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## Atrium to feature artwork

For the second time, the city of Novi is partnering with Cassell and Associates to help bring awareness to survivors of traumatic brain injuries by showcasing their artwork in the Novi Civic Center Atrium, Wednesday, Feb. 19, through Tuesday, March 25. Proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

The clients of Cassell and Associates, whose work helps brain injury survivors, were inspired by Michigan's many iconic landscapes, architectural landmarks and wild-life species while creating "Made in the Mitten" themed works of art. Twenty-seven artists will be featured in the exhibit, including avid outdoorsman named Donald, who was inspired to create his pieces by his love for his home state and the freedom he feels when he's in Michigan's great outdoors.

For more information about the show, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400.

# City mulls land acquisitions

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The city of Novi is looking to increase its property holdings and possibly improve its infrastructure.

City Council members came out of a nearly hour-long closed session at the Feb. 3 meeting to direct city staff to pursue two

purchase agreements, one for a property at 12 Mile and West Park roads and another on 11 Mile.

According to Victor Cardenas, interim city manager, both could involve the city adding to its current facilities and/or infrastructure.

Council authorized Tom Schultz, city attorney, to prepare

a proposed purchase agreement for the property at the corner of 12 Mile and West Park roads, upon the terms and conditions discussed in closed session.

This will be brought back to council for final approval at a later meeting if a tentative agreement can be reached.

Cardenas said it's the city's hope this location could be part

of the footprint to house the future water storage facility it wants to build in the next several years.

This particular property is close to the nearby booster station. This proximity, Cardenas said, is a big reason for this proposal, especially when con-

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Jennifer Lis, owner of Lis Art Conservation and Restoration in Novi, takes a look at a painting that her company is working on restoring and repairing. The oil painting has a hole in its canvas and many cracks where paint has peeled away from the surface.

## Six Novi businesses receive recognition

Toast of the Town gala set for Feb. 28

By **Cal Stone**  
Staff Writer

Six Novi businesses will be officially recognized Feb. 28 at the Toast of the Town gala at the Baronette Renaissance hotel.

The awards, given by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Rotary and the city of Novi, were in two divisions – small (50 or less employees) and large (more than 50 employees) – with three categories in each. The winners are:

**Community Builder:** Tyler Dumas Reyes Specialists in Orthodontics (small) and Michigan CAT (large). Businesses which partner with others to enhance the Novi community. Partnerships could include involvement with nonprofit organizations, schools, service clubs, the city of Novi or other organizations and associations that further business interest.

**Best Place To Work:** Red Level Networks (small) and Sidock Group, Inc. (large). Businesses which create an optimal working environment for their employees. Examples could include businesses that have taken efforts to create a pleasant work environment, innovation or career advancement.

**Customer Service Excellence:** Yarmak & Co. CPA (small) and Varsity Lincoln (large). Businesses which demonstrate a commitment to excel in all areas of customer service to ensure customer satisfaction. Company attributes could include the ability to interact effectively with customers and exceed expectations on a continuous basis or a passion that runs through the company to address customer service.

Businesses were only eligible to win in one category. A committee of community representatives reviewed all the nominations and selected the winners.

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# Art restoration is her passion, life work

By **Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

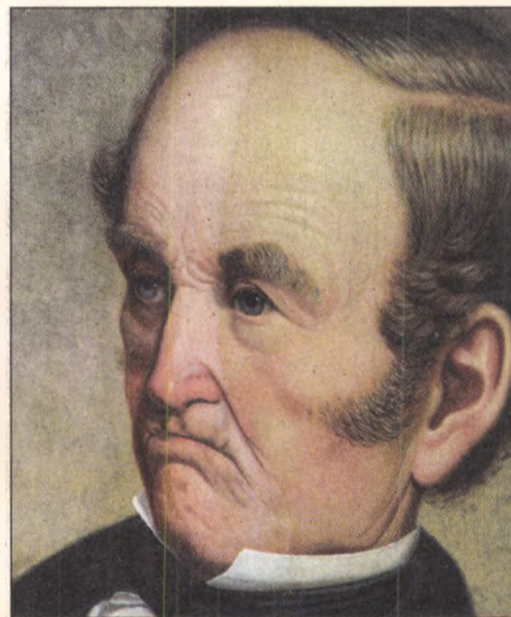
The new movie *The Monuments Men* shows heroes of World War II who protected and preserved artwork for the Allies. Jennifer Lis is too young to have been part of that proud history, but shares their tradition.

Lis grew up in Farmington Hills and graduated from Mercy High School in 1996. The Novi resident studied fine arts and art history as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

"I was doing some research and found out about art restoration," said Lis, 35, who now owns Lis Art Conservation & Restoration Services on Grand River in Novi.

She returned to school at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, for her master's degree. Lis noted Queens is one of only four universities teaching art restoration in North America.

She needed to learn chemistry, including how solvents work, for restoration. A fellowship in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Internu-



An oil portrait shows an in progress cleaning operation, from left to right, at List Art Conservation in Novi. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Each winner will now receive:

» A business article in *Novi Today*, the official quarterly publication of the city of Novi. This publication goes out to 27,000 residence and

businesses in Novi.

» A profile in the Novi Chamber of Commerce News e-blast.

» Recognition in the city of Novi e-biz monthly online newsletter to more than 3,000 recipients.

» An award at the Novi Chamber of Commerce Toast of the Town gala Feb. 28 at the Bar-

onette.

"The gala is one of our signature events," chamber executive director Sheryl Romzek said, "along with our golf outing, business and taste expo and dinner tour."

The event, open to the public, begins at 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by Walsh College. Tickets include dinner, a live band, a live auction and raffle, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, a drink ticket and the awards ceremony. The cost is \$70 each or \$500 for a table of eight.

Romzek said she'd like to have all the ticket requests in by Feb. 26 and said to call the chamber at 248-349-3743 or visit [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) to purchase.

"Last year we had 165," she said, "so I'm hoping we have close to 200."

The chamber has been designating a charity organization each year to receive a portion of the proceeds from its Toast of the Town event (last year it was the Michigan American Red Cross). This year, it's the

**ABOUT THE PELICAN FOUNDATION**

Based in Novi, the Pelican Foundation's motto is "Changing Lives - One Project at a Time." Since forming in 2008, the foundation has been dedicated to delivering life-



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enriching services and needed funds that build better futures for people of southeast Michigan.

It has evolved into a leader of programs to support the needs of disabled, critically ill and disadvantaged people without proper access or coverage by insurance, hospital services or government agencies.

The foundation is led by an enthusiastic group of business and community leaders who donate time, resources and energy to positively impact the lives of people in need across its communities.

The current project focuses on Breanna Strange, who has a rare neuro-muscular disorder called dystonia. It is a neurological movement disorder characterized by involuntary muscle contractions, which force certain parts of the body into abnormal, sometimes painful, movements or postures.

The mission of this project is to make her Lyon Township home more accessible for day-to-day living.

For more information on The Pelican Foundation, visit <http://www.pelicanfoundation.com> or call 734-644-9692.

Pelican Foundation.

"They're just thrilled," Romzek said. "I think they're more thrilled about creating

awareness than the monetary donation."

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**LAND**

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sidering the underground piping needed to connect to the booster station.

"This would get us closer to the booster station and therefore could lessen the construction costs," Cardenas said.

Council members then authorized the staff to present an offer of purchase for the property at 42400 W. 11 Mile for the price of \$100,000. This property is near the city's Public Services building. It's zoned light industrial and is vacant.

"We would keep our options open with this one, but it could end up being a location for another city facility," Cardenas said.

He indicated it would either be part of the DPS site or something related to the city's storm water system.

These matters may go before council Feb. 18 for the next steps.

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nated films at Emagine Novi. First winner will be selected no later than Feb. 14 to see movies playing Feb. 14-20 (*American Hustle*, *Gravity*, *Captain Phillips*, *Dallas Buyers Club* and *Her*). The second winner will be selected by Feb. 19 for movies playing Feb. 21-27 (*Wolf of Wall Street*, *Nebraska*, *12 Years a Slave* and *Philomena*).

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The seven contest categories are:

» **Best Picture:** *American Hustle*, *Nebraska*, *Captain Phillips*, *Philomena*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *12 Years a Slave*, *Gravity* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actor in a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and

Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actress in a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor in a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, Bradley Cooper in *American Hustle*, Jared Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave*.

» **Best Actress in a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in

*Nebraska*.

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods*, *Frozen*, *Despicable Me 2*, *The Wind Rises* and *Ernest & Celestine*.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuarón for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing*, *Cutie and the Boxer*, *Dirty Wars*, *The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

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# New residential development targets west Novi

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
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A new residential development will be going in with 41 single-family units as part of the plan at the northwest corner of Garfield and Eight Mile roads.

The Novi City Council approved a Residential Unit Development Plan and Agreement with Singh Development for its Ballantyne project that will be located on nearly 51 acres.

Cliff Seiber, with Sieber-Keast Engineering, represented Singh Development Co. He said it is proposing a 41-unit site condominium as part of an RUD.

Lots are planned to range from approximately a minimum size of 21,780 square feet

to a maximum size of 44,045 square feet.

"It provides for a variety of lot sizes; 10 percent of those lots are measuring one acre or larger," Seiber said at the the planning commission's meeting last month. "Also, we're having 35.7 percent of the site be open."

Kristen Korotuen, of the nearby Deer Run neighborhood, said during the public hearing portion that she objected to the proposal because it is in a watershed area.

"We've already built on one side of the road where Tuscany has done their extension and now we're building on the other side of the road. I'm just wondering, what does a watershed mean if we keep building on it?" she said.

"We've lived there for over

three years now. There is a lot of wildlife there. We love it there because of the wildlife. That's our main reason for the objection."

She was also concerned about the impact on vehicle traffic in the area.

The city said the plan does provide for adequate means of disposing of sanitary sewage, disposing of storm water drainage and supplying the development with water.

City planners were also satisfied that the traffic circulation, sidewalk and crosswalk features and improvements for within the site have been designed to assure the safety and convenience of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, both within the site and in relation to the access street.

According to Novi planner

Kristen Kapelanski, there is a small area of regulated wetlands on the north portion of the site that will be preserved.

"Yes, there is a pocket of wetlands on that site, but we're not touching it," Seiber said. "It would have been much easier to locate the storm water basin there, but it would have wiped out the wetlands quality. So we are leaving that alone."

Ultimately, an approval recommendation came from Novi's planning staff's because, "this preservation of additional common open space is a valuable benefit in the use of the Residential Unit Development ordinance in this instance and the flexibility that is being offered clearly outweighs any impact presented by the RUD plan."

There is also a pathway and sidewalk network planned, as well as a number of added landscape features, such as trees being put in.

The RUD allows flexibility in the plan. According to Novi's Community Development department, this flexibility is intended to reduce the visual intensity of development; provide privacy; protect natural resources from intrusion, pollution or impairment; protect locally important animal and plant habitats; preserve lands of unique scenic, historic or geologic value; provide private neighborhood recreation; and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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## City starts Clearzoning initiative

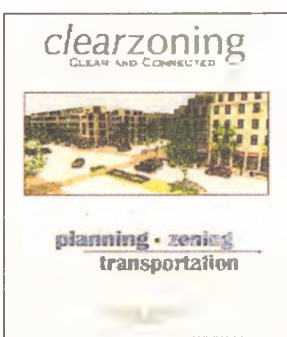
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It reduces the amount of paper used by the city of Novi and makes it easier for developers and residents to understand local zoning.

Undertaken by Novi's Planning Department, the Clearzoning project aims to make things easier for all users through a process to reformat the city's existing zoning ordinance. The intent is to not make any substantive changes, but rather modernize its user friendliness.

According to Barb McBeth, Novi's deputy community development director, the reformatted code replaces traditional text, charts and graphs by consolidating text, adding graphics, reducing bulk and clarifying regulations.

"The end result," she said, "is a PDF file providing hyper-linked text references using Adobe Acrobat Reader that will serve the development



community, the planning commission and city council and the city's staff and consultants in reading and applying the zoning ordinance."

There are a variety of advantages to doing this, such as current inconsistencies in ordinance language being identified and addressed.

"Benefits of the new formatting are a reduction in paper, a better understanding of the zoning code by all users, enhancement of economic development and less time for staff to answer zoning questions," McBeth said. "Another improvement is that the

zoning map will also be provided as a part of the zoning ordinance, with an easy click on any property to access the development regulations for each district."

For residents, this will help with things like understanding zoning districts and what's needed to build a setback on their property.

Ultimately, it's a time and money saver.

McBeth said communities the size of Novi can have ordinances that are 300 pages long, which typically include: a definitions section; descriptions of uses; permitted uses in each district; standards for parking; landscaping standards; building height and setback; procedures for development review and approval; and enforcement standards, among other sections.

Once city council approves it, users will be able to access it through the city's web page, which should be in place before spring.

## Cardenas named Novi's interim city manager

Beginning Feb. 28, Novi Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas will serve as interim city manager following the resignation of Clay J. Pearson.



Cardenas

Since joining the city of Novi in 2010, Cardenas has led numerous cross-departmental project teams in the areas of information technology, finance and purchasing, facilities and human resources. Additionally, he has focused his efforts on energy efficiency and

sustainability practices. Cardenas is responsible for the city's Capital Improvement Program and served as the interim finance director from August 2013 through January 2014.

Prior to working in Novi, Cardenas served as the assistant to the city manager in Oak Park and village manager for Brooklyn, Mich.. With a focus on lifelong learning, Cardenas is actively involved in the Michigan Local Government Manager's Association and serves on the International City/County Management Association's International and Confer-

ence Planning committees. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and holds a master of public affairs degree from Indiana University.

City council voted to offer the interim position to Cardenas at its Feb. 3 council meeting. The city will conduct an extensive nationwide search for city manager candidates and is currently seeking firms to assist in executing the search.

Pearson announced his resignation Jan. 28, and he will assume the city manager position in Pearland, Texas, in March.

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## Walled Lake names top teachers

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District announced its 2013-14 teachers of the year: Cathy Russel from Wixom Elementary, Erin Main from Clifford Smart Middle School and Whisper Andrusiak from Walled Lake Northern High School.

