist Church in Fenton, Michigan on January 7, 1967. Wayne is lovingly remembered by son David and his wife Wendy of Lakewood, Ohio, son Daniel and his wife Celleen of Shanghai, China, daughter Susan Settle and her husband Paul Settle and her husband Paul Settle and her husband Paul Settle and her husband in Michigan, son Robert and his wife Carrie of Waterford, Michigan and daughter Carolyn Zenisek and her husband and Jake. Visitation will be held Thursday April 18th, and his two between himing dogs Max and Jake. Visitation will be held Thursday April 18th, 2013 from 5-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap Street, Northville, MI 48167. A Waterford, Michigan and daugn-ter Carolyn Zenisek and her hus-band David Zenisek of Chelsea Michigan; grandchildren Jackson and Hannah Robar, Paige and Cooper Robar, Adam Settle, Benjamin and Lauren Robar and Dawson and Ava Zenisek. mic Ritual will be held on April 18th, 2013 at 7pm. The fu-neral service will be held Friday, April 19, 2013 at 1pm, with visi-Dawson and Ava Zenisck. Wayne came from a family of five brothers and one sister in Munising. He was born in Munising, Michigan in 1928. He graduated from St. Michael High School in Pontiac, Michigan in 1947 and joined the United States National Guard, Wayne graduated from the LaMar Barber College in 1955 and worked for Pontiac Motors Company in Pontiac, Michigan, retiring in tation beginning at Noon at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association, PO Box 55071#15530, Boston, Pontiac, Michigan, retiring in 1990. Wayne greatly enjoyed volunteering at St. Mary's, gar-dening, bluegrass music, travel-ing to Walt Disney World and Frankenmuth, cooking and givrrangermann, cooking and ger-ing red roses to his bride. Funer-al Liturgy was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, Milford, on Saturday, April 13. Burial St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Fen-

ton. In lieu of flowers, the Robar

Family requests that memorial donations be made in Wayne's name to St. Joseph Mercy Oak-land Cardiac Rehabilitation Cen-

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FALKNER, THOMAS H.

Passed away Monday, April 8, 2013 in Hudson, Florida, He is survived by daughters Carol and Barb, son Russ, stepsons Do and Chet Bronson, 3 grandchilservices to be determined.

GRANEY, SEBASTIAN THOR Stillborn son of Erik and Kerry Graney and brother of Anna-Graney and brother of Anna-belle; grandson of Kahryn Olgeirsson, Thorarinn Einar Olgeirsson, Brigitte Graney, Kenneth Graney, great grandson of Annemarie Esperer and Doris Graney, nephew of Jennifer (Alan) DeWitt, Erik Olgeirsson, Julia Graney and cousin of Jack-son DeWitt. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Fu-neral Home, Milford, on Thursday, April 11, 2013 with burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be left at LynchFuneral Directors.com

LEMIRE, PETRINA March 24, 1925 - April 3, 2013

EMBREE, JAMES (JIM) LEE

Age 86, of Northville, passed away April 14, 2013. He was boom March 22, 1927 in Salem Township, Michigan; son of Charles and Lena (Foss) Hamada Haraghi expedit participated by the sale of the sale Passed away on April 14th, 2013 at the age of 66 following an 8-month battle with esophageal cancer. He was at his home in Northville, Michigan surrounded mond. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. Walter spent most of his his in Northville, but also lived in Intermediate Lake, Michigan for 15 years. After reby family. He spent the last eight months imparting wisdom and expressing love to those around him. He fought a brave battle without complaint or resentment. He was born to Arnold and Rob-Michigan for 15 years. After re-tiring as an accountant with Ford Motor Company, Walter became a skilled and talented builder and contractor. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and watching the Detroit Tigers. He was a member of the VFW and the Ply-mouth Elks. Walter is survived by his loving companion of 22 years Mary Lou Downing; his sister Hazel Kelliher; and several nicces and nephews. He was pre-('69) and his MBA ('74) and MS of Accounting ('77) from Eastern Michigan University. He proudly enlisted to serve his country in the US Marine Corps, completed a tour of duty in Okinawa, Japan and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant on November 1, nicces and nephews. He was pre necess and repnews. He was pre-ceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Jo-seph Mercy Hospice, PO Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. 1972. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Carolyn G. Ohst on June 14, 1975 and they spent 40 cherished years togeth-er. His career at Comerica Bank Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home spanned 37 years and culminated in 2011 as a Senior Vice Presi-dent in the Special Assets Group. After retirement, Jim became a Managing Director with Conway

of Northville.
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RICHARD DENNIS A resident of Howell, and former resident of South Lyon, died at on April 11, 2013 sur his home on April 11, 2013 sur-rounded by his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly twenty-six years, Vicki Hock; dear children, Dawn (Timothy) Fuentes, Darlene Hock, Deborah Givens, Dennis Hock, David Hock; grandehil-dren, Kenneth, Christopher, Nic-olas, Mahan, Kaylene, Jamie.

nald (Barb) Hock; grandmother-in-law, Blanche Roberson; brother and sisters-in-law, Rhonda Pfaff, Lisa (Tracy) Adams, Jim-my Lucas, Steve (Bridgette) Adams, Bobby (Trish) Adams, Paul (Alice) Adams; many nie-ces, nephews, extended family member of Cornerstone Church of Highland and operated Hock Construction Company in Liv-ingston County for over forty-five years, Funeral Service was Memorials may be made in his

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Wongstrom, Robert (Kathy)
Hock, Shirley (Pat) Murphy, Roheld at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Monday, April 15th.

MORAWA. DIANA VICTORIA (ROBBINS &

gan, passed away on March 31, 2013. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2013 at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Twp. Diana worked as a selfemployed massage therapist in Milford, for many years. She was a courageous, outspoken and loving person. She had a special passion for cooking and baking. Her need and desire to save animals of all kinds was contagious.
Diama is survived by her daughter, Andrea (Jason) Longhurst,
grand-daughter Addison, 3 nieces, a nephew, and many friends. Animal Shelter, in lieu of flowers. In Memory of Diana Morawa. Oakland County Animal Shelter, 1700 Brown Road.

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Anan & Washeleski

Novi's Meredith Anan and Ryan Washeleski, of Madison Heights, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ruth and Thomas Anan, of Novi. She is a middle school teacher in Holt Mich. She graduated from Michigan State Universi-

ty with a master's degree in curriculum and teaching, and graduated from Novi High School. The groom-elect is the son of Pamela and Robert Washeleski, of Madison Heights, Mich. He is a middle school teacher in Birmingham Public Schools. He graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in English and history, and graduat-

ed from Lamphere High School. A May 2013 wedding is planned at Faith Communiy Presbyterian Church in Novi. The reception will be held at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon

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Civilian pistol class The Novi Police Department has added an additional civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 W. Ten Mile Road). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Con-

cealed Pistol License (CPL). Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order) may be returned to the Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants background check.

Students must bring their formances. The Novi Choown equipment, including ralaires will present the "Rhythm of Life" at 7:30 rounds of ammunition, safep.m. Saturday, May 11 at the Novi Middle School Auditomuffs or ear plugs, a pen or rium (49000 W. Eleven Mile pencil, a baseball cap, and The show will feature they must wear loose, com-

fortable clothing to participate in the course. Particilove, including "When I am 64" by the Beatles and "Cirpants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Nov cle of Life" by Elton John. resident to attend. For more \$10 for seniors and children ages 3-17. Tickets are available now via cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Parks, Rec-Spring melodies

The sounds of spring are in the air and the Novi Choralaires and Novi Concert en from Novi and the sur-Band are adding to the melrounding communities, ody with upcoming perbrought together by a

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many classics about life and will perform a free concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Novi High School Auditorium (24062 Taft Road). The Novi Concert Band is Tickets are \$12 for adults: a symphonic wind ensemble comprised of an all-vol-

reation and Cultural Service es Office (45175 West Ten Mile Road). The Novi Choralaires is made up of men and wom-

mailing list or "like" on Additional creative art

performances taking place in Novi this spring include the Novi Civic Theatre's production of Disney's The Little Mermaid, May 3-12. Tickets are available now online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

office. To learn more about creative art opportunities in Novi, including the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside I Out program and summer camps, visit cityofnovi.org.

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and up more information about the Novi Concert Band, send ar Tech Talk classes, offered email to noviconcertband@ by the City of Novi Oldlive.com to be added to the er Adult Services, are designed for those 50 and

The Novi Concert Band

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OUR VIEWS

Park it here!

Improvements to parkland money well spent

While many municipalities throughout the state and country are struggling to meet financial obligations and avoid layoffs, the City of Novi last week approved \$150,000 to improve playground struc-

tures at two parks. That's indicative of a healthy rainy day fund, but also a commitment to quality parks and recreation.

Simply stated in the city's recent Citizen Survey: "Quality parks and recreation opportunities help to define a community as more than the grind of its business, traffic and hard work. Leisure activities vastly can improve the quality of life of residents, serving both to

entertain and mobilize good health." Novi residents rated positively their recreation opportunities and services related to parks and rec, and they felt the city's centers were better than the

national bench-And it's because mark. Even Novi's rec prothe city is grams, which willing to pump received the lowest rating money into their were still much parks, like the higher than the improvements benchmark. slated for

this month.

The current

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standards.

And it's because the Lakeshore and city is willing Rotary parks to pump money into their parks, like the improve ments slated for Lakeshore and Rotary parks this month. The those two parks current playhave outlived tures at those two parks have outlived their year lives and 10-15 year lives are no longer and are no loncompliant with ger compliant with current current safety and performance safety and performance stan-

Lakeshore (601 S. Lake Drive) is getting an allnew nature-inspired playground, and Rotary's (22220 Roethel Drive) equipment will also be new and relocated to a

more appropriate area. These are just two of the facilities managed by the city's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services. The others are:

Brookfarm (adjacent to Village Oaks Elementary) Ella Mae Power (behind the Civic

* Fuerst (southeast corner of 10 Mile

ITC Sports Community (northeast corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads) Pavilion Shore (west Pavilion Shore

(43390 Thirteen Mile) Village Wood (east side of Meadowbrook, south of Malott Drive) Wildlife Woods (26442 Wixom Road).

There are more than 1,000 acres of parkland in Novi, and the city is constantly improving them. Six years ago, only 68 percent of residents rated the rec opportunities here "excellent" or "good". In the 2012 survey, that has shot up to 80 percent.

And the percentages have also increased for those who have used Novi's recreation centers; participated in a recreation program or activity; and visited

a neighborhood park or city park. Parks are just a piece of the puzzle that makes up Novi, but it's a very large piece. And it meshes beautifully with the education system and athletic programs, which are key factors for people looking

to relocate in southeast Michigan. Outsiders may initially see Novi as just a mecca for retail and restaurants. But spend some time outdoors here and it quickly becomes apparent that Novi residents have access to a remarkable system of parks that the city, in intent on

ommunity Editor Susan Rosiek.

constantly improving.

OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

COMMUNITY VOICE

A recent newspaper article indicated that motorcycle fatalities in Michigan increased from five in 2011 to 55 in 2012. Do you think motorcyclists should be required to wear helmets?

This question was asked at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet held at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.



"Yes, I've been around motorcycles my whole life, and I don't personally like wearing a helmet, but they do save lives. It's just common sense.

Paul Hollo



"I believe it's a personal choice. But, for me, I care about my family and friends, so I do wear

Robb Stancer



"I'm pro-choice on helmets and seat belts. However, it does have a bearing on things and they do saves lives."

Terry Powell



"Of course. Take it from a person who almost died 30 years ago in a crash. Helmets can save

lives.

Howard Leahy

LETTERS

The Three D's Novi school Principal Kim Warren was arrested for driving erratically and then found slumped over the steering wheel of her car in the school parking lot. People coming to her defense argue that she should undergo treatment and then be returned to her position as principal. Is that what we expect of our school leaders! I sure hope not! Let's follow three simple rules for situations like this — drink — drunk — discharge!

Bill Kalmar

Novi benefits from Gatt's experience

Mayor Bob Gatt is my employee, my supporter and my friend. He is a true professional with great leadership skills. He is the kind of man who has the experience and knowledge to lead Novi's growth and prosperity

into the 21st century. Bob Gatt is running for re-election for another two-year term as Novi's mayor. The election is Nov. 5, 2013. I'm supporting Bob Gatt, and I hope

you do too. Bob Gatt has served Novi with distinction for more than 30 years, most recently as a councilman and mayor pro tem before becoming your mayor two years ago. He's the experienced leader Novi needs to ensure that it remains one of Michigan's premier communities to work, to raise a family and to retire.

Bob also is a distinguished depart-I'm excited that Oakland County's government has earned respect from Wall Street for its sound financial policies by attaining and maintaining a coveted AAA bond rating, which only 34 of the nation's 3,200 counties have received. Bob's one of many employees who has worked hard to make Oakland County financially sound.

I'm proud to endorse Bob Gatt for another term as Novi's mayor. He's

earned your vote! Bob's done the same outstanding job as your Novi mayor, and you need to keep the momentum going! Please vote for Bob Gatt for Novi Mayor on Nov. 5.

L. Brooks Patterson Oakland County executive

SB 288 a bad bill

Yes, I wish to protect Michigan wolves from hunting and trapping. Yes, I collected signatures and signed a petition to allow the voters of Michigan to voice their opinion as well. But, just days after submitting the signatures, Senate Bill 288, introduced by Sen. Casperson, was voted out of committee and passed on to our state senators for voting. SB 288 will literally smash our efforts, ignore our voices, and remove our right to vote on the wolf protection issue as

democratic rights, again! Even if you have never called your state senator or state representative

well as any wildlife issue ever again!