"Walled Lake Schools' professional educators are second to none," Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said. "They put children first, differentiate their instruction, use technology and other tools to ensure students are engaged in learning, communicate with students and parents so they know what is happening in our classrooms and so much more. Walled Lake Schools' philosophy is 'Every child, every day' and our 2013-14 teachers of the year know their students and deliver instruction to help each of them succeed."

In their nomination essays, the winners wrote:

» Russel - "One of the reasons I teach is so that I can bring the world to my students in the classroom. When I can teach them about real world things and relate it to their lives, my students come alive with interest and excitement in the classroom."

» Main - "I have learned in order to teach a child, he or she must know I care. I aspire to reach every child, every day, to make sure each student is healthy, supported and engaged. It is these relationships that allows all students to feel safe enough to take risks in



Shown (from left) are state Rep. Klint Kesto, Whisper Andrusiak, Erin Main, Catherine Russel and Walled Lake Superintendent Ken Gutman.

my classroom, overcome obstacles and reach their potential."

» Andrusiak - "In teaching there is joy, excitement and adventure at the start of every day. I gain as much or more from interacting with all of my students as they do from being in my classroom. Each student that I work with challenges me to think bigger, to expand my heart more, and to open myself further to new ideas. It really is my intrinsic desire to learn and connect with others that keeps me teaching."

Each of the district's 19 schools selects a teacher of the year for their school. The district then selects an one teacher from the elementary, middle and high school levels. Those three are submitted to

Oakland Schools for the county teacher of the year awards for all three levels.

Walled Lake's 2013-14 teacher of the year recipients are: Michelle Bison, Commerce; Lorna Brooks, Dublin; Carol White, Glengary; Robert Osborne, MH Guest, Jennifer Weckstein, Hickory Woods; Heather Gartrell, Keith; Sheryl Nienhaus, Loon Lake; Deborah Eber, Meadowbrook; Roxanne Moses, Oakley Park; Sallie Wilds, Pleasant Lake; Amy Flowers, Walled Lake El.; Catherine Russel, Wixom; Heidi McComas, Sarah Banks; Lynnette Van Ameyde, Walnut Creek; Cyrena Keating, Geisler; Erin Main, Clifford Smart; David Rogers, W.L. Central; Whisper Andrusiak, W.L. Northern; and Elizabeth Chuba, W.L. Western.

## NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Fight tech crime

The Novi High School SADD Club will present Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper in a discussion on technology and social media crimes at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the school auditorium for students, parents/guardians, educators, community members - anyone with an electronic device.

### Kroger offering Black History Month Contest

In recognition of Black History Month, Kroger will focus on the historical heroes and encourage students to dream and achieve during Kroger's seventh annual "I Can Make History" contest where students can win scholarships and other prizes totaling more than \$71,000. The contest runs through Feb. 28 and is open to fourth-through 12th-grade students enrolled in Michigan schools. Students may access contest forms and details at [www.icanmakehistory.com](http://www.icanmakehistory.com).

### Bentivolio announces academy nominees

Congressman Kerry Bentivolio announced the nomination of 29 applicants to the prestigious United States military service academies. Hailing from municipalities all across Michigan's 11th District, which contains portions of Oakland and Wayne counties, these young people will be competing to become the future leadership of our

nation's armed forces, spending at least 10 years of their lives serving our country as a military officer.

The following local students are included: U.S. Military Academy - Gabrielle DeLeon, Novi High School; U.S. Naval Academy - Collin Berenguer, Novi High School; Maxwell Thompson, Walled Lake Central High School; and Noah Triplett, Novi High School; U.S. Air Force Academy - Jason Kyles, Detroit Catholic Central High School; Tanner Vincent, Novi High School; Nicholas Oakley, Novi High School; and Ian Franz, Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Any student who wishes to be considered for admission by a U.S. service academy must be nominated by a United States congressman, senator or the vice president. In order to receive one of Bentivolio's nominations, each applicant was required to submit an extensive qualifications packet detailing their academic and extracurricular achievements. They were then interviewed and evaluated by a Board of Review consisting of local Michigan veterans and former military academy graduates. The 29 individuals who endured this intense scrutiny received nominations and have had their names submitted for consideration to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Military Academy.

## ON CAMPUS

### Missouri University of Science & Technology

Kyle Andrew Gassel of Novi, a junior in electrical engineering, has been named to the honor list for the fall semester. Honor list recipients must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0

Jason Matthew Gassel of

Novi graduated during commencement ceremonies held in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building on campus. Gassel earned a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering magna cum laude.

### University of Alabama

Ashley Vaughan, Novi High School Class of 2013, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. She is major-

ing in chemical engineering and is enrolled in the university's Honors College.

### Butler University

Alexander Borrello, a theater major and a resident of Novi, is on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2013-14 academic year. Students who carry at least 12 academic hours in a given semester are eligible.

### Penn State

Addison Notarantonio of Novi was named to the Dean's List for the fall term. She is studying liberal arts. Students must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average to be added to the Dean's List.

### Wake Forest University

Kasey Gardiner from Novi was named to the fall 2013

Dean's List. Students who achieve a 3.4 and no grade below a C were named to the list.

### University of Dayton

Hilary Agoston, of Novi, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester. To qualify, an undergraduate degree-seeking student must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA for that semester.

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# Don't fire teachers, support them

On Sunday, Feb. 9, the Detroit Pistons fired their coach. Mo Cheeks was hired last June with fanfare and adulation. Several months and 50 games, later he is done.

Pistons owner Tom Gores said simply, "Our record does not reflect our talent and we simply need a change." Results matter. Yet this seems a little premature.

Gores, the owner, fired Cheeks. As it should be; he hired Cheeks. Just last summer, Gores said, "After spending some time with Maurice, I was very impressed, not only with his basketball knowledge, but his communication and leadership skills."

Yet now, Gores clearly is no longer impressed. Gores did not say anything about his own lack of performance.

And so it goes. Those that are hired are fired. Those that hire basically say it's not their fault.

Teachers in Michigan know how that feels.

Michigan's state Legislature has created a teacher evaluation system that requires a "student growth" component. The Legislature put into state law that 25 percent of a teacher's evaluation will be based on student growth. The Legislature did not identify how that 25 percent should be calculated.

An elementary teacher teaches, at a minimum, five subjects - math, reading, writing, social studies and science. If a student rises in one subject, but falls in another, how will that be calculated in that teacher's evaluation? If a student makes tremendous progress, but started way behind so that by the end of the year the student is still not proficient, will that count against the teacher?

Let's be clear: It is critically important that our students learn.

And teachers are hired to teach students. So it would seem natural that if students do not learn, we could blame the teachers or, in more educationally appropriate terms, hold the teacher accountable. After all, "with our talent ..."

But that's not fair. Oh, certainly, teachers need to be able to demonstrate that students are learning. That is their job - to teach.

But those of us who hire, the superintendents, the school boards, we need to do our part. We need to focus on class size, support, materials, buildings and professional development. Those of us who hold teachers accountable need to make sure that we provide the resources those teachers need to be successful.

We - teachers, students, administrators, community members - are in this together.

We can't fire all the third-grade teachers. It would not be fair. It would not be appropriate.

Instead, we need to listen to the teachers. What do they need to do their job? What is making their job difficult? How can we help?

We need to support teachers, not fire them.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novik12.mi.us.



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

# Banks home



The Banks Historic Home fundraising lunch was held Feb. 8 at Haang's Bistro in Walled Lake. A percentage of proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Banks Historic Home (also known as the Foster farmhouse) in Walled Lake. Pictured (from left) are Darlene Williams, secretary; Ryan Kachnowski, Sarah Banks Middle School student; Cheryl Flammer, president; and Ka Yang, co owner of Haang's Bistro. CURTIS DRÖGMILLER

# SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

## Kids on Campus open house

Celebrating its 35th year, Schoolcraft College's Kids on Campus program will once again provide more than 70 unique camp offerings such as robotics, aviation and aerospace, adventures in medicine, crime detection, gaming design, culinary arts, song writing, art and acting, biz kids, cultural immersion, study skills and academic basics in writing, math and science.

During the Kids on Campus Open House 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, children and parents can meet instructors and staff members and learn more about the various activities that take place during the week-long day camp sessions.

New this summer, the Kids on Campus program adds a fifth week of classes and classes have also been added for preschool children. Registration for Kids on Campus begins Thursday, Feb. 13, for the camps that will run in July and August. For more information, visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/KOC](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/KOC).

## Learn more about Wayne State

Wayne State University, one of the Schoolcraft to U partner universities,

will host an open house at Schoolcraft 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, to share information and raise awareness about the programs that WSU will be offering at Schoolcraft beginning with the fall 2014 semester.

More information about the Schoolcraft to U program, including bachelor and master degree programs being offered through Schoolcraft College, can be found at [www.schoolcraft.edu/SCtoU](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/SCtoU).

## Pageturners focus on 'Gatsby'

Pageturners book discussion club will host three student-led book discussions and a movie screening this month focusing on F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic *The Great Gatsby*.

At 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, students, faculty, staff and the community are welcome to a screening of the 2013 movie *The Great Gatsby* starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Three student-led book discussions will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Bradner Library on the campus in Livonia and at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

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Kahn

Kahn, a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, local cardiologist and the first graduate of the University of South Florida certification in metabolic cardiology, explains holistic heart health and much more in his new book *The Holistic Heart Book*, published by Readers Digest. He covers the scientific basis to prevent and reverse a host of cardiovascular diseases using food, movement, stress management, breath work, energy healing, detoxification and supplements to achieve heart health.

Seminar reservations can be made by calling the Better Health Market at 248-735-8100, online at [www.thebetterhealthstore.com](http://www.thebetterhealthstore.com) or visiting The Better Health Store Facebook page.

CUTCO kitchen party

In recognition of February as American Heart Month, the Novi CUTCO Kitchen store (43215 Grand River,

Suite D) will host a free demo and kitchen party - From Our Heart to Yours - 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. Discover how CUTCO can help you and your family lead a healthy lifestyle while sampling delicious and easy to make heart-healthy recipes.

Space is limited. For more information or to reserve your spot, call 248-679-1538.

Hearts of Hope campaign

During the month of February, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern will seek to help thousands of Michigan families associated with Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan through the organization's annual Hearts for Hope campaign.

To support CLF, Bagger Dave's guests can simply purchase a paper heart pinup for \$1.

The funds raised will go to help the families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders who need financial assistance and emotional support.

Heart, vascular screening

St. John Providence Health's Heart and Vascular Screening Clinic provides a full panel of tests that can identify cardiovascular disease even if you have no symptoms. The comprehensive screening is usually available for \$75, but during National Heart Month, St. John Providence is offering this package of seven simple, non-invasive tests for only \$60 if you call during February to schedule your appointment anytime during the year.

The diagnostic studies include blood work

for cholesterol and diabetes; blood pressure check; electrocardiogram; body mass index; ankle brachial index, which shows how well blood is flowing to the limbs; carotid ultrasound, to show blood flow to the brain; and abdominal aorta ultrasound, to check for aneurysm.

The entire series of tests takes approximately one hour and the results are used to develop an individual coronary risk profile. Shortly after the clinic visit, patients will receive a follow-up mailing with a risk profile and the test results to review with their primary care physician.

The Heart and Vascular Clinic is offered at several facilities, including Novi's Providence Park Hospital. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 866-501-3627.

Fox Run volunteer honoring veterans

Sean Tracy, a volunteer at Novi's Fox Run retirement community, is honoring veterans by building and giving models to veterans of the airplanes, tanks or ships for which they were associated during their military service.

He has been working on the Veterans Model Project for the past four years and has already built more than 150 models. He wants to build and give a free model to every veteran who wants one.

He has spent more than \$6,500 of his own money to-date on paints and supplies. Tracy has built models - each with an average cost of \$50 - for every branch of the military. He needs donations to keep the project going.



Jennifer Lis works at cleaning up an oil painting from the late 1800s at her Novi business.

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ART

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seum Conservation Association followed graduate school, then four years with the Mackinac State Historic Parks.

Her largest task in that four years was the Richard and Jane Manogian Mackinac Art Museum pieces on the island, including Native American artifacts as well as paintings. Lis began to do private work at that time.

People may inherit a piece or wish to have it restored for loved ones. "It gives me a great deal of joy to see how excited they are" when work is restored, she said. "It really is a payoff for me."

She handled a painting a client's great-grandmother did on the Oregon Trail. Another painting is in The Henry Ford collection in Dearborn.

She likes to do her own realistic paintings of botanicals "when I have time, which is rare." Lis discovered it took time to learn the business side, something she now has a handle on.

"Most people don't quite know what it is," she said of art restoration. "Photos are really the easiest way to show people what I do."

They'll then ask her a lot of questions. Lis noted there are few conservators in Michigan: "People have been so happy they've found me."

Work she and her team do includes varnish removal, surface clean-



Lis Art Restoration employee Linnea Nurmi works on cleaning up an antique fan using only cotton swaps and distilled water.

ing, tear repair, paint loss repair, water damage restoration, lining restoration and more.

She doesn't do appraisals and said clients usually visit for sentimental reasons, because work is damaged or they're buyers/sellers in the business.

Lis emphasizes not trying to do restoration yourself, as significant

damage can result. "You want to find someone who's an expert in their field," said Lis, who studied art at Mercy High as well as Notre Dame.

And what about *The Monuments Men* movie? "We think it'll be really informative to people who don't know this field exists," she said.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-23.30

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-23.30 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 22-7, "BEGGING IN PUBLIC PLACES," IN ORDER TO REVISE EXISTING REGULATIONS RELATING TO BEGGING AND TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC PROHIBITION AGAINST AGGRESSIVE BEGGING, AS DEFINED.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 3, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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The Walled Lake Park was a popular destination and opened its doors in the 1920s.

## Edgewater, Walled Lake amusement parks were big attractions back in the day

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Do you remember the Walled Lake or Edgewater amusement parks? If you're of a certain age and lived around here, likely you do.

The Novi Historical Commission will present a "Fun Parks" program on the two amusement parks at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Novi Public Library, on 10 Mile east of Beck.

"It's a real vibrant, fun part of Novi's past," said Roy Prentice, past chair of the historical commission and a volunteer. Kathy Crawford is its current chair.