SB 288 is a blatant threat to our

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before, please call them today. Your state senator will probably vote on SB 288 this week. Then it will quickly move on to your state

Tell them this threat to your democratic rights is unacceptable; tell them you oppose SB 288; and ask them to

vote NO on SB 288 We must act now to protect our democratic rights

Judith C. Brock Northville

Justice for all

Disgustingly, the Republican-controlled House in Lansing wants to cut 1,000 jobs from the Human Services Department, which controls food for the poor, programs for poor people, control of abuse to children, etc. All are programs that help people when they can't help themselves. Plain and simple — they are taking a hatchet to the social programs of Michigan.

These same people are hypocrites. They say they are pro-life. Yet the minute they force people to have babies by denying them abortions, they desert these babies. They cut the very funding necessary to help these babies have a decent life. They cut the food they get and they cut the workers necessary to ensure that these babies are not abused. The foster care systems here in Michigan cannot police the cases they have.

I believe in social justice for all. Where will the social justice for these babies be? Certainly not in the hands of these Republicans in Lansing, who want to punish the poor and help the rich get richer. Joanne Braund

Royal Oak

Spring to action

If you own a vehicle, chances are it needs some work, National Car Care Month in April is the ideal time to spring into action and give your car some extra attention. Results of vehicle inspections held at community car care events across

the country reveal that 77 percent

Neglected vehicle care almost always

of vehicles need service or parts.

means much higher costs down the line in the form of more extensive repairs or lost resale value.

.. Following a routine maintenance program on an ongoing basis, like the Car Care Council's free personalized schedule and e-mail reminder service, can help you drive smart, save money and make informed

> executive director Car Care Counci

Have muskets Very soon, Connecticut will have

prepared for the governor's signature the toughest gun safety law in the country. This bill passed the Legislature with bipartisan support. According to the Brady Report. nearly 100,000 people will die in this country this year from gun violence.

Some 17,000 will be under 19. This legislation could serve as a model in our current federal debate on gun safety measures.

What does the NRA have to say about combating school violence? Arm teachers, principals and janitors. More guns will increase school safety. Of course, the NRA represents gun manufactures who profit by selling more guns. The NRA hides behind then Second Amendment, which at the time, applied to muskets. Let the NRA have muskets.

Farmington Hills

On 'right to work'

At least that is what it feels like. Like so many parents in Michigan, my wife and I have worked hard to help put our four children through college They have succeeded in gaining their respective degrees but two of the four have or soon will have moved to other states to pursue their careers. Many of my children's college graduate friends have left the state as well.

As we are very family-oriented, the loss of frequent face to face contact is distressing. According to the 2010 Census, Michigan was the only state in the country to have lost population over the past decade from 2001 through 2010. I am hopeful that one day, soon, the jobs that Michigan has been losing will return to Michigan and in doing so, bring our children back home

It is for this reason that I am very glad that Michigan has passed the "workers' choice" aka "right to work" legislation. I believe that the growth of good jobs in Michigan will increase and eventually help to bring our children home. National statistics clearly show that states with right to work laws have a higher influx of population and higher expendable

I am grateful that Sen. Pat Colbeck and Rep. Mike Shirkey took the time and effort to champion this "freedom of choice" legislation for

Michigan's workers

Bob Cushman

Beaumont, state partner to promote safe sleep

By Nathan Mueller

ach to sleep, or allowing

them to sleep with a par-

ent because it seems like

will be quiet, isn't worth

"The pain that comes

from losing that child is

moments of rest," Lee

not worth those few more

In the last three years,

2012. And thus far this

year there have been at

least 13 infant deaths in

Detroit and five in the

rest of Wayne County.

"The death of a baby

is devastating," Snyder

edy is preventable, the

said. "And when this trag-

loss is nearly unbearable.

It's a pain and a regret I

hope we can spare every

Canton residents Paul

and Paula Mallia also

lost their son Michael to

accidental asphyxia and

shared their story on the

Their older daughter,

Brianna, was 5 years

family in Michigan.

the only way the child

Shareece Lee was at work when she received the phone call that changed her life. The call was from her and, who told her

when he went to check on

their 3-month-old baby, said. "It's not worth the lifetime you will lose." Lailah, she wasn't breath Lailah had been put to 424 babies in Michisleep on her stomach, just gan have died due to unsafe sleep environ-ments, including 144 in like Lee had done with her two older children.

Lee said it could have happened to anyone, but the Novi mom doesn't want anyone else to have to endure the pain she has had to deal with the last

causing her to accidental-

two years. In an effort to educate parents and caregivers. Lee was among a group of parents who shared their stories of loss with the Michigan Departments of Human Services and Community Health for a video they created about safe sleep initia

Michael was at day care A portion of the vidin 2002 when the quilt put eo was shown March 25 over top of the Pack 'N at the Beaumont Chil-Play he was sleeping in to dren's Hospital in Royal Oak, where Michigan first lady Sue Snyder also announced her support of

the program. "This is such an important message, not just for new parents, but for anyone who has children or works with them," Lee

She said unsafe sleep practices, such as laying block out the sunlight fell misses him a lot. Paula said she hopes her personal story reaches others so it doesn't

nappen to them, too. "I don't want anyone else to have to live through our hell," she said, "Not a day goes by that I don't think about



Michigan first lady Sue Snyder (right) talks with Stacy, holding new baby Alaina, and Michael Bambach at Beaumont Hospital on Monday where she announced her support of the state's safe sleep initiatives. Beaumont is the first hospital in the state to partner with the Michigan Departments of Human Services and Community Health in an effort to curtail the nearly 150 infant deaths annually due to unsafe sleep environments.

old when Michael died, and she said she still "I looked at him not only as my little broth-

er but as a best buddy," she said. "Now he's my guardian angel always ooking over me." Dr. Fozia Saleem-

Rasheed, a neonatologist at Beaumont Children's Hospital, said the hospital has created

a task force of health care professionals who have "made it their mission" to teach families aged. safe sleep practices.

They preach the ABC's of safe sleep, which are that babies should sleep alone, on their back and in a crib. There are no quilts, no comforters, no stuffed animals and no bum-

pers. Babies also should

never share beds with another person, and the use of pacifiers at nap and bedtime is encour

"Where you put you

baby to sleep can be the difference between life or death," she said. Beaumont is the first hospital to partner with the state departments by airing the vid-

eo through the hospi-

to sleep with adults or other children as this practice exponentially increases the chance of a tragedy occurring Put babies in cribs of adult beds, pillows or

couches • Ensure that the crib does not contain extraneous items, including pillows, crib bumpers and stuffed animals -and use a safe sleep sack instead of blankets Place the baby to sleep on their back, not on the stomach or side Do not overheat the

 Make certain that no one smokes around the

tal television system The goal is to partner with other hospitals and make the video available to all new parents Maura Corrigan, director of the Michigan Department of Juman Services, said they have appointed safe sleep coordinators in all the counties where there are difficulties with safe sleep environments, and hopes the message of those who have lost infants has an impact

on others. "Each one of the deaths from unsafe sleep environments is a preventable death," she said. "It's undeniable and it's imperative that

we act together. The video is available for viewing at www.michigan.gov/ safelsleep.

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GIVING BACK

The family didn't need

Family signs on for benefit as part of daughter's fight

By Julie Brown

It meant a lot to 15-year old Kaitlyn Berg that family dog Bailey, a yellow lab, came to see her at the hospital.

Berg's parents, 13-year Novi residents Larry and Lynn Berg, got permission for Bailey to visit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor during Kaitlyn's brain tumor treatment. The family. including sister, Kara, 17, recently sat down to talk about Kaitlyn's illness and a May 11 fundraiser

they're working on. "Unfortunately you can usually find someone in a worse place than you are," said Lynn of her involvement in an American Brain Tumor Asso-

helped me, knowing relatively speaking she's in a good place.'

Kaitlyn's a sophomore at Novi High, Kara a senior. Kaitlyn recalled of eighth grade, "I just had really bad headaches and started to get seizures." Headaches aren't uncommon for teen girls. Lynn said, "We kind of

possibility Kaitlyn had an MRI on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and was off school sledding. Her parents got the call about the large tumor, which was benign but still doing damage.

put off things a bit." Epi

lepsy was considered as a

'Shocked' "We were all just shocked," Lynn said.

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"No one had indicated that was even an option. Before we knew it, we

> The parents explained how the benign tumor had been growing for some time, creating prescer," Lynn said. "If you're going to have a brain tumor, apparently it's a good type to have."

> Neurosurgeon Dr. Hugh Garton has been a big help, as has Mott staff. 'They've been amazing, Lynn said. Staff helped about the illness.

Larry's vice president and general manager for Valassis Solutions, and the family's grateful for health insurance to cov-

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need to do.' They were Kaitlyn's had two surgeries, with the first one lasting 12 hours. "A lot better than I did before, she said when asked how Lynn recalled a mom of Kara's friend who

She also went through some tough radiation, 30 treatments five days a week over six weeks That was just before 10th Novi Schools staffers

"They said 'Do what you

were flexible on Kaitlvn's schoolwork. "Very accommodating," her dad said. The parents are proud of Kaitlyn's work to get good grades. 'Kaitlyn is very deter mined," her mom said. "She was determined to

Family, friends good friend who talks about other things: "Sh kind of distracts me." A friend made posters of dog Bailey for Kaitlyn ment, and having family nearby has helped. "It's hard enough for adults to know what to

grades up.'

gled with that. Many friends sent cards, which were appreciated.

The family and their friends used the caringbridge.org social sharing site for updates and words of encouragement

ry about. Things like that ere really beneficial." Kaitlyn now gets an MRI every three months to see how the radiation did "No one could really tell us what the future would hold," her mom said "A lot needs to be done to figure out how to treat these things."

They're grateful for the

technology and care that

helped. "That was some-

thing I didn't need to wor

saved Kaitlyn. "We don't really talk about it that much," Kara said of the situation, other than planning for the May 11 benefit, Kara, who's headed to Ball State University in Indiana to study journalism, wrote an article on her family for the NHS paper, the

she added. Wildcat Roar. "I had a bunch of people Kate Butler, marketing & communications coming up to me and saymanager for the Chicaing they thought it was a go-based ABTA, said reggood idea we were doing that," Kara said of the stration will start 8 a.m., the walk/run at 9 a.m.

wanted a way to give back. They're participating in a Saturday, May 11, 5K Run & Walk for the American Brain Turnor Association at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. There's a total goal of and their United Against Tumors team has a \$10,000 goal, well on the way to being met. They have about 15 team members, Larry said. There's a fundraising www.bt5K.org web

general website, www. breakthroughforbraintumors.org. Donations are welcome online. team and National Honor Society also worked

together in a related

fundraiser.

site, and there's also a

"We're just kind of in a wait and see mode," Lynn said. They hope for good health news, and are glad to work on the fundraiser "It's more the chance to give back," she said. Friends wanted to help, Larry said. "This gives a way for them to participate. Everybody wants to help and there isn't always something for

them to do." May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month as well. "Awareness is important to help other people know how to deal with health crises," Lynn said.

"We're hoping a lot of people will come out and support us on that day,"



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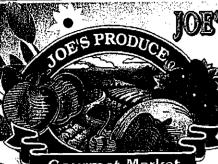
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Coach Brian O'Leary helps break things down during the Wildcats' 4-2 win Saturday at Saline.

Novi girls capture unexpected road trip

Soccer team stops Saline, 4-2

The Novi-Saline soccer game on Saturday was originally scheduled to be played at Novi High School, but Mother Nature's cold breath forced the game to be moved to Saline and the

Hornets' turf field. Despite the chilly temperatures, it was worth the trip for the Wildcats, who scored the first four goals and won 4-2 over the host Hornets in a nonleague game Novi coach Brian

O'Leary was pleased with what he saw, both on the scoreboard and on the "I thought we got a

really good effort from everyone," O'Leary said.

Novi (2-1 overall) began league play this week with South Lyon on Tues day and South Lyon East ing lineup but our substitution pattern. Everyone

put a lot of girls in different positions to see which ineup works best for us." O'Leary called it a productive trip for the Wild-"We made a lot of progress (Saturday) in figur-

ing out not who our best 11 players are, but what best 11 players play the best together," he said. Regardless of the score, I wanted to give everyone a chance to play and

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back in action when

Tuesday.

they visit University of

Detroit-Jesuit at 7 p.m.

with just over a minute

pocketed by a crafty St.

then fed the ball down

the field and, eventual-

ly, into the goal to tie the

the following face-off and

game, 9-9. St. Michaels

then went on to control



Novi's Natalie Krygier takes the ball up field against

Shamrocks split trip to Toronto

Squad falls to St. Michaels, dominates Upper Canada College

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team took a trip to Canada last weekend and represented their school and their country

with pride. The squad, coached by Dave Wilson, made the trek to Toronto and played two games, winning one against Upper Canada College in a dominating fashion, 12-2, and falling to St. Michaels in the final moments of that game, 10-9.