Novi resident Prentice noted the beach, amusement park and dance pavilion that were in the south end of Walled Lake, drawing many visitors.

"Big-time stars would come in. Stevie Wonder played there," said Prentice, also farm manager for the MSU/Tollgate Farm Center. "It had a lot going on. It had a big roller coaster, the Flying Dragon."

Company picnics and school outings often took place on the Walled Lake property. The dance pavilion was owned separately, he said.

The city of Novi now has the property, for Pavilion Shores Park. "They're incorporating some of the history of the site," Prentice said.

The beachfront portion's use dates back to post-World War I years, but the amusement park part opened Memorial Day 1929. "It got a lot of visitors, a lot of traffic," he said.

The program Feb. 20 will focus on the amusement parks, including Edgewater.

According to the Detroit Historical Society, Edgewater Park at Grand River Avenue and Seven Mile on Detroit's west side opened in 1927. Its 20 acres drew many visitors during the Great Depression and World



Walled Lake's roller coaster was a hit with these visitors.



Walled Lake's amusement park is a vital part of local history.

War II.

Edgewater boasted the "Wild Beast," a 110-foot Ferris wheel, as well as the "Hall of Mirrors." It remained a popular destination in the 1950s and 1960s, but closed in 1981 after years of declining revenue.

According to the Novi News of Dec. 29, 1965, the dance pavilion in Walled Lake burned to the ground that year in a Christmas-night fire. The article noted the site at 13 Mile and Novi roads had hosted a number of big bands in its heyday.

The Walled Lake Amusement Park closed in 1968. Musical acts cited by www.WaterWinterWonderland.com as appearing there include Louis Armstrong, Lawrence Welk and Chuck Berry, with pop stars joining in later years the big band musicians who performed to eager audiences.

Advance registration is needed for the Feb. 20 "Fun Parks" program at

the Novi library by calling 248-349-0720 or visiting the library website, www.novilibrary.org.

Prentice said the owners of Edgewater bought in the 1960s some rides from Walled Lake and moved them to Edgewater. Prentice, born in 1958, was a bit young to visit the Walled Lake park.

He was setting up a display at the Novi library on the parks and a man told him, "That was the first roller coaster I ever rode on," of Walled Lake.

Prentice lived in Ann Arbor and wanted to visit Edgewater when he was younger. "It was a place I always wanted to go but my parents wouldn't let me." He remembers the advertising jingle.

He added the historical commission does five to six programs in a series on local history each year.

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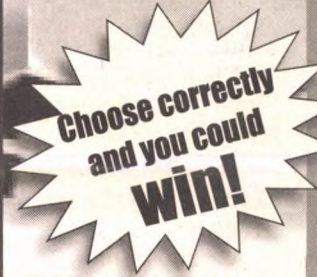
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# Local ordinances can't ban medical marijuana

Court rules that state act takes precedence

By Bill Laitner  
Gannett Michigan

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled Feb. 6 that local officials in Michigan may not ban the use of medical marijuana within their boundaries — a unanimous landmark ruling expected to overturn local ordinances in Livonia, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Lyon Township.

The outcome was hailed by marijuana activists, because if it had gone the other way, there was a chance that the decision would have barred all Michiganders from using marijuana for health purposes. And numerous communities were said to be watching the outcome before considering passage of their own local ordinances.

"This is fabulous news, but it's actually no surprise," said Detroit lawyer Tim Beck, 61, who for years has pushed to relax marijuana laws and has helped organize local ballot proposals in Detroit and Ferndale.

An earlier Michigan Court of Appeals ruling strongly affirmed the right of retired attorney John Ter Beek, a resident of the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming, to use medical cannabis.

But supporters nonetheless were relieved by the new ruling, Beck said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he was disappointed by the ruling.

"As a parent, as a grandparent and now a great-grandparent, in terms of how marijuana can affect young people, I think this is a regrettable step backward," Kirksey said Thursday night.

A handful of Michigan communities have passed bans on medical marijuana that carried serious criminal penalties, including jail time, according to the ACLU of Michigan, which sued to overturn ordinances in Livonia, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Most such ordinances did not mention medical marijuana but instead merely said that any activity illegal under federal law was also illegal in their community — a clear swipe at medical marijuana, ACLU lawyers said.

"Needless to say, we are thrilled" by the ruling, ACLU of Michigan spokeswoman Rana Elmira said.

Those joining forces in the lawsuit to block medical cannabis included the public corporation section of the State Bar of Michigan and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of

## WHERE DOES NOVI STAND?

The following information is from David Molloy, Novi's director of public safety/chief of police:

The city of Novi has a possession of marijuana ordinance that has been in effect since 1992 until present, in the "Offenses" section of the City Code. See Novi Code 22-177. This ordinance deals with marijuana possession, and is not specific to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. The city also has an ordinance provision in the same City Code section that prohibits controlled substance paraphernalia, found at 22-176 of the Novi Code, and that has been in effect since 1979, and is also not specific to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. All related ordinances can be found on our website at cityof-novi.org.



Molloy

The city has also adopted by reference the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, including the provisions related to drunken and drugged driving, found at MCL 257.625, et seq.

The city has not adopted any specific City Code amendments related to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. However, to the extent that the Act does apply in any given situation, the city of Novi does follow and comply with the Act when applying the above-cited provisions.

There are also no specific provisions in the Zoning Ordinance specifically referring to medical marijuana (the city passed no amendments after the Act was put into place); the city will need to evaluate the recent Wyoming case to determine if any amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would be appropriate in light of the decision.

Michigan, both of which argued for nullifying the entire state act allowing medical marijuana — passed into law in 2008 by 63 percent of Michigan voters.

Opposing groups included organizations with widely diverging political trappings — the arch-liberal American Civil Liberties Union of

Michigan and the arch-conservative Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

In Wyoming, a city of about 73,000 residents, Ter Beek sued in 2010 to overturn a medical cannabis ban. Ter Beek is a state-registered user who has diabetes and a painful neurological disorder, according to the lawsuit.

He lost in a local court, won 3-0 in the Michigan Court of Appeals, and, in April, the Michigan Supreme Court granted the City of Wyoming's request to appeal.

Wyoming's ban was matched by an almost identical ordinance in Livonia, which filed a brief siding with Wyoming in the appeal. Ter Beek, who could not be reached Thursday for comment, said in 2012 that he sued because he feared he would be arrested if he grew or used medical marijuana.

"I've tried narcotic-based drugs like Vicodin and OxyContin, and nothing worked like medical marijuana," Ter Beek told the *Free Press* in a 2012 statement. "I just couldn't sit by as our elected officials try to ignore the will of the people and take this option from me and thousands of others."

The Court of Appeals ruling declared Wyoming's ordinance to be pre-empted by Michigan's medical marijuana act. It also said that local governments could not use federal drug laws as grounds for ignoring the state act.

In last Thursday's ruling, written by Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, the Supreme Court held that it was not impossible to comply with both federal drug laws

and Michigan's medical marijuana act, as the City of Wyoming contended. Last year, federal authorities made it plain that they will not block states from easing laws on marijuana for recreational and medical use.

Furthermore, the state's high court held that the city's ordinance directly conflicts with the state medical marijuana act, creating a violation of the way in which Michigan's Constitution separates powers of the state and its municipalities.

In support of the losing arguments, a brief filed by the State Bar of Michigan's public corporation section argued, in bold-face type, that Michigan's medical marijuana act should be voided "in its entirety."

Also arguing in support of local bans on medical marijuana was the Michigan Municipal League, the Lansing-based lobby group for 524 cities, villages and townships across the state, which is funded by taxpayers of Michigan's communities. The organization's brief said that Michigan communities should be free "to zone and regulate their own unique land use activities" in ways that ban medical marijuana.

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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Drunken runoff

A driver was arrested for impaired driving after Novi Police found his vehicle off the road and stuck in the snow.

The accident occurred the evening of Jan. 28 at 12 Mile and Novi roads. Another driver called police and said there was a young male driver off the road. Upon making contact with him, Novi Police reported smelling intoxicants on the driver.

During the field sobriety tests, the driver, who was under 21 years of age, had trouble and stumbled into the snow at one point. His preliminary breathalyzer test registered 0.21 percent. His driver's license was also confiscated.

### UPS package stolen

A Novi resident expected a package Dec. 30 from UPS, but it's still unaccounted for and was probably stolen. The incident hap-

pened on Citation at a residence at the Saddle Creek Apartments. The victim inquired and was told the package had been delivered on the expected date. However, he never saw it.

The residential complex reported other similar thefts around the same time.

### Gaming systems stolen

A man attempted to steal an Xbox 366 and Nintendo gaming sys-

tems from the Kohl's store in Novi.

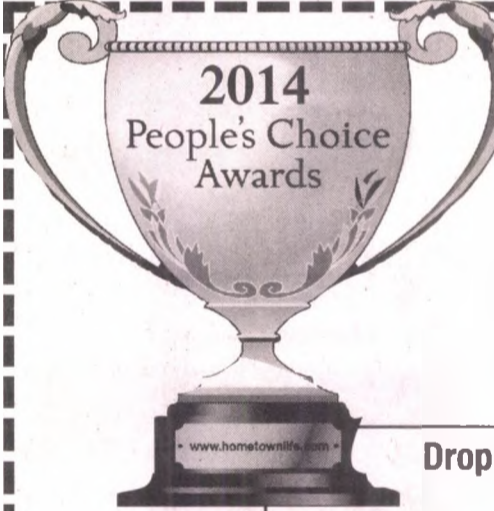
The incident occurred Jan. 18 at the location on West Oaks Drive. The man was spotted on camera by loss prevention trying to take the systems out of the store, but he set them down when the sensors went off. He fled, but a license plate number was taken from the vehicle he got in and police are on the lookout for the suspect.

- By Lonnie Huhman

## No injuries



Novi Police, Fire and Community EMS respond to an accident Feb. 10 along Grand River Avenue near Meadowbrook. The accident involving five cars had no serious injuries, but some fairly extensive damage to a few of the vehicles. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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

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- Best travel agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Best video store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best landscaping business \_\_\_\_\_
- Best health/fitness club \_\_\_\_\_
- Best car wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Best flower shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best garden center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best dance studio \_\_\_\_\_
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- Best apartment complex \_\_\_\_\_
- Best insurance agency \_\_\_\_\_

**All Entries Must Be Received By February 21st**



# Michigan to offer Pink Ribbon license plates for charity

Gov. Rick Snyder has signed Senate Bill 101 which will create a Pink Ribbon license plate in Michigan to raise money for breast and cervical cancer screenings for low-income women.

The governor also signed a companion bill, House Bill 5138 which establishes the fund within the Treasury Department for collecting proceeds from the sale of the license plate.

Members of the Susan G. Komen organization



Gov. Rick Snyder (center) at the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 101.

work to raise funding and awareness of breast

cancer issues and have consistently advocated

for the passage of the legislation to create this license plate.

The funds raised through the sale of the license plate will fund the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program within the Department of Community Health. A proven but underfunded program, the BCCCP provides low-income women throughout Michigan access to life-saving cancer screening services and follow-up care,

including cancer treatment. With these cancers, early detection often makes the difference between life and death, and the services provided by the BCCCP save lives.

Recent budget reductions and federal sequestration have resulted in a combined loss of more than \$1.3 million to the BCCCP budget. Funds raised through the sale of this license plate will help fill this reduction and continue the

vital services that the program provides. The increase in revenue will greatly increase the number of women that this program is able to screen.

Each new license plate design in the state has a \$15,000 start-up cost, and the entirety of this cost has been raised from donations.

The license plate is expected to be available for purchase through the Michigan Secretary of State in late June or July.

# Collaboration removes felons from public assistance programs

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Corrective Services Division, the OCSO's Fugitive Apprehension Team and the Michigan Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General have been collaborating to remove felons from public assistance through information sharing.

The "Jail Match Program," which began in October 2012, has resulted in taxpayer savings of \$1.86 million in Oakland County from October 2012 through December 2013.

The program is a collaboration of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Corrective Services Division, the OCSO's Fugitive Apprehension Team (FAT), and the Michigan Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General. The program's goal is to remove felons from public assistance by sharing information.

The collaboration led to the identification of more than 530 cases since October 2012. The main points of the program include:

» Inmates incarcerated for 30 days or more are no longer eligible for public assistance while incarcerated.

» In accordance with DHS policy, the OCSO's inmate roster is electronically transmitted and cross-referenced by an OIG agent with the state of Michigan's public assistance eligibility system that identifies inmates still receiving public assistance 30 days after incarceration. Once verified that the inmate is still in custody, DHS may request benefit case closure or program disqualification.

» Information sharing with state government agencies saves taxpayer dollars by preventing criminals getting benefits and public assistance that they are no longer entitled to by law.

"The Jail Match Program has been a win-win for our agency and for the taxpayers," said Sheriff Michael Bouchard. "Not only are we saving taxpayers' dollars, but we are utilizing more tools to locate wanted criminals."



# Snow mountain

A visitor to Novi's Novi Town Center gives scale to how high the shopping area has had to pile snow in its central lot. The southeast Michigan area has received more than 60 inches of snow so far this year – well above average – and winter's still got more than a month to go. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Susan Burns, president, St. John Providence Health System Foundations; Blair Bowman, owner, The Suburban Collection Showplace; and Raymond Waller, director, Brighton Center for Recovery.

## Showplace donates \$25K to Brighton Center for Recovery

The Brighton Center for Recovery is the beneficiary of \$25,000 in additional funds for the Children's Addiction Prevention Program, thanks to a donation by Blair Bowman, owner of The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The program is a free educational, therapeutic and addiction prevention program for children ages 7 to 12 who are affected by a loved one's alcohol or drug problem.

"This generous support from The Suburban Collection Showplace, combined with a recent gift of \$50,000 from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, will enable us to significantly expand this program at Brighton," said Raymond Waller, director of the Brighton Center for Recovery.

Brighton Center for Recovery, formerly known as Brighton Hospital, is one of America's oldest and most experienced substance abuse treatment facilities and is a member of the St. John Providence Health System.

"We are pleased to support this unique program designed for children who've been directly affected by the addiction challenges faced by a parent, sibling, grandparent or other family

member," said Bowman.