Against St. Michaels, the Shamrocks led. 9-8.

scored again with less ON TAP than a minute left to seal the game, 10-9, on a shot The Detroit Catho by Andrew Mullen that lic Central Shamrocks resulted in his sixth goal

The Shamrocks had a night to think about how much that loss stung before taking the field against Upper Canada College the next day and letting out their frustraleft in the game. Unfortution on the Blues in the nately, the team was pick tune of a 12-2 whipping. "The Shamrocks wer

challenged by the staff Saturday to put forth a better defensive effort, said Wilson. And the defensive effort paid off in more

than just a victory the Shamrocks' players enjoyed popsicles after practice on Monday, cour tesy of the coaching staff. Jack Van Acker had three goals and an assist

on Friday against St. Michaels and Alec Gilhooly had four goals and an assist on Saturday against Upper Canada College. Splitting time in goal on Friday were Jon Con-

ley and Joe Williams while Chris Naubert went three quarters in the win over the Blues and Williams took over for the final seven minutes of the

Comeback 'Cats!

Novi rallies to beat Franklin

By Terry Jacoby

It's still early in the baseball team has already showed resiltude that can help a team gain confidence Down 4-0 and showoffense, the Wildcats scored four runs in the the sixth for a 6-4 win Monday over visiting ton Lakes Athletic Asso-

ciation opener. to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA Kensington. "I think we are going to have our ups and downs but we should get better as the season coach Rick Green. "But this was good to see. and we are starting to get healthy. If we stay focused, we have the

They certainly focused in on Franklin in the fifth inning. Mitch Hall got the ball rolling with a single. With one out, Nick Shelar blasted a two-run homer to cut the deficit

"We weren't doing much with the bats up until that point," said Green. "I think that homer rattled their pitcher a little bit." With two outs, Kyle Matel singled to keep

ON TAP

team (3-2 overall, 1-0 KLAA Kensington) played a doubleheade vesterday against play at Walled Lake Central on Friday, at Plymouth on Monday and host South Lyon East on Wednesday. All games are at 4 p.m.

give Novi runners at second and third. After Matel scored on a wild pitch, Mario Ferrini hit

game at 4-4. In the sixth inning, Grant Wheeler and Bryan Klosterma both walked. After a fieldcats drew an intentional walk to load the bases. That decision backfire as Novi scored two runs off wild pitches to take a 6-4 lead

Junior Blair Myers pitched the last two innings and held Franklin hitless to earn the win Tyler Whitehead started and went three innings. earned runs on four hits and struck out two Luke Bageris allowed an unearned run in two

innings of relief. the inning going. Ryar

"We have only played three games and have only practiced outside twice because of the "So we need to get into some games before we get to know each other.'

Defense strong in baseball opener

Mustangs top Brighton in twinbill

By Sam Eggleston

There are definite ly worse ways to start a season than win an opening game ond when the contest is called due to dark-

That's exactly how the season started for the Northville when they took on the Brighton Bulldogs and walked away with two victories. In the opening game of a twinbill contest the Mustangs collected a 4-1 victory and then took a victory in the closing game, 2-1, after officials called it in the fifth inning due to darkness.

"It was a good way to start the season. said Northville coach John Kostrzewa. "We pitched well and played good defense with that given the

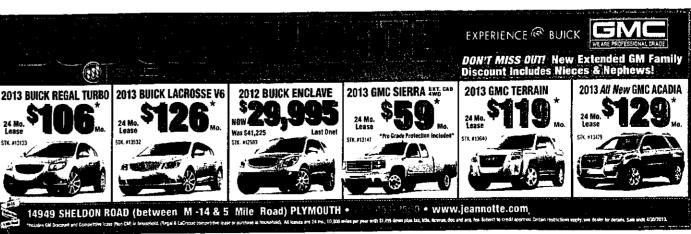
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The Northville Mustangs baseball team will be playing again Saturday at Lake Orion at 11 a.m. They will then visit Canton Mor day and visit Salem Wednesday, Both games are at 4 p.m

only been outside one time prior to this

The Mustangs followed Taylor Turner to the victory in the all seven innings. giving up one earned three walks while striking out four bat ters. Thomas Huber paced the team on offense with two hits while Brandon Patrone, Brad Vanhulle and Eric Fox each had a hit. "Although we strug

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Mustangs boys track team falls to Rocks



Northville's Dan Sims leads the pack in the mile run on his

PHYSICAL THERAPY S

By Sam Eggleston

On one hand, a loss in the beginning of the seathe other hand at least the Northville Mustangs boys track and field team didn't have to cancel their meet against Salem due

The team experienced some actual spring weather last week when they took on a tough Salem Rocks squad. The Mustangs, coached by Brandon Langston, fell, 73.67-58.33

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son," said Langston, "It's nice, as a coaching staff, to be able to target and identify our areas in need of improvement, too.

several ton finishes in

the meet despite the loss.

Justin Hsieh won the 110

hurdles while Dan Sims

captured first place in

mile run. Charlie Mav

took the top spot in the

300 hurdles and Justin

Ferrante earned first ir

the 800-meter run. Tak-

es. The 4-by-800 relay

Naughton took first as

team of Sims, Ferrante,

ing first in the 200-meter

dash was Anthony Sourg-

The Mustangs did have

ton. "They definitely didn't disappoint. In the 800, Ferrante led the way while Naughton took second and Tajer captured third. Northville also swept the two mile behind Sims while Nick Noles taking second and Sean McCullough in third. Noles also finished third in the one mile behind Sims' first place showing. In the 200, Bailey Edwards was sec-

"We knew coming into

the season our distance

a very solid and aggres-

runners were going to be

ON TAP

The Northville boys track and field team will compete again when they visit Walled Lake Western Saturday. The team will then visit South Lyon East Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

es include Ryan Flanagan and Alec Przybocki in second and third, respectively, in the 400 dash, Alex Kerns taking second in the pole vault in the 110 hurdles. The 4-by-100 relay team of Hsieh, Jonathon Li, John Stroud and Edwards

Wildcats split a pair

ond and John Stroud was

third behind Sourges'

first-place showing.

Girls lacrosse team falls to Salem after win over Farmington

By Terry Jacoby

The Novi girls lacrosse team came into Monday's game with visiting Salem shorthanded and came up falling 11-8. The Wildcats. who played the game minus three senior captains, had to juggle the lineup and couldn't over-

half but played much better in the second half and it ended up being a very close game," said Novi coach Caitlin Warda. "We had to rearrange our defense. We like to play zone but had to go to manto-man and we did a good job once we switched.'

come a rough start.

The Wildcats are only in their second year as a two injuries and an ill**ON TAP**

The Novi girls lacrosse team (2-3 overall) played at undefeated Canton vesterday. The Wildcat play at Rochester on Friday, On Monday, the Wildcats return home to host South Lyon and then play at Plymouth on Wednesday. All games are at 7 p.m.

is a lot to ask. "Last year I was giving out sticks at try-outs," said Warda, "It's very different this year. We are much more competitive and a lot of the younger girls picked up the game very quickly.'

Despite falling to 2-3 on the season, Warda has seen plenty of positives from the Wildcats. "We had several players well." Warda said, "Alana Clark had four goals and won about eight draws for us. She was a big help with our transitions and really played well."

Freshman attacker Gina Salemi also played well. scoring two goals for Novi. Natalie Trainor and Nicole Lazzara each scored once for the Wildcats. Goalie Morgan Egner had 15 saves for Novi.

On Friday, the Wildcats got four goals from junior Megan Paul and three from Salemi in an impressive 7-4 win over host Farmington.

"It was another close game that we pulled out at the end," said Warda. "We lost only three draws and won 10 which was big for us.

Goalie Laura Pierson had 16 saves for the winners. "She was phenomenal."

Show of strength

Wildcats knock off host Milford 10-2 in boys Jacrosse

The Novi boys lacrosse team sticked its game with Huron Valley in the The Wildcats had goals from six differover Huron Valley last

Wednesday at Milford High School. "It was a well-played game by both teams,' aid Novi coach Eric Hoffman, "Huron Valley's goalie played a great game and kept the game

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The Novi boys lacrosse team played vesterday at Northville. The Wildcats also play at 1 p.m. They host Plymouth at 7 n.m. on Wednesday and Notre Dame Prep at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

cats on offense with three goals. Chris Kennedy and Justin Danks each scored twice while Mark Ghannam, Alex Caprara and Derek Stockman scored "Defensively we were

ground balls and played Mitch Adams faced seven shots and had five saves for the Wildcats.

"Huron Valley only

scored when they were

man-up. It was a good

The defense was led

by Travis Sparling with

three take-aways and

five ground balls: Scott

Schramm with one take

away and three ground

balls; Tommy McMas-

ter with two take-aways

and four ground balls and

Jason Sherran with three

game."

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You win some, you lose some

Northville girls soccer takes two wins, first loss

just six minutes lat-

er, again with an assist

Dorfstatter, who col

lected a through ball and

fed it to sophomore Kel-

ly McHugh with a high

McHugh settled the ball

and fired home the goal

for a 2-0 advantage. The Spartans couldn't

Northville's offense and

the end of the first half. A

Stevenson defender was

called for handling inside

the penalty box, giving

Northville a penalty kick

that was put in by senior

"We had a much bet-

er. "We were able to con

trol the play with some

quality possession which

helped to generate more

scoring opportunities. We

ter team performance

tonight," said Bruck-

were behind 3-0 before

cross to the back post.

By Sam Eggleston

online at hometownlife.com

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team suffered their first lump of the season last week. but tallied up two wins to keep their season on the right track.

The team, coached by Eric Brucker, took a 5-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson and a 2-0 win over Canton last week, but fell in their first loss of the season to a veteran Plymouth team, 3-0.

Against Stevenson Monday evening, the Mustangs bounced back from their loss and collected a decisive 5-0 victory and even had the luxury of playing in 65-degree weather with no rain an absolute rarity so far this "spring."

The Mustangs didn't take long to make a statement in the contest, scoring in the second minute when senior Gabbie Gui bord fired home a shot from 30 yards away that found the back of the net for the 1-0 lead. Assisting on the opening salvo was na Dorfstatter.

also had good balance on the defensive side of the ball to help minimize the scoring chances by Stevenson. This was a good Division play. In the second half,

Northville didn't slow

down at all. McHugh tal lied her second goal of Northville scored again

Northville's Gabbie Guibord gets some assistance to the pitch from Stevenson's Sari Rakowitz during the teams' April 15 game. No foul was called on the play; Northville vas leading 2-0 early in the first half.

utes in as she snagged the ball from a Spartan defender who was unable to clear it and fired home a 22-yard shot to the upper left hand corner of the net for the 4-0 lead. The final tally came with just over nine minutes left in the contest when McHugh fired a shot that hit the crosshar and bounced back to junior Rachel Yaggi. Yaggi didn't hesitate as she registered the final goal of the game for the 5-0

Senior Kiki Hilmer earned her third shutout of the season with two Northville climbed to 4-

Plymouth 3,

1 on the season with the victory while Stevenson

Northville 0

Northville's first loss of the season came to a veteran Plymouth Wildcats squad last week in front

With temperatures dipping to around 37 degrees and constant wind and rain, the field conditions were better suited for a rugby match than a soc**ON TAP** The Northville Mus-

tangs girls soccer team will be back on the pitch when they visit Salem today at 7 p.m. before hosting Novi Tuesday at 7 p.m. The team will then play next Thursday at 7 p.m. at South Lyon.

cer game, but both teams pushed on and the outcome favored the tough Wildcats squad.

Plymouth scored seven minutes into the game with a line-drive shot past sophomore goalie Emily Maresh and added a second goal with 10 minutes left in the first half on a give-and-go pass play just outside the Northville penalty box that gave them a 2-0 lead heading

into the half. Plymouth scored their final goal on a shot to the far post of the goal outside of the reach of Northville's goalie to secure the 3-0 final score

"We played arguably the best team in the state tonight," Brucker said. They are a veteran team and executed well. We had some good moments but need to continue to work on communication and support both defensively on the field and when we possess the ball."

Northville had several

The Hornets, who had

few scoring chances

for most of the second

scoring opportunities, but the Plymouth goalie, said challenge. Brucker noted Guibord and Alexis Mencotti both had strong performances in the contest, despite the loss.

Northville 2, Canton 0

The Mustangs used the strong play of their defense and a good showing by Hilmer in goal to earn a shutout against the often-powerful Canton

"(This was) a great effort tonight from the had solid defensive play and control a lot of the middle of the field. We generated some nice scoring opportunities in

the second half." Northville tallied their first score at the 34-minute mark in the first half as junior Gabby Mencotti snagged a pass from the man Kacev Cerretani and fired it to the far post for the 1-0 lead.

It took another 34 min utes before the Mustangs would strike again this time off the foot of Bush, who received a short-floated pass from box and fired it home for the 2-0 score.

Novi tennis team sweeps S.L. East

The Novi girls tennis team opened the season on April 9 on the road against an experienced South Lyon East team. But even experience couldn't handle the talented Wildcats as Novi

netted a 7-0 victory. The top three singles players for Novi were dominant in their season debut. Senior Caitlin O'Brien won 6-0. 6-2 over Erin Blackledge at No. 1 singles; junior Amy Zhou won 6-0, 6-0 over Rosemary Hyrila at No. 2 singles; and sophomore Dhivya Sridar won 6-0, 6-1 over Christine Appi celli at No. 3 singles.

senior Abigail Swain won 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 over Kayla Marquardt in the only three sets.

Novi's No. 1 doubles team of junior Harika Bollineni and freshman Allison Lollo won 6-2, 6-1; the No. 2 doubles team of seniors Melisa Bunio and Melanie Murphy won 6-

1, 6-1; the No. 3 doubles team of sophomore Shaki la Khan and senior Prasanti Ravipati won 6-3, 7-6 (2); and the No. 4 doubles team of sophomores Asritha Vinnakota and Minu

At No. 5 doubles, junior Navva Devarasetty and won 7-5, 6-3.