Bowman is also vice chair and treasurer for the Board of Providence and Providence Park Hospitals (St. John Providence Health System West Region Board) and a longtime supporter of St. John Providence Health System.

Brighton Center for Recovery believes that addiction and prevention education between the ages of 7 and 12 can have a dramatically positive impact on young people's futures.

The four-day Children's Addiction Prevention Program is one of only four of its kind nationally and is modeled after The Betty Ford Center's Children's Program in California.

"This program is a one-of-a-kind haven for children whose lives have been affected by addiction," Bowman said. "This unique educational experience is provided at no cost. We are very pleased to provide our support for this important program."

Additional information on the Children's Addiction Prevention Program is available at: <http://www.brightonrecovery.org/addiction-treatment/outpatient-treatment/childrens-addiction-program/> or by calling (810) 227-1211.

# Bill allowing drug treatment gets through committee

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

State Rep. John Walsh is hoping a bill he introduced that would allow families to file a court petition to force their loved one into substance abuse treatment before they hurt themselves or others will be law sometime this summer.

The Livonia lawmaker said he expected his substance abuse involuntary treatment bill to go to the House floor this week for a second reading after it passed the House Judiciary Committee on Jan. 30.

Walsh first introduced the proposed legislation back in May 2012, after he met Mark and Carol Garofoli of Livonia, whose 22-year-old son committed suicide while addicted to heroin. The son could no longer think rationally and had walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior to his death. His parents, and everyone else, were powerless to stop him because he was over age 18.

Mark Garofoli, who has been following the bill's progress and held an online petition drive to drum up support for it, is encouraged with this latest development, though he said he has been frustrated at how long it has taken to get this far.

"Every day there's got to be somebody that needs the help," he said, citing as an example actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, who was found dead of an apparent heroin overdose Feb. 2.

"That's why it's so frustrating for me," he said. "The political wheels are turning way



Mark and Carol Garofoli hold a portrait of their son Mark, who committed suicide. His parents had no legal authority to force him to get treatment. FILE PHOTO

too slow for me." Walsh said several changes have been made to the bill since he first presented it to the House Judiciary Committee and every change has made it better.

Chief among those changes have been improved language to better protect individual rights and guard against someone being wrongfully committed. "It's been a long time coming, but for good reason," he said.

Walsh said he met with House Judiciary Committee members, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, among others, and addressed all of the concerns raised by the House Judiciary Committee, which approved HB 4486 with a near-

unanimous vote.

Walsh, who is term-limited and in his final year serving in the state House, said he hopes the bill will be to the Senate by Tuesday and to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk by June 30.

He said he was unaware of the need for involuntary treatment for substance abuse until he met the Garofolis. "Their story was so compelling," he said. After researching it and meeting with the various stakeholders, "I felt I could do something," he said.

The bill was modeled after the Marchman Act in Florida, as well as similar laws in other states such as Ohio.

Walsh introduced his proposed legislation May 24, 2012, the one-year anniversary of the Garofolis' son's death.

By the time it becomes law, if it does, three years will have passed since that tragic day.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT BILL

Here's how HB 4486 would work:

» Allows family members, guardians and health professionals to file a petition for involuntary substance abuse treatment for an individual of any age who refuses treatment.

» The individual must have a substance use disorder as verified by a health professional, must present an imminent danger or imminent threat of danger to self, family or others as a result of the substance use disorder and must be able to reasonably benefit from treatment.

» Requires the individual to be examined within 24 hours of the commitment hearing or a statement saying the individual refused to be examined and allows the court to hold an individual until the time of the hearing. If an individual does not appear for the hearing, the court can issue a summons to have a peace officer bring them in.

» Requires a guarantee obligating the petitioner to pay for the costs of examinations and treatment.

» Penalizes those who falsify information in order to obtain an order of involuntary treatment.

While that's a lot longer than Garofoli wanted or expected, final passage of the bill is the ultimate goal. "It's worth the wait if it happens," Garofoli said.

## UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

### Tech Talk classes

City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering Tech Talk classes for adults 50 years and older who would like to become more tech-savvy by learning how to use tablets, smartphones and applications.

One-day classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Registration is required and available at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or in person at the Older Adult Services office inside the civic center.

Upcoming topics include:

- iPads and iPhones - Tuesday, March 11
- What Do I Do with This Smartphone? - Tuesday, and March 18
- All about Apps (Applications) and Tablets - Tuesday, March 25
- E-book Readers: Concept, Comparison and

### How To Operate - Tuesdays, Feb. 18 and April 1

For those who already understand the basics of technology and are looking for new uses and helpful hints, the Bits and Bytes Café offers the opportunity to gain valuable information, free of charge. Once a month, on Thursdays, the café is open to adults 50 and older to play games, investigate new websites and learn from others. Refreshments are provided. The Bits and Bytes Café is located at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. The café will be open 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 and March 20.

For more information regarding Tech Talk classes or the Bits and Bytes Café, contact Older Adult Services 248-347-0414. To learn more about other classes for adults 50 and older, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

To learn more about what's happening in Novi,

visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org)

### Free income tax preparation service

Volunteer tax counselors from AARP are here to help by providing free tax aid by appointment to older adults 55 years and older. The program takes place every Thursday through April 10, at the Novi Civic Center.

Tax assistance is provided by AARP volunteers. While tax counselors received extensive training, they are not accountants. Complex returns may be refused. Participants are responsible for accuracy and retention of all information and tax records.

Contact the city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 to schedule an appointment. For more information about the AARP Tax Prep Program, contact Sandy Fisher, social services coordinator, at 248-347-0421 or [sfisher@cityofnovi.org](mailto:sfisher@cityofnovi.org).

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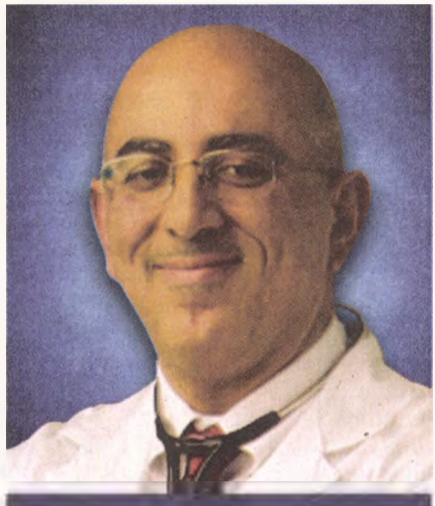
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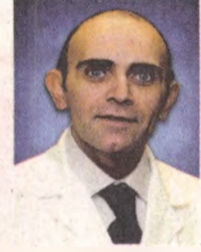
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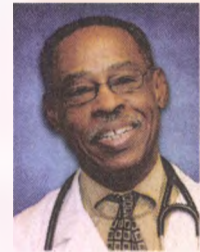
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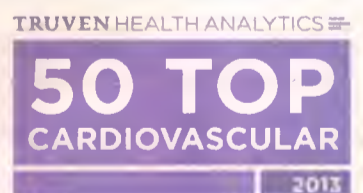
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# Area resident wants to preserve Armenian musical history with film

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer



Ara Topouzian wants to create a film about Armenian music and musicians in Detroit.

Ara Topouzian wants to preserve Detroit's Armenian musical history on film.

"My goal is to show the hidden story about Detroit, the ethnic community," said the Farmington Hills resident and former economic development director for the city of Novi. "Our music represents sadness, happiness, weddings, parties, picnics."

The idea for the film stems from a project Topouzian, Troy Chamber of Commerce executive director, created when he received a fellowship from the Kresge Foundation in 2012.

A nationally known musician, Topouzian taught himself to play and love the kulan, a trapezoid-shaped instrument that boasts sets of three strings tuned to the same note. He and other Armenian mu-

That dream is on its way to reality thanks to a \$12,000 matching grant from the Knight Foundation. That joy, however, presents a hurdle. Topouzian must raise the \$12,000 match and he has until September.

He is working through the Miami Foundation and the online Kickstarter to raise the necessary money. The former executive director of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and former economic development director for the city of Novi is also accepting private donations to help with the grant match.

With Kickstarter, Topouzian had to set a dollar goal and if that fundraising goal is not reached by March 18, that's the end of that. "No money goes in my pocket from any fundraising for the film. I get nothing except maybe the notoriety of the film," Topouzian said.

Progress is under way. If he can raise the minimum \$5,000 on Kickstarter, then he has \$2,600 already with a total of \$7,600 so far.

If all goes as planned, Brian Golden, Farmington area historian, will film the historical project Topouzian has in mind. And again, if all goes as planned, he wants to pitch a completed film to PBS. The film in 2015 would coincide with 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

The Armenian Genocide, also known as the Armenian Holocaust, took place during and after World War I when the then-Ottoman Empire systematically exterminated its minority Armenian population from their homeland, which is today's nation of Turkey.

Before the genocide, Detroit could boast some 3,000-4,000 Armenians. Following the genocide,

the ranks swelled to some 30,000 as survivors made their way to Detroit and jobs with Henry Ford.

For the most part, Armenians brought their culture and music and settled in the southeast section of Detroit. "They had no tape recorders but they brought the tunes in their heads and desperately made a life here and brought the culture they lost," Topouzian said.

And this is the story he wants to tell the world. At first, Armenian musicians played in churches, community centers and halls. In time, nightclub owners realized Armenian music was popular and began inviting the musicians to play a few nights a week.

"It is a story that needs to be told," he said. "About how important Armenians have been in Detroit preserving their culture and their music." Topouzian plans to

**LEARN MORE, HELP**

To help Topouzian with his fundraising campaign, go to Kickstarter campaign at: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/aratopouzian/detroit-hye-times-armenian-music-in-detroit>.

More information about Topouzian can be found on his website at: <http://www.ara.topouzian.com> and on his blog, <http://aratopouzian.wordpress.com/>.

return to the spots where those nightclubs once stood and interview Armenian immigrants and musicians who steadfastly protected and preserved their culture.

"I want them to tell their stories. This is the history the Turks did not get."

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## NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**LOCAL EVENTS**  
**DEMOCRATS MEETING**  
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18  
Location: Novi United Methodist Church, 4167 W. 10 Mile  
Details: Rich Robinson, will address a meeting of the Democrats of West Oakland County on the topic of "Dark Money in Politics." Meeting is free and open to the public. Snacks provided, pizza may be purchased.  
Contact: [www.mydems.info](http://www.mydems.info)

**CARELINK LECTURES**  
Transitions - Life After Treatment group  
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month  
Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer

Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
Details: Those have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors are invited to join this informative discussion and peer support.  
Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

**FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (except December)  
Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue  
Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The

group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the parks assets through the education and outreach, encouraging communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.  
Contact: [www.islandlakefriends.org](http://www.islandlakefriends.org)

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING**  
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month  
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

**NAMI METRO**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month  
Location: Providence Park hospital, Novi  
Details: Family support group meetings  
Contact: For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit <http://www.namimetro.org/>

**WOMANHEART OF NOVI**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of each month  
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi  
Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to

share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings  
Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

**SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE**  
Location: 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi  
Phone: 248-348-5600  
Web: [www.SuburbanShowplace.com](http://www.SuburbanShowplace.com)

**GREAT LAKES ART FAIR**  
Times/Dates: 1-8 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13  
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# Rocking the runway

Plymouth Historical Museum exhibit looks at fashion history

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A new exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum highlights 150 years of fashion history.

With a name inspired by *Project Runway*, a reality show on the Lifetime channel about clothing designers, Vintage Project Runway features about 30 mannequins dressed in outfits from the 1820s to the 1970s, arranged in a time-line procession along the museum's street scene.

There are also museum storefronts with clothing displays and fashion-related items, including three stores decked out to represent shops that once existed in downtown Plymouth: Davis and Lent, Cassidy's and Dunning's, which was owned from 1947-68 by Margaret Dunning, now 103.

"We've never done something like this," said Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director. "This was a lot of work, with the mannequins." The museum has done fashion exhibits in the past, Kerstens said, but never one with as many mannequins.

Outfits on display include an 1890s dress with a bustle, long dresses from the 1930s, a double-breasted, pinstriped man's suit from the 1940s, a psychedelia-inspired dress from the 1960s and a 1970s ensemble of blue jeans with a fringed leather vest and elaborate sandals.

## Back in fashion

"It's amazing how times change and some things stay the same," museum board member Mike Pappas said. "That suit down there from the 1940s, you could wear today." At the same time, he added, other outfits look totally dated.

Kerstens and museum exhibits coordinator Donna Keough said much of the clothing came from the museum's collection, but some was lent for



The Plymouth Historical Museum's newest exhibit, Vintage Project Runway, features fashions from the distant past right up to the 1970s.

the exhibit, including from an active Plymouth Historical Society member who is a fabric historian. The exhibit also benefited, Keough said, from a recent donation of clothing from a family with deep Plymouth-area roots.

"It was an unbelievable treasure trove," Keough said. "There was a lot of history associated with the clothing." Some of the suits donated, Keough pointed out, were custom-made made by Lent's, the Plymouth tailor shop that succeeded Davis and Lent.

## Museum design

There are also antique books with fashion plates, information on designers like Jacques Doucet, Oleg Cassini and Hollywood's Edith Head and tools of the tailor's trade: pattern-making paper, measuring tape and sewing machines.

One section shows the work of Stan Baloh, a tailor who owned a shop in Dearborn. Baloh, who lived from 1909-95, learned tailoring from an uncle and worked at it for about 70 years, beginning when he left school after the eighth grade, said Keough, his daugh-



All gussied up for the vintage exhibit, director Liz Kelley Kerstens and exhibits coordinator Donna Keough vamp for the camera. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ter. The Baloh display includes a long black coat, in a style popularized by Jacqueline Kennedy when she was the First Lady, that Baloh made for his daughter in 1962 when she was a student at the University of Michigan, and a sewing machine from the 1930s that she remembers from his shop.

"He put me through U-M on that machine," Keough said.

Vintage Project Runway is at the Plymouth Historical Museum through Sunday, June 8. The museum is at 155 S. Main, across from Plymouth City Hall. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. each Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; the museum is closed most holidays. The phone number is 734-455-8940 and the website is www.plymouthhistory.org.