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we did that and saw a lot of good things." He certainly saw plenty of good things from

who dominated the mid-

Erin Dircks, who didn't seem to mind the chilly ing stop in the final minute on a shot by Melisweather. The senior for ward was on fire all afternoon for the visiting Wildcats, scoring three of Novi's four

With 37:15 left in the first half, Taylor Pavnlaced corner kick that Dircks placed in the back of the net to give Novi a 1-0 lead. Just seven minutes

a nice through-ball to Chloe Allen, who beat Saline goalie Hannah Sheth to make it 2-0. Sheth made a couple of nice saves later in the half, including a div

dle of the field all day

long for Novi, delivered

sa Needham, to keep the score at 2-0 at the break. The Wildcats struck on a goal by Dircks with another assist from Pav-

At the 22:15 mark of the second half. Dircks scored again off a nice cross from Kendall Kramer to give Novi a 4-0 lead. Caterina Nus-

sio picked up the assist

on the goal.

half, finally got on the Sovitch scored on a penalty kick with 3:32 left in the game. The Horsure on the Wildcats in the middle, just in front of keeper Jade Antolec when the penalty was

Antolec, who played solid in net all day, got a hand on the shot but the ball deflected off the

crossbar and into the net to cut the lead to 4-1 With 2.7 seconds left in the game, Saline's Taylor Mulder scored on a breakaway. Again Antolec was able to get a hand on the ball but

Mulder followed up the first shot by delivering the rebound into the back of the net Saline coach Dana Restrick wasn't pleased with the final score, but did see plenty of positives from a team miss ing four players.

"I thought we had a really good first half besides the goals. We the back at times and that's what hurt us. Oth erwise, I'm happy with the way we played," said Restick. "We have some new faces along the back line and that showed (Saturday)," too good a team to make those kinds of mis-



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Wildcats drop opener, but down Anderson in nightcap

The first time the Novi softball team stepped out side was in a game last Monday against visiting Southgate Anderson. And the lack of practice time showed as Anderson took the first game of a double-header 10-0. But the Wildcats bounced back with an impressive 9-6 win in the second game.

"I don't want to make excuses, but we have no practiced outside yet and we just returned back from Easter Break so even though we played sloppy at times we did do a number of good things, with the way we hit the ball in the second game. The girls played very hard. Now that we are able to practice outside I think we will be able to

work on game situations and do things we were not Laura Oakley had the only Novi hit in the first game. Novi did get three walks including two by Jenna Lowney. Kailey Wildcats. Oppat had the other walk

hits and three walks nine hits and three walks

BASEBALL Continued from page B1

gled offensively, I thought we had good at bats and put the ball in play, only striking out two times," said Kostrzewa. "We also

ran the bases very well, taking the extra base when possible." In the second game. Evan Flohr pitched four complete innings of the shortened contest to earn the win.

ON TAP

The Novi softball team played yesterday at Northville. The Wildcats play at 4 p.n on Monday at Plymouth and play two on Wednesday starting at 4 p.m. at home against South Lyon East, They host Canton at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 25.

Novi in the opener. The Wildcats had four throwing errors and three field-Novi played a much bet-

ter game in the nightcap as they pounded out 14 hits and scored nine runs. Sam Troher had three hits including a double with two RBI; Kasey Lowney had two singles. a walk and an RBI; and Casey Lawler had a single, double and two RBI.

Mallory Daschke, Laura Oakley, Miranda Hanby, Lola Teran. Anna Greulich, Christina Oakley and Kailey Oppat had one hit apiece for the

Daschke gave up six while striking out four

He gave up an early with three seconds left and then settled down striking out four and for a shooting-space foul walking one.

"Offensively we made several base run ning mistakes that cost us opportunities to score early on, but overall it was a good way to start the sea son," Kostrzewa said "We pitched well and played good defense all day and that is what we try to stress and it showed in their play."

Northville girls lacrosse team splits two games

The Mustangs took the

tied it and went ahead with

lead at 11:26 on a shot by

MacDonald, 3-2, but Nov

four straight-goals over

one minute of play with

scores coming with 10:31

left in the first half, 10:03,

9:50 and 9:29 to give the

Wildcats a 6-3 advantage

Northville was forced to

collect itself and then went

on the march, answering

Novi's onslaught with sev-

eral goals of their own as

minutes left in the first to

make it a 6-4 game before

Alivia DuQuet scored less

Rylee Donovan to make it

Novi struck again, how-

ever, taking the lead once

minutes left in the half.

but a push on the offensiv

in the waning moments of

the half as Northville once

again tied the game, this

shot from Vogel with just

11 seconds on the clock to

time off a free-position

Northville struck

first in the second half.

scoring on a shot from

Vogel, but the goal was answered by Novi less

than a minute later for

an 8-8 contest. Novi then

took the lead with 15 min

by MacDonald tying it

tion score and another

goal from Novi that put

them up, 11-10, with 7:25

remaining before North

ville came back to earn

the last-minute victory.

side of the field paid off

than two minutes later,

followed by a goal from

Grace Guibord tallied at

By Sam Egglestor

The Northville girls lacrosse team last week added another victory to their record to keep their season running at highoctane levels. So much so, that the first loss of the season against Saline a few days later only solidified their drive this season.

The squad came out ast week and collected a close 12-11 victory over cross-town rival Novi before heading to Saline and falling to a very tough Hornets squad, 9-7.

The game against Novi proved to be a true challenge for the enthusiastic Mustangs, and the two teams came out of the opening half tied, 7-7, and pushed each other every step of the way until the final seconds remained. Northville led, 12-11, and won the final face-off of the contest and looked to run out the clock. The Wildcats, however, pressured,

causing a turnover and charged into the Northville defensive zone with second remaining the contest. Northville's defense reacted, doubling down on the ball carrier, but a whistle from the officials

vithin eight meters gave Novi a free shot. The fans were on their feet and both teams could only watch as Northville goalie Kali Maisano, a senior, and a Novi attack tare one another down. Maisano, who faced five free position shots on the night, watched as the attack drew back and fired. Maisano stepped in ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team will compete again when they visit Kettering tomorrow at 7 p.m On Monday they will visit Canton before host ing Salem Wednesday at

ing it wide and sealed the victory for the Mustangs, who had taken the lead just 85 seconds before. With 1:28 left in the contest, Northville and Novi

were knotted up, 11-11, following a goal a minute and a half earlier by Mustangs' sharpshooter Claire Beaudoin. The contest was getting phys ical, which was expected between the rival teams. but Novi got a little too chippy with just under 90 seconds left in the contest and giving the Mustangs a free position shot. Northville sent Beau-

doin out for the shot, and

she buried it to give her

squad the lead and the

victory, 12-11.