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# Churchill theater students to present 'Wonderful Life'

Take a break from Old Man Winter and spend an evening with "everyman" George Bailey, of Bedford Falls, in the timeless classic tale *It's a Wonderful Life* being performed by the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Churchill High School on Feb. 13-15.

The production, directed by Angie Hillman, follows the classic film very closely.

George Bailey dreams of adventure and escaping his small town. These dreams have been squashed by notions of family obligations and civic duty. It's Christmas Eve and George Bailey's guardian angel, Clarence, descends to save him from despair. He reminds him, by showing him what the world would be like had he never been born, that he really does have a "wonderful life."

"This show is magical and meaningful. It is a show for all ages and would be an excellent date night or family night for the people in our community," Hillman said. "It is a pleasure to bring such an iconic story to life on the Churchill stage."

Starring in *It's a Wonderful Life* are Frank Ritz, who plays George Bailey; Carly Angott, as Mary Bailey; Lucas Stringer, as Mr. Potter; Alexander Capeneka, as Clarence and Iszy Correia, as Ma Bailey.

The show is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 13-15. Tickets are \$8 in advance, and can be reserved by calling 734-744-2650, ext. 70463, or emailing CapaBoxOffice@gmail.com. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Churchill High School is at 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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# NorthRidge Church volunteers work on 2 Million Meals Campaign

NorthRidge Church has a big idea to help the hungry. Brad Powell, senior pastor, and others hope to make a difference with the 2 Million Meals Campaign.

One billion people are experiencing hunger, 66 million children go to school hungry, and 6,200 children die a day from poor nutrition, said Powell in announcing the campaign.

"It's tragic, but it would be even more tragic if we did nothing, we can make a difference," he said. "In 2011, NorthRidge packed 1,000,000 meals in three days with the help of 5,000 volunteers.

When I first cast the vision, I wasn't sure what would happen. It was big, bold and unlike anything we had done before.

"Not only did we reach our goal - we blew it away. Through our 2014 initiative, we want to show God's love to twice as many people, by packaging 2,000,000 meals in three days with 10,000 volunteers!"

NorthRidge is partnering with Feed My Starving Children, a nonprofit organization based in Minnesota.

The organization produces a scientifically engineered food formula aimed at sav-

ing the lives of malnourished children.

The formula consists of a mixture of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and 21 vitamins and minerals.

Volunteers from NorthRidge Church's three campuses, which includes locations in Plymouth Township, Brighton and Saline, will be working almost nonstop starting Friday at noon, until Sunday at 4 p.m. to reach its 2,000,000 meal goal. The packing will take place in 11 two-hour shifts, with 900 people during each shift, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

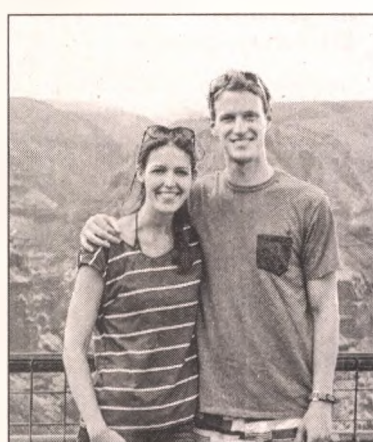
## ENGAGEMENT

### Sitkiewicz-Harmer

Linda Sitkiewicz and Robbie Harmer, both of Chicago, are engaged to be married.

Linda is the daughter of Holly and Christopher Sitkiewicz of Des Plaines, Ill. She is a 2003 graduate of Elk Grove High School; attended the University of Illinois at Chicago for undergraduate and pharmacy school; earned her doctorate of pharmacy in 2009; and completed a pharmacy practice residency in 2010. She is currently employed with AbbVie Pharmaceutical.

Robbie is the son of Sandy and Bob Harmer of Northville. He is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School. He earned a B. S. in engineering from Western Michigan University in 2007 and graduated from Michigan State University School of Law with a juris doctor. He currently practices as a patent attorney for Greenberg Traug LLP.



A May 10 wedding is planned in Chicago.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Increasing Novi values an encouraging sign

It's impossible to say if or when we'll reach the high housing value levels of 2006 again, but a local upswing is encouraging, especially when one considers Novi's more than 17,000 residential properties account for 65 percent of the city's taxable value.

Back in 2010, the average sale price of a home in Novi had dropped to \$227,000. That was after a high mark of \$438,000 eight years ago.

Now we're climbing back up and standing at \$302,000.

And the Oakland County Equalization Department is calling for property values in Novi to increase 8.62 percent for 2014. That's not as much as the highest increase in the county – the much smaller Addison Township at 13.79 percent – but it's far better than Royal Oak Township, which is looking at an actual decrease of 2.29 percent.

Foreclosures are also down in Novi – 49 in 2013, compared to 265 in 2010. And bank sales dropped to 75 last year after a high of 211 in 2009.

The Great Recession officially ran from December 2007 to June 2009, according to the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research.

That final year, Novi residents filed 1,189 petitions with the Board of Review, challenging the stated value of their homes. Last year, there were only 304 petitions.

While it's great that values are returning steadily, it does not correlate to the same rise in taxable value for property taxes upon which local governments, such as the city of Novi, are dependent upon for more than half the general fund revenue supporting police, fire and other public services.

The taxable value rise is capped for existing property owners at a low 1.6 percent for 2014, so don't look for big jumps on property tax bills. That's the good news. The bad news is that there will be no big jump forward in municipal service levels.

More people are moving to Novi, causing a de-

crease in vacant housing units, down to 5 percent, compared to the state's 16-percent rate. And while the median home values in Novi decreased 16 percent last year to \$224,800, that's still nearly double the state average.

Novi's increase in residential values is encouraging, even though it's not as large as Rochester Hills (10.3 percent), Troy (9.1) or Farmington Hills (10.3).

However, Novi's commercial retail/office values increased more than anywhere else in Oakland County, up 2.2 percent.

Compare that to Farmington Hills (down 3.08), Troy (down 1.09) and Rochester Hills (0.9) or even Novi in 2012, when commercial values actually dropped 4 percent.

Whether you believe the economists who say the recession is over, the trend of property values increasing in Novi is certainly a sign that this city is on its way back up.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Nice timing, Guv

So, Gov. Snyder now wants to give back some of the funding he cut from schools and some of the taxes he raised on seniors and low-income families. Apparently worried about voter anger, he wants to buy votes the most expensive way by sending out rebate checks instead of reducing or eliminating the tax. He claims he wants to get it in taxpayers' hands as soon as possible (like before this year's election).

Does that mean he was wrong to have raised taxes to begin with? What was the claim when he raised taxes – "shared sacrifice"? If he now feels our state is doing better and can afford to send out rebate checks, what about the huge tax cut for business? Where was their sacrifice? Aren't they also doing better? He could take back some of their cut and restore even more of what he took from our schools.

What about the money he wants for our roads? We don't know yet where he will get that. No doubt that will not be announced until after the election. We should all keep that in mind, especially those getting a rebate. You were thrown under the bus by Snyder once; there is no reason to think he won't do it again if he is re-elected.

I'm sure I will not be getting any rebate, but if I did, I think I would contribute it to the Mark Schauer for Governor campaign.

**Chuck Tindall**  
Novi

### Where's the mail?

With the continuing cold and snow, permit me a minor observation. UPS, Fed Ex, our suppliers and my company trucks (19) all delivered business as usual.

The conditions were a bit challenging this past week, but not totally foreign to fellow Michigianians. All of our customers were up and running.

What a great statement about hearty Midwesterners! Oops – except for the post office. As Novi residents, we did not receive any mail delivery on three separate days this week!

Actually it's not surprising. Let's privatize it, save money and receive the kind of service delivered by private industry.

The post office management should be ashamed of itself (as if they really cared).

**David Wallen**  
Novi

### Three snow days the correct call

It goes down in history as the snowpocalypse of the century. Not only were the snowfalls on record pace, but the roads were so slick that cars were even falling off the road into ditches all across the city. The decision by Superintendent Steve Matthews to close school for a third consecutive day was a great one. It improved the safety of all parties involved.

I have attended Novi Community Schools all 11 years of my schooling and I never can remember quite as severe weather as it was our three snow days this year. In fact, it was the most recorded snowfall in our city in the past 20 years over a three-day time period. It is estimated that over this three-day span, around 150 traffic accidents were reported that were a direct result of the poor road conditions. These numbers could only have increased with the morning and afternoon traffic school produces. Again, canceling school was the best course of action to take for the community.

Now some people are criticizing Mr. Matthews for calling this third consecutive cold/snow day, saying that conditions were good enough to send kids to school. We should be doing the exact opposite. Make our views public and support him to the best of our abilities. He has the best interest of our kids and community in mind.

**Marissa Dunn**  
Novi

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# What are your plans for Valentine's Day?

This question was asked in various places around Novi.



"I will be working all day trying to help everyone's day be a little bit more special."

**Donna Podpora, with dog Casey**

"It will be a circus with all the orders, but I will be playing cupid for a day."

**Larry Podpora**  
Donna and Larry's Flowers in Novi



"I will be here working. We are all geared up for Valentine's with cupcakes, cakes, cookies and everything else all ready for those wanting to celebrate with something tasty."

**Debra Capaldi**  
Owner of Perfect Desserts in Novi



"I haven't really thought about it much. It's really just another day for me."

**Glenn Davis**  
Novi



"No plans. It's just another day."

**Edith Lipa**  
Novi

## GUEST COLUMN

# Pass Excellence in Mental Health Act to prevent senseless tragedies

**B**efore there is another call to 9-1-1 to report yet one more shooting and killing, we need to pause and ask what more can we do as a society to prevent such tragedies.

The most recent killing took place in a mall in Columbia, Md. A man carrying a shotgun opened fire, killing two employees and then himself.

This violent act is becoming all too familiar a tragedy — homicidal and suicidal lunacy raining down fear and terror on us. If these attacks came from an external source, the country would coalesce around a plan of action. We are disintegrating from within and are paralyzed by inaction.

There is no need to recite the series of tragic shootings by mentally unstable persons in the recent past. The pain is seared into the public's consciousness.

While the overwhelming number of people with a mental illness is more likely to be a victim than a perpetrator of a crime, multiple recent tragic incidents underscore the horrible consequences of what can happen when people with a serious mental illness are not properly diagnosed and treated. With proper treatment and support, many people with serious mental illnesses can recover and prosper.

### Michigan's plan

Michigan recently released a plan ([www.michigan.gov/mobi/mentalhealth/0,,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mobi/mentalhealth/0,,00.html)) to improve mental health services throughout the state, calling for better coordination of care among providers and better integration of mental health services into general health care. Weaved throughout the recommendations is the expectation for enhanced data gathering and reporting in services geared for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders and active campaigns to actively fight the "stigma" of mental illness.

Clearly we need to break down the shame and stigma that in far too many instances prevent individuals and families



**Tom Watkins**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

from seeking needed mental health treatment. We need to assure that people in crisis know what number to call before a panic call is made after tragedy strikes.

Clip these numbers, load them into your smart phone and post them on your fridge to have handy in a time of need:

» In Detroit and Wayne County the 24/7 crisis hotline is 800-241-4949.

» In Oakland crisis hotline is 800-231-1127.

» Macomb crisis hotline is 800-273-8255.

» Washtenaw crisis hotline is 800-440-7548.

» Livingston crisis hotline is 800-615-1245

» The United Way services Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Washtenaw counties with their 2-1-1 information and referral service. 2-1-1 provides free and confidential information services. Call 2-1-1 for help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more.

Are there others?

### Fed up

Americans are fed up with senseless gun violence. Congress has grown far too comfortable protecting the status quo. The status quo is killing our children and is rotting the moral fabric of this country from the inside out. It is time we take action.

Thoughtful Americans must organize and advocate for a balanced approach to gun violence in America, including, at a minimum:

» Make quality mental health services for people with serious mental illness available and affordable.

» Address the culture of violence perpetuated by the video and entertainment industry. These "entertainment" games are corrosive to a healthy and stable society.

» Establish sensible gun controls and universal background checks that allow for legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes, while banning assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of high-powered bullets in seconds.

The time is now for America's sensible center to rise up with the indignation, pain and sorrow we felt when hearing about the 20- and 7-year-old children being slaughtered in the sanctity of their school, in Newtown, which has since become; the symbolic "statue of liberty" of our country.

### Act now

The time is to act now. While over two-thirds of Americans support some form of sensible gun controls and universal background checks, the Washington gun lobby have prevented action. Yet, there is bi-partisan agreement on actions needed to strengthen mental health services. Yet to date Congress has not acted.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow has once again called for value added mental health legislation, The Excellence in Mental Health Act. Three U.S. House members, David Camp, Sandy Levin and Fred Upton hold the key to moving this legislation forward along with Congressman Waxman from California. It would be wonderful if our Congressional delegation would take the lead in moving this sensible national legislation from talk to law.

After each senseless shooting our collective refrain is: "We must do something." Passing Sen. Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Act would be a good start.

We need a 9-1-1 call to Rep. Camp, Levin and Upton and other legislators asking for them to act.

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\*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the form and have your parents fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

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### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Name	Address	Birthdate
Alayna Kunkle	Redford	2/1
Madyson McMillian	Redford	2/12
Rico Gouling	Detroit	2/14
Haiden Richmond	Inkster	2/17
Peyton Wilder	Dearborn Hgts.	2/21
Ellison Plinter	South Lyon	2/24
Valerie Zamora	Livonia	2/28
Ryan Mason	Warren	2/29

### SHARE YOUR TALENT

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?

We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

### Sometimes the best gift to give is to be friend.

Two students share their insights and creative writing about bullying.

#### Be a Buddy not a Bully

by Adalia Kirby

I feel that bullying is a big problem in the world today. I am here to tell you what bullying is and how to stop it.

What is it? Bullying is purposeful attempts to control a person using verbal abuse, which can be a tone of voice or teasing and threats. There is also physical abuse or violence, which the victim does not want. Bullying can happen in schools, workplaces, homes and more. The fact bullying gets more social recognition for bad behaviors than good ones, can be reasons why people bully. TV and real life situations show that acting out is likely to get more attention than behaving courteously. Jealousy, envy and lack of personal and social skills can also be why people bully. Children who were or are bullied are most likely to bully.

Depression and Suicide. Bullying and depression have a strong connection. Depression is an illness that has a variety of causes but it is known to be associated with bullying. Both bullies and victims have chances to have depression. People who were bullied as children are likely to have depression as adults. People who commit suicide are like to have suffered from depression. Suicide is the third leading death in young people having about 4,440 deaths per year. Suicide is the eleventh cause of death in Americans.

How you stop it. Here are ways you can stop bullying. 1) Talk to a teacher or adult you trust. Adults can help when bad stuff happens. 2) Be nice to the person being bullied. Include them in things. 3) Stop and think before you act or speak. 4) Keep in mind everyone is different in some way. Together we can stop bullying. Let's make a difference. Trust me when I say, the world will be a better place when bullying no longer exists.

#### Wen and the Bully

by Caleb Anway

Michael went to school like normal and met up with Tony. "Hey Michael, nice mustache," Tony blabbed. "I get that a lot," Michael said back to Tony. Michael and Tony saw Wen walking down the street and asked him, "want to help me bully someone?"

Wen responded saying no. Tony replied, "You're a buzz kill Wen". I don't care about kids like him and I'm not a bully. Wen and the others two boys continues walking to school trying to avoid every bully in town. A few minutes later someone yelled to Tony, "Hey big kid in the white!" It was a bully. At first Wen thought he was yelling at him, but he approached Tony instead. Then the bully asked Wen to come over.

He accused Wen of stealing his I phone and told Tony to have Wen give it back. Wen denied having it. The bully yelled, "GIVE IT BACK!" I felt utter terror as the bully whistled for his pals to come to help. When they came over they dumped Wen in the dumpster. The bully, his friends and the rest of the students what were around began to laugh. Afterwards the bully looked in his pocket and found his phone and he didn't bother to apologize to Wen. When the principle investigated what happened, the bully still accused Wen of stealing his phone. Wen ended up getting suspended while nothing happened to the bully. Wen explained to his friends "that's why I don't like to bully. It's just not nice."

### New Word

#### betroth

enter into a formal agreement to marry

### Did You Know?

THE THUMPING OF A HEARTBEAT IS ACTUALLY THE SOUND MADE BY THE FOUR VALVES OF THE HEART CLOSING.

#### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to find out the phrase.

OYU AMY SIKS HTE BERDI.

Answer: You may kiss the bride.

#### Get planting

Valentine's Day is frequently accompanied by bouquets of roses and other flowers. Begin a new family tradition of planting flower seeds on February 14. Use small pots that can be kept indoors in a bright window for a few weeks until the arrival of spring. Then transplant outdoors and continue to enjoy full-grown flowering plants for months to come.

#### Wedding Word Find

Just in time for wedding season, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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CEREMONY	GOWN	TUXEDO
COUPLE	GROOM	WEDDING

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# Forgotten Harvest's work benefits from office space donated by Southfield firm

By Pamela A. Zinkosky  
Correspondent

## Generous donation

Forgotten Harvest, our region's only food rescue organization, recently received 8,000 square feet of fully furnished office space.

The gift-giver was Grant Thornton LLP, an audit, tax and advisory firm with offices in the Southfield American Center building on Franklin Road. Grant Thornton consolidated its offices and wound up with an entire floor of unused space, so the company subleased half of it and gave the other half to Forgotten Harvest for use through November 2017.

The nonprofit company runs lean, with 80 employees responsible for collecting 875,000 pounds of unused food each week from manufacturers, grocery stores, restaurants and other sources, and distributing it to emergency food agencies throughout metro Detroit. Nevertheless, Forgotten Harvest's staff had far outgrown the available space in its Oak Park warehouse and distribution center.

"We were bursting at the seams," says Forgotten Harvest President and CEO Susan Goodell, a resident of Birmingham. "There were so many people crammed into a small space. We couldn't even think. There were often literally several meetings going on at once in the same room."

"We have individual work spaces now. Having this space is really allowing us to work more efficiently."

What's more, Goodell says, it's a luxury for a nonprofit to have such nice offices. "It's absolutely beautiful," she says. "There's even artwork on the walls."

Since the offices are so beautiful, and since Forgotten Harvest is so committed to efficiency — 96 cents of every dollar donated to the organization goes directly toward food rescue — Goodell felt the need to let visitors know where the office space came from. The Forgotten Harvest sign includes an "offices generously donated by Grant Thornton" note.

Goodell says she met a former Grant Thornton partner a few years ago, and since then the organization has provided continued support in the form of volunteers. "Grant Thornton really wrapped their arms around us," she says.

Jim Trouba a partner at Grant Thornton and Forgotten Harvest board member, says his organization chose to get involved with Forgotten Harvest through its GT Cares program.

"We were impressed by not only the mission of Forgotten Harvest, but with the commitment of its people and the significant number of people in our community that they help," he said.

The donation, Trouba says, just made sense, especially in light of Forgotten Harvest's mission to reduce waste.

The Southfield office frees up a good deal of space in the Oak Park warehouse, which provides food storage, houses the organization's fleet of 35 refrigerated trucks and provides work space for logistics staff.

From the warehouse, Goodell explains, local trucks depart with some of the food on hand in storage such as repackaged items that were cast-offs from manufacturers and donated nonperishable goods. The truck then picks up donated food from 10 to 12



The development and finance committee gathers in the Superior Room of the new Forgotten Harvest offices. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

businesses and then drops off food at three different emergency food providers.

Other trucks go outside the metro Detroit area, as far as Ohio, to retrieve donated food and bring it back to the warehouse. Forgotten Harvest has 455 partner businesses that regularly donate food.

The Oak Park facility is also where Forgotten Harvest prepares some of the produce it grows on its 92-acre farm in Deerfield Township, which then goes to the Inkster processing center for canning. The processing center is a recent development made possible through a partnership with Ferndale-based Garden Fresh Gourmet, which owns the Inkster facility.

The arrangement

enables Forgotten Harvest to supplement its inventory during winter — one of the two times of year when the food supply is depleted because less fresh food is available.

The other time of year that's challenging for Forgotten Harvest is summer, Goodell says.

More than 250,000 children in our region qualify for free or reduced-cost breakfasts and lunches at school because of low family income, but in the summertime, that resource isn't available. In response to that need, Forgotten Harvest developed a summer feeding program that provides sack lunches to 3,000 children each day.

Forgotten Harvest also provides 65 mobile pantries in the summer-



This is where Forgotten Harvest gets the job of feeding the hungry done.

time that function like farmers' markets. "The only difference is there's no bill at the end," she says.

Forgotten Harvest is responsible for getting 45.5 million pounds of food each year that would otherwise be destroyed to Metro Detroit

residents in need through its 280 partner food agencies. The organization is poised to grow that number by 5 percent each year, says Goodell.

To donate or volunteer, visit [www.forgottenharvest.org](http://www.forgottenharvest.org) and join the fight against hunger in metro Detroit.

# Friends of Rouge offers free workshop on creating backyard oasis

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities have teamed up to offer native garden design workshops to teach residents in the Rouge River drainage area how to garden with native wildflowers.

Workshops will be held this spring in four communities, including Novi.

"Water is a precious resource that is in high demand," said Cyndi Ross, River Restoration Program Manager for Friends of the Rouge. "Michigan residents sometimes forget how scarce fresh water is for many around the world. We are the keepers of roughly 20 percent of all fresh water on earth. It is our duty to ensure this

## WORKSHOPS

- Dates and locations are:
- » 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, Novi Civic Center, 47175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
  - » 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia
  - » 6-7:15 p.m. Monday, March 31, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills
  - » 6-7:15 p.m. Tuesday April 15, Caroline Kennedy Library, 24590 George Ave, Dearborn Heights
- For additional information, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org). Join FOTR on Facebook.
- Optional expert assistance is available for a limited number of workshop attendees immediately following the workshop. Interested persons are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Registration is required for expert assistance. Registration is available online or by calling 313-792-9621.

resource, essential for all life, is available for us and future generations and to preserve the economic and recreational value the Great

Lakes water provides to Michigan."

One of the biggest threats to water quality in the Rouge River and the Great Lakes is con-

taminated storm water run-off. This is a result of the large amount of impervious land cover. Rain water falling on homes, parking lots and roads is not able to soak into the ground as nature intended so it is collected in storm drains and piped to the nearest lake or stream to prevent flooding.

Rain water carries oil, road salt, lawn care chemicals, bacteria from pet waste and other pollutants from the land directly to the river.

More devastating to the river's health is the amount of water that rushes to the river with even a small rainfall. Rivers rise rapidly and overflow their banks.

Stream banks erode and sediment fills the

water and clogs the gills of fish.

One simple thing homeowners can do to help is to reduce the amount of rain water that flows from their property by growing native wildflowers and reducing the amount of lawn they mow.

Many people believe lawns need a great deal of water, but turf grass has very short root systems that become saturated quickly and water flows off turf at a rate similar to that of asphalt. Deep roots of native wildflowers and grasses foster infiltration of rainwater into the ground.

Friends of the Rouge is asking homeowners to reduce water runoff and create a small native

garden on their property.

It is holding a free public workshop, Naturalizing the Home Garden: A Native Garden Design Workshop, across the Rouge River watershed to teach people how to select native plants that are right for the conditions in their yard and offer design tips for creating attractive gardens that reduce rainwater runoff, and provide nectar for birds and butterflies.

"We all contribute to the storm water problem; now is the time for each of us to be part of the solution," Ross said. "Native gardening is fun and rewarding and are beautiful additions to any landscape."

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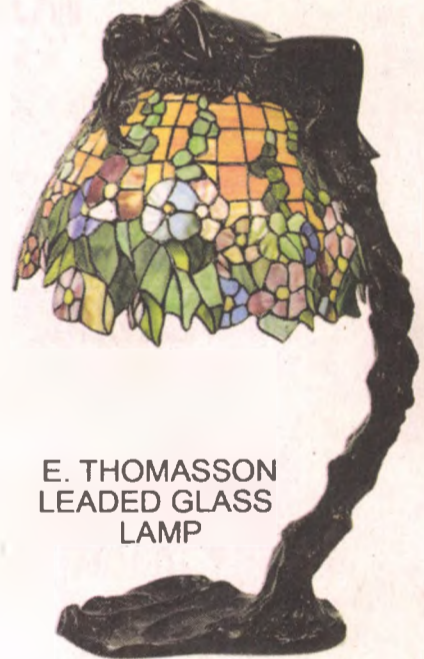
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## Wildcats tankers sink South Lyon

Novi looking to qualify individuals for states

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Even though it was two high schools against one, Novi's boys swim and dive team prevailed. The Wildcats (3-4, 2-2 Central) finished the dual meet season on a high note Feb. 6 with a 98-88 victory over South Lyon

Unified (1-3, 1-3 Central). "The meet was still in question when breast stroke swimmers Nathan Louie and Narayan Minivannan took first and second place to ensure the victory," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. The duo touched the wall moments apart, with Louie finishing first in 1:05.60 and Minivannan second in 1:06.52. It was

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Novi's senior class of 2014 was celebrated Feb. 6. The seniors included (front, from left) Joey Shim, John Heslop, Justin Jung, Corey Bui, Kyle Kilponen, Will Sohn and Simon Andersson (exchange student from Sweden) and (back, from left) Tanner Vincent, Jake Robbins, Sanketh Kolli, Fabio dos Santos (exchange student from Brazil), Louis Kreidler (exchange student from Germany) and Nathan Louie. ANA QUIROZ

## Antonio's one of 'Selects' few

Area 12-year-old to play at international invite

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

There's no denying Antonio Stranges Jr. loves being at Compuware Arena, watching the Plymouth Whalers or skating at skills-sharpening camps.

Not that the 12-year-old Plymouth boy needs too much instruction.

Antonio, a left wing for the Belle Tire 2001 AAA Pee Wee team, is sharp enough to have been selected by Selects Hockey to play at the program's international spring training development camp and World Selects Invitational in Bolzano, Italy, this April and May.

"It's going to be fun, it's going to be a good experience," said Antonio, selected last month for one of 68 positions out of 300 invited players from across North America. "It feels really good (to be selected). All the extra training I do and my hard work helped."

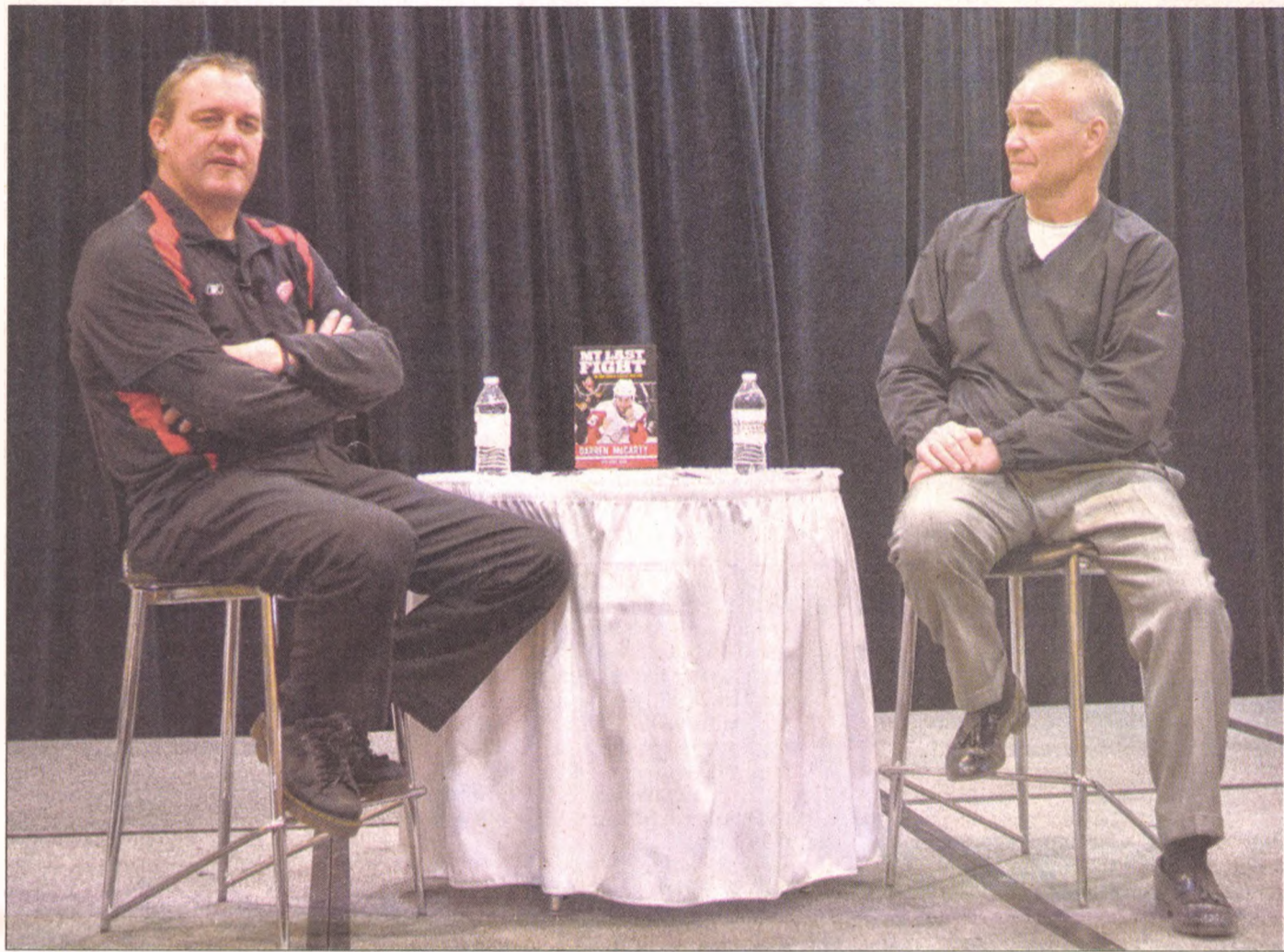
His mom, Anita Stranges, noted another big-time perk of the opportunity: Antonio comes from a "100-percent Italian" family and will get the chance to experience that country's culture — along with elite youth hockey, too.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Anita said. "I think it's going to give him a chance to play against some of the top players from around the world. I think it's going to be great as far as — we're Italian, first of all, we're 100-percent Italian. My husband (Antonio Sr.)

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Looking to find a teammate to pass the puck to is Antonio Stranges Jr., of the 2001 Belle Tire AAA Pee Wee team.



Retired Red Wing Darren McCarty and broadcaster Steve Courtney sat down for a chat. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## MCCARTY WOWS CHAMBER AUDIENCE

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty told a crowded Laurel Manor his battle with substance abuse stemmed from the pressures and unpredictability he saw while playing in the National Hockey League.

"It's tough when you go to bed thinking, 'Who am I going to fight tomorrow?' Sometimes, you can't sleep," he said. "It's a way to shut things off. It's a coping mechanism."

McCarty spoke to more than 180 people Friday at an event put on by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce to promote his recent book, *My Last Fight*. The book details his life during his time in the NHL on and off the ice, which was mostly spent in Detroit and includes stories from his battles with alcohol and substance abuse.

Audience members also came from chambers in Westland and Novi, in addition to Livonia.

McCarty, speaking to Steve Courtney of WJR-AM (950), said he never drank any alcohol from the Stanley Cup, hockey's top prize and one the Red Wings won in 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2008 while McCarty was on the team.

He had done some stints in rehab before, but had been clean for many years until he signed with the Calgary Flames after the NHL lockout

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Darren McCarty opened up about his life and career in a free-wheeling, salty, no-holds-barred conversation before the chamber of commerce crowd.

### MEET-AND-GREET

Former Red Wings player Darren McCarty visited Novi to sign autographs Saturday at the Total Hockey store in Novi Town Center. For a video of the event, go to [www.novinews.com](http://www.novinews.com).

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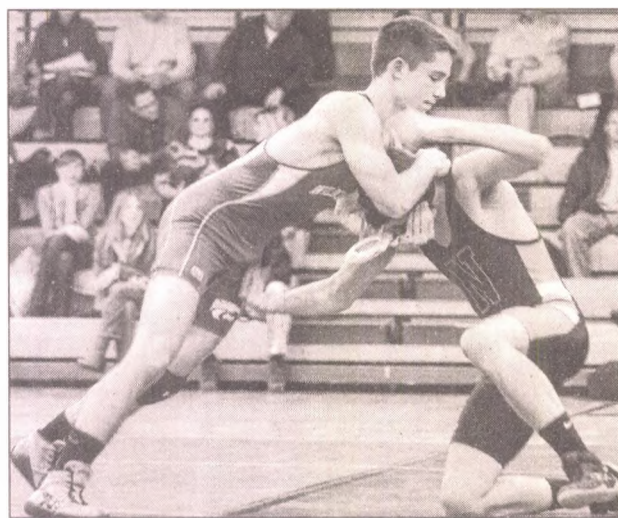
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## NOVI HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

## Student-athletes sign college letters

One thing Novi High School never seems short on is the number of student-athletes who are signing on to compete at the next level. Last week, 11 more Wildcats made it official by signing national letters of intent in a special ceremony – viewable at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwJXl42v0Yw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwJXl42v0Yw), courtesy of Emi Nakashima – among friends and family at the high school.

Soccer was once again the leader of the pack, as Don Nakashima (University of Detroit), Taylor Pavlika (Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne), Gabby DeLeon (U.S. Military Academy) and Kendal Kramer (University of Michigan)



Novi's Kyle Benkarski (left) takes on a Northville opponent Feb. 6. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

all took the step to move up.

Field hockey was close behind, sending on Megan Paul (Miami

[Ohio]), Haley Notarantonio (University of Massachusetts) and Kayla Burkhartdt (Wittenberg) to compete at the next

level.

Also joining their classmates were a variety of other Wildcats, including Jeff Baker (football at Notre Dame), Haley Parker (lacrosse at Siena Heights), Jordan Love (track at Boston University) and Tyler Whitehead (baseball at Hope College).

## Grapplers knocked out of team competition, individuals battle on

Hosting both team districts on Feb. 5 and individual districts on Saturday, the Wildcats didn't have as much luck as they had hoped. Despite beating Northville, 51-18, at team districts, Novi lost to Livonia Ste-

venson, 33-31, allowing the Spartans to advance.

Those advancing at individual districts were ready for Saturday's regionals before the state finals Feb. 2 through March 1 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

## Icemen glide toward playoffs

Now ranked No. 13 in the state (No. 3 in Division 2), Novi's ice hockey team (15-6-1, 9-3-0 KLAAs Kensington) came out strong in a tough week of action.

The Wildcats knocked off Berkley Unified (13-5-2) with an 8-4 victory Feb. 3 as Austin Petty tallied 22 saves and Ryan Baxter, Jordan Richardson, Jeff Malear and Mitch Magliocco all notched two points

apiece.

The 'Cats then headed to Chelsea for a Friday-Saturday doubleheader, where they beat Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (12-6-1) and tied Lake Orion (14-5-2). Rob Gaul made 16 saves against Reeths-Puffer as Baxter tallied three points and Brad Hofelich had two points. Petty then had 18 saves in the tie against Lake Orion despite the 'Cats tallying a 41-21 shot advantage.

Up next for Novi is a Saturday crossover at Walled Lake Western (8-12-2, 3-4-1 Lakes) before it hosts Canton (2-18-0, 0-10-0 Kensington) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and visits Howell (14-5-1, 7-0-1 Lakes) at 6:50 p.m. Feb. 20.

– By Chris Jackett

## Novi cagers finish regular season on strong note

Zugaro, Yanke both tip quarter-century mark in scoring

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With the end of the season on the horizon, Novi's boys basketball team may be playing some of its best ball.

The Wildcats (4-11, 3-7 KLAAs Central) lost a close 72-68 decision to division champs Plymouth Salem (13-3, 9-1 Central) Feb. 4, nearly avenging a 73-50 loss Jan. 17. Novi then flipped a four-point loss to Livonia Stevenson (4-11, 3-7 Central) from Jan. 21 to defeat the Spartans 55-51 last Friday.

Also promising for the Wildcats was that it has been different players stepping up each game. Senior Nick Zugaro dropped 26 points on Salem, when senior Erik Biberstein also tallied 16 points, while senior Max Yanke poured in 25

## ON TAP

Novi (4-11, 3-7 KLAAs Central) will host Wayne Memorial (3-11, 2-8 South) tonight, visit Livonia Franklin (3-13, 2-8 South) Monday and host Waterford Mott (3-12, 3-7 North) Feb. 20 in a trio of postseason KLAAs crossovers, all at 7 p.m.

points against Stevenson.

Against Salem, three Wildcats landed in double figures. Zugaro added nine assists and four rebounds to his big day, shooting 9-for-16 from the field, including 4-for-6 from beyond the arc. Biberstein's 16 points came along with four rebounds, two steals and two blocks. Sophomore Naji Ozier also tallied 10 points to go with three rebounds, as Novi shot 14-for-15 from the free-throw line while nearly upsetting the Rocks.

Also chipping in for Novi were Yanke (seven points, four steals, three assists) and senior Craig Wilson (five points). Sophomores Tony Asimadu and Eric Foard (four rebounds) added two points each. The team shot 24-for-49 (49

percent) from the field.

As a team, Novi shot 19-for-42 (45.2 percent) against Stevenson, highlighted by Yanke going 8-for-9 (including 5-for-5 on triples). Yanke was also 4-for-4 from the charity stripe en route to his career best. He also added four rebounds and two steals.

Zugaro was once again a presence for the Wildcats, tallying 11 points, five assists, four rebounds and three steals, while Ozier added seven points and seven rebounds.

Adding to the cause were junior Billy Ulle (two points, three rebounds) and sophomore Kameron Hankerson (two points).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

## Wildcats power way to division title

McMahan explodes for 32 points in win over Stevenson

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The two victories Novi's girls basketball team picked up last week were glimpses of two different styles that both led to success.

The victories gave the Wildcats (13-3, 8-2 KLAAs Central) another division title and resulted in both opponents tying for second in the Central Division.

Starting the week off on the road Feb. 4, the Wildcats used a balanced attack where five different players led the team with two field goals apiece for a 42-33 victory over Plymouth Salem. The win avenged a 39-32 home loss Jan. 17 to Plymouth Salem (11-5, 6-4 Central).

With junior Alex Felice (10 points, seven rebounds) leading the way, Novi turned a 9-5 first-quarter deficit into a 17-14 halftime lead and never slowed down.

The others with two field goals apiece were seniors Taylor Pavlika (nine points, 10 rebounds, two assists, two steals, one block), Kerri McMahan (six points, four rebounds, four assists), Dina Fawaz (five points, three rebounds, two assists, two steals) and Kristen Schubring (four points, three rebounds).

Senior Rachel Whitens chipped in six points as the team shot 11-for-27 (40.7 percent).

The Wildcats also dominated the boards, with a 28-15 rebound advantage, while the Rocks shot 11-for-38 (28.9 percent) from the field.

Visitors Livonia Stevenson (10-5, 6-4 Central) were a bit more of a test in the paint Friday, outrebounding the Wildcats 24-13, but falling 50-37. Novi led 31-11 by halftime before Stevenson finished the game on a 17-7 run.

Contrary to the balanced Wildcats attack from three days prior, this match-up was very much a shooting clinic by McMahan that opponents have feared for

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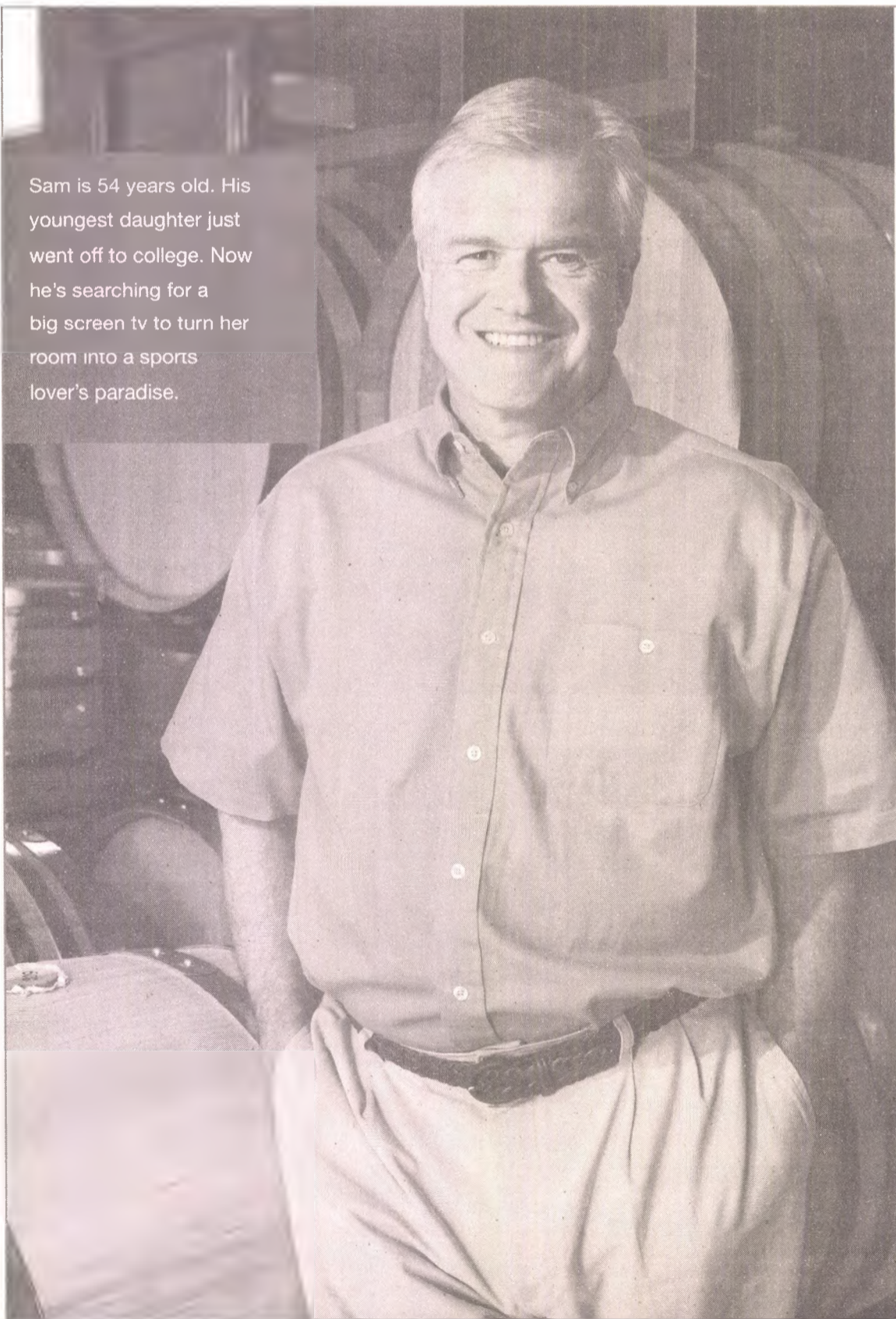
Novi (13-3, 8-2 KLAAs Central) was scheduled to begin the KLAAs Conference tourney this week. A quarterfinal win would send the Wildcats to a semifinal Friday before the Kensington Conference championship game Tuesday.

the past four years. She shot 10-for-17 (58.8 percent) from the field and 11-for-11 from the foul line en route to a 32-point night that was accompanied by three assists, four steals and one block.

Novi shot 17-for-45 (37.8 percent) as a whole, with contributions from Schubring (five points, six rebounds, one block), senior Allie Iacobelli (five points), Pavlika (three points, six assists, five steals), Whitens (three points) and Fawaz (two points, two assists, three steals).

The Spartans shot 14-for-31 (45.1 percent) from the field.

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# W.L. Western sends 10 on to college

Walled Lake Western High School hosted a college signing event Feb. 5 for 10 student-athletes who plan to pursue athletics at the college level.

Kyle Bambard, son of Eric and Kelly Bambard, plans to attend North Carolina State University to play football and study criminal justice.

Andrew Gonzalez, son of Jose and Colleen Gonzalez, plans to attend Michigan State University to play baseball and

study criminal justice.

Jimmy Hague, son of John and Kristy Hague, plans to attend Michigan State University to play soccer and is undecided at this time on his field of study.

Alex Joss, son of Mark and Amy Joss, plans to attend Ball State University to play football and study business.

Shane Moffo, son of Michael and Allison Moffo, plans to attend Central Michigan Uni-

versity to participate in track and field and study physical therapy.

Mitchell Dennis, son of Steven and Christine Dennis, plans to attend the University of Chicago to run cross country and study international relations.

Joshua Daniel, son of Johnnie and Pilon Daniel, plans to attend Urbana College to play football and study athletic training.

Leon Richardson, son of Leon Richardson and

Semica Mingo, plans to attend Indiana State University to play football and study accounting.

Kevin Dickey, son of William Dickey and Teresa Presty, plans to attend Northwood University to play football and study automotive marketing.

Troy Thomas, son of Todd and Chelly Thomas, plans to attend the University of Mount Union to play football and study business.

# Bowling results split down opposite lanes

Girls cruise as boys team falls short

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The Novi bowling program threw a split this week.

Well, they likely threw a few, but the results of the two matches this week went in opposite directions for the Wildcats girls (12-1, 9-1 KLAA Central) and boys (5-8, 3-7 Central).

The girls continued their success, knocking off Canton, 27-3, Feb. 3 at Super Bowl and Plymouth Salem, 16-14, Friday at Town N Country Lanes.

Against the Chiefs, Novi won both Baker games, 186-169 and 155-141, and both regular games, 705-700 and 785-674, in dominant fashion. Canton needed one more mark in the 10th frame for a chance to win the first regular game, but fell five pins short. Abby Ranks (124, 144) and Megan Engels (138, 169) each scored two points for Novi, while Sara Schulz had high scores with games of 197 and 155.

In the closer match against the Rocks, Novi's girls lost all 10 Baker points, 164-152 and 227-161, but came back to win both regular games, 757-725 and 830-751. Engels (162, 214), Schulz (171, 185) and Evie Plaetinck (146, 166) each scored two points for the 'Cats to secure the victory.

The boys continued down a different lane than the girls, but not for lack of effort. They lost 19-11 to Canton and 23-7 to Salem.

Novi had a chance to win the Canton match late in the second game, but fell short. The 'Cats won the first Baker, 202-187, but lost the second, 168-123, and totals. The Chiefs won the first regular game, 1,026-836. Tommy Warner scored Novi's only

### ON TAP

Novi (12-1 girls, 5-8 boys) will compete in Friday's KLAA Tournament.

point with a 199. Needing a big win in the second game, Novi won, 950-899, but it wasn't big enough. First-year bowler Ryan Moore had a season best 276 game to lead Novi in the second game (178 in the first game for 454 total), while Warner added a 201 score.

Salem had a better grasp on the 'Cats after splitting the Baker games. Salem won the first, 226-192, and Novi won the second, 189-174. But Novi lost both regular games, 1,129-1,060 and 1,009-903, although the first game went down to the 10th frame. Scott Pryson (256, 172), Brennan Snow (201, 204) and Warner (182, 175) led the way by scoring one point each for Novi.

The week wrapped up Sunday at Novi Bowl's Valentine Invite. Both the boys and girls scored an identical 3,291, which resulted in very different finishes. The girls took third overall, just 29 pins out of second place, as Schulz led the way with a 514 series (170, 160, 184). The boys landed in 12th, with DiAndre Moreland leading the way with the 26th best score of 547 (223, 151, 173).

"Both boys and girls found tough scoring conditions at our home house of Novi Bowl," Novi coach John Osbourne said. "The tournament served as experience for the KLAA and state regional coming in the next two weeks."

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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

won at 140. Malik Amine won at 145, Nick Bennett won at 152, Ty Morland won at 160, Drew Garcia won at 171 and Nick Giese won at 189.

Earning a second-place finish were Parker O'Brien, Evan Toth, Adam McGrath and Jimmy Russell. Greg Johnson and Tommy Herman both finished third.

**Team wins 20th straight district title**

The Catholic Central wrestling team took home its 20th consecutive team district wrestling title last week when it earned two convincing wins over South Lyon and Walled Lake Western.

Against the Lions, the Shamrocks had a perfect 73-0 score and they almost repeated that feat with a 63-9 triumph over Walled Lake.

In this week's team regional, scheduled for

North Farmington High School, the Shamrocks were to face Waterford Kettering while Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Central wrestled in the other semifinal.

**Cagers surprise Brother Rice, fall to DeLaSalle**

It was a week of ups and down. No, scratch that. It was a week of a huge up and a down as the Shamrocks came from behind to force overtime against a stout Brother Rice team and went on to win, 68-66.

A few days later, the Shamrocks weren't able to repeat that magic as they fell to DeLaSalle, 45-35.

Against Brother Rice, however, Catholic Central was primed to earn a victory. CC came out in the first quarter and outscored its foes, 9-8, but trailed at halftime, 21-19.

The Shamrocks found

themselves trailing, 45-37, at the start of the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, CC outscored the Warriors, 18-10, and tied the game, 55-55, at the end of regulation.

The Shamrocks had several players step up in the fourth as Austin Beyer scored all four of his points in that quarter, while Charlie Ryan put up seven of his team-high 25 points. Lance Tebay added three in the fourth.

Tebay and Ryan led the way in overtime, scoring six and seven, respectively, as the Shamrocks outpaced the Warriors to earn the Catholic High School League victory.

Tebay ended the night with 13 points, while Noah Lee added 12 in the winning effort.

Brother Rice's Kevin Hayes led all scorers with 31 points.

—By Sam Eggleston

**Grapplers send 14 to regional**

The Catholic Central wrestling team is off to a great start in its hunt for state championships for individual wrestlers.

The Shamrocks, coached by Mitch Hancock, advanced 14 to the regional tournament, Saturday at Walled Lake Northern.

"Our guys always compete hard and wrestle with effort," Hancock said. "I think a few of our guys had to turn it up a notch, though, and realize we are in the postseason."

"I think we can score more points on our feet and be more aggressive in certain situations. We have a couple of weeks to make a few adjustments and push forward."

Seven Shamrocks earned an individual district title. Trevor Zdebski won at 119 pounds, Myles Amine

## WILDCATS

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one of many Wildcats combos that helped lead to the victory.

In the 100 freestyle, Jacob Robbins (52.62), Ryan Katulski (52.84) and James Popyk (54.00) made it a clean sweep of the top three.

Tanner Vincent picked

up a pair of first-place state-qualifying finishes, taking the 100 backstroke in 54.57 and the 200 free in 1:47.45. Sid Kareddy took third in the 200 free with a time of 1:55.65.

Kareddy also finished third in the 500 free in 5:23.68, just behind teammate Joey Berman, who was second in 5:13.66. Berman also was third in the 50 free in 25.14, just

behind runner-up Robbins' 23.96.

Louie added points with a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley in 2:11.45 and Kyle Kilponen took third in the 100 butterfly in 59.42 seconds.

All three relay groups were also impressive, as Novi teams took two of the top three in all three races.

The 200 free relay saw

Novi land in first (1:33.72) and third (1:38.93), while the 400 free relay saw Novi finish second (3:30.61) and third (3:43.23).

The 200 medley relay teams finished second (1:44.66) and third (1:48.02).

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## MCCARTY

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canceled the 2004-05 season. He said he was feeling down and found some alcohol, the first drink he had had in nearly 10 years, he said.

"I remember I had a Bud Light and a little bottle of Patron tequila," he said. "That led me back to rehab."

Milford resident Nancy Lang, who works in Farmington Hills, attended the speech donning a Red Wings T-shirt and brought two copies of McCarty's book for him to sign after the presentation.

She said she read McCarty's book and would have liked to have read more about his

hockey-related stories. But learning more of his personal life during Friday's speech was a plus as well, she said.

"I thought it was a great presentation. Gives you some insight into his world," she said.

She said one of her favorite memories of McCarty was after the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in 1998. Her husband was working on a home in McCarty's neighborhood when he saw former Wings player Kris Draper drive down the street in a convertible with the Stanley Cup in the car. Seeing the trophy "glittering in the sunlight," her husband began talking to McCarty and asked him to speak to her over the phone.

"He pulls up to Dar-

ren, and (my husband) goes, 'Oh my gosh, I have to call my wife,'" Lang said. "He gets on the phone and says, 'Hi, Nancy.' I just started babbling."

McCarty took some questions from those in the audience, including about where he was during the infamous limousine crash after the Red Wings won the championship in 1997 that left former Red Wing Vladimir Konstantinov severely injured.

McCarty said he and his teammates were golfing when they found out the news and drove to the site in Birmingham where it took place. The team was completely devastated, he recalled.

"I remember the (police) officer going, 'I

don't know what to tell you. It was bad,'" he said. "That was the end of our Stanley Cup celebration three days later."

McCarty even touched on the recent allegations by former teammate Slava Fetisov, who recently said he believes the limo accident was not an accident at all.

He said he could not argue with the claims Fetisov made with a local television anchor and said that could be a possibility.

"I'm a conspiracy theorist, too," he said. "If you ask me, you might have something. I think it's arguable."

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## SELECT

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and I are both first-generation American.

"The fact that it's going to bring him back to Italy, of all places, was really exciting for us. And I think that he's going to learn a lot, I think it's going to make him grow up."

The youngster, who attends sixth grade at the Plymouth Scholars charter academy (K-8), works harder than your typical 12-year-old.

He trains with Kenny Brandt, skills instructor for the Compuware youth program. His Belle Tire coach is Joe Smaza, described by Anita as a "well-known hockey coach."

And don't forget regular trips to Rejuvena-

tion Fitness in Plymouth for off-ice workouts.

**Measuring stick**

According to Brandt, the 68 originally chosen for the World Selects Invitational has since been whittled down to 17. Antonio made the cut, one of nine forwards.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected and should be a great experience," said Brandt, who also is skills instructor for the Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League (a team Antonio said he would love to play for someday). "It's too early to tell what the future will hold, but he's definitely on the right track and being included in this group is a great measuring stick as to where he currently stands."

"I have been working with Antonio the past

three years and he takes his skill training very seriously and this accomplishment is a good lesson for what hard work can do."

The fact the youngster loves hockey and seemingly loves to train almost as much, "I'm excited to see what the future brings," Brandt said.

After finishing up at Plymouth Scholars in two years, Antonio would like to go to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (and perhaps play prep hockey for the Shamrocks, who also play at Compuware).

But his mom said nothing like that has been determined.

**Terrific tryout**

According to a press release, WCS coach Shawn Hunwick (a former professional player) said Antonio "was superb

at the tryout. He not only showed he has the skill to be a top hockey prospect, but also demonstrated great leadership and passion on the ice."

Hunwick was part of the selection committee, as were NHL Hall of Fame member Mark Howe and Selects Hockey co-founder Travis Howe, among other pro coaches and scouts.

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## Former varsity football coach opens athletic center

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

NFL veteran and Super Bowl champion Sean McHugh knows first-hand what it takes to play professional football. He wants his new business venture to help kids reach their fullest athletic potential.

A quote painted on the wall at McHugh Athletic Performance Center at Eight Mile and Pontiac Trail in Lyon Township says it all: "Train like a Pro, Play like a Champion."

The 5,600-square-foot space is set up for children, teen and adult classes. Programs for younger kids focus on building strength and agility, because at this level, McHugh said, he doesn't teach individual sports techniques, like how to swing a bat, handle a soccer ball or set a volleyball.

"The best thing a parent can do for a young athlete is to encourage their child to try as much as possible, but focus on the child being a well-rounded athlete," McHugh said. "Don't specialize too quickly."

He does, however, teach advance training for high school athletes "who want to take their game to another level," said McHugh, who played six years in the NFL — three with the Detroit Lions, two with the Pittsburgh Steelers and one with the Green Bay Packers.

"Sports is so big in this area," he said. "We want to see those kids succeed. I lived it. I'm not reading the instructions from a book."



Former NFL player Sean McHugh recently opened McHugh Athletic Performance Center in Lyon Township. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Athletes abound

Ashlee McHugh, Sean's wife, played field hockey in college. All their employees have an athletic background, her husband said.

Ashlee runs classes for adults of all ability