In the first half of the game, the Mustangs fell behind almost immediately, 1-0, when the Novi team raced down the field and put the first score on the board at the 22 minute mark of the first half. From that point on, it turned into a back-andforth affair, with Northville tying the game nearly five minutes later on a shot by Erica MacDonald, who was assisted by Erin Vogel. Novi went up again a minute later, 2-1, and it took two more minutes

before a shot by Beau-

doin knotted the game up

Northville's first loss

online at hometownlife.com

of the season was truly a tale of two halves as Saline marched out to in the first half before Northville dominated the second half but couldn't muster enough points to secure the victory. In the first half of the contest, Northville came out with the opening goal off the stick of MacDonald before Saline scored five unanswered goals to slide out to a 5-1 lead. Northville did tally anoth er goal from MacDonald with 1:26 left before the half to make it a 5-2 con-

In the second half, Northville scored five goals and held Saline to iust four, but couldn't get enough traction to get the win. Saline opened the half with a goal at the 21:11 mark, and Northville answered with two goals from DuQuet and Vogel to cut into the Saline advantage, 6-4. Saline notched another goal with 13:36 left in the game and Northville scored three minutes later off a shot by Vogel to

'Stang boys earn two wins

make it a 7-5 contest.

utes remaining, followed The Northville Musfor Northville at the 12:25 tangs boys lacrosse team picked up two wins and mark. Northville took the lead again a minute later off Vogel's stick and then The team, coached by Greg Durham, toppled fell behind on a free-posithe Howell Highlanders, 13-8, and defeated the Walled Lake Northern Knights, 16-10. Northville also fell, 13-

7. to Holt last week

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tion Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs released in 2012 the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at www.nfpacatalog.org/

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which includ-

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unintentional activations and functions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection

and a former fire chief. This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is appar ent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ's) in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assess-



and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as sin gle-family dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a signifresponders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmensen, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for a difference in local communi-

alarms within dwelling units.

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and the United States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collabo-

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in fire, electrical, building, and

Heed concerns, threats

By Robert Meisne

Or I recently heard about someone who was actually shot and killed while being a board president of a condominium. Do you have A: Mahmoud Yousef Hindi, a doctor

accused of fatally shooting two board members of the Spring Creek Homeowners Association in Louisville, Ky., is now being held in iail without bond Prosecutors are seeking



Robert Meisner

meeting board president Meritt and board member Marvin Fisher. According to police frustrated over several

battles with association leaders. He is quoted made the killer in me. I had to do it." "Those are not human beings, those are actually bigtime racists." Hindi has since pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder and multiple counts of first-degree wanton endangerment This underscores the and anger in condominiums can result in the ultimate price being paid by those who are willing to serve and that no

taken lightly. Q: We have a person in our ondominium that leaves food and water out for feral cats. The cats are a nuisance and we want them to leave. How can we keep

complaint should be

residents from feeding them? A: If these feral cats and they are not spayed or neutered, the stray cat population in your association can explode Associations can expect good Samaritan residents to attempt to care for stray animals. Most people don't want to see animals starving and suffering, which is why feeding bans are not effective ways to control homeless cat populations. Moreover, in my experience, Associations don't always have the tools to stop residents from feeding the strays either. I counsel Association clients, however, to consider trap, neuter and return (TNR) programs to control nuisance homeless cats. Associations perceived cruel rules regarding homeless cats, however, risk becoming the targets of community outrage and animal rights groups. You may wish to reach out to your local animal control agency to discuss the feasibility of TNR in

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		39874 Woodale Way	\$166,000	NORTHVILLE		17150 Garfield	\$33,000
and sales prices.		GARDEN CITY		17877 Briar Ridge Ln	\$708,000	14215 Marshall Dr	\$200,000
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Comparisons between job hunting and dating are common, and never are they more true than when it comes to the follow-up. After a date, you want to let the other person know you're interested, but you don't want to appear desperate. Plus, you don't want to feel foolish if he or she had no intention of contacting you again. On the other hand, what if he or she is waiting for you to make the call and if you don't, you'll miss out on a great

romance? So many questions and no definite answers to any of them. Ultimately you have to use your judgment and hope for the best outcome possible.

Following up after a job interview is similar. As if you weren't nervous enough, you end up asking yourself a dozen questions and imagining hypothetical situations. "If I follow up now, do I seem desperate? If I wait too long, will they think I'm lazy? What if I'm the frontrunner but I bug them and they cross my name off the list? What if I'm tied with someone and my initiative gives me the edge?'

As with dating, job hunts don't have rules set in stone. At best, you can do what feels right and see what happens.

Here are three possible methods for following up with an employer and ways to know

if you've crossed the line from eager to annoying.

1. The thank-you note is necessary after an interview, and no job seeker can afford to forgo it. Thank-you notes tell hiring managers that you respect their time. They have packed schedules and can afford to spend time interviewing only a select group of applicants, so your note acknowledges how grateful you are to

note on the same day of the interview shows that you are courteous and don't dawdle. For most employers, an e-mail is an acceptable form of thanks because e-mail is a part of everyday business life and arrives quickly. A handwritten letter can be sent as a supplement to the e-mail if you want to stress your gratitude or you know the nterviewer is old-fashioned.

Overkill: If you're going to follow up with a letter after your follow-up letter, think again. You already said thank you, so what else do you need to say? Both you and the hiring manager know that another letter is your way of asking, "Did I get the job?" Don't clog the hiring manager's inbox with more notes unless you want to be thought of as a pest.

ing and not the right move in every job situation. In fact, many job postings specifically

Appropriate: An e-mailed state, "No phone calls," Unless you're feeling brave, you might want to skip it. Appropriate: Unless you were

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offender. If the company wants you, it probably won't forget to

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specifically instructed not to call the hiring manager or another contact, you can make the call after an appropriate amount of time has passed. In this case, if you were given a deadline for when a decision would be made, let it pass and wait a few extra days and then make the call. Just once (unless instructed to call back).

of the easiest ways to sabotage your image. Call once, when appropriate, and don't call again unless you've been told to. Phone calls are a nuisance in a way that letters and e-mails aren't. You can decline to open message or just read it and ignore it. A phone call is harder to ignore if it requires the hiring manager to screen his or her

Overkill: The phone call is one you are invited, showing up in person is very inappropriate. This follow-up is one case too much.

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3. The pop-in causes you anxiety when your in-laws do

people who you might not like very much anyway. Don't do that to an employer if you want to be considered for a job. Appropriate: Stopping by to visit the company is rarely acceptable. Unless you have an explicit indication that you're welcome to show up uninvited, which would actually imply that

where once is almost certainly Overkill: When you show up and the hiring manager or receptionist gives you a look that says, "Why are you here?" you'll

know you've crossed a line. Em-

schedules, meetings, clients and tasks. By showing up unannounced, you not only disrupt their routine but also imply that you are more important than their obligations and deserve

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their immediate attention.

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of these rules and impressed the hiring manager by his or her audacity. Perhaps going against etiquette will work. Just be aware that you're risking your professional reputation and could be removing yourself from the running for a job where you were once a top

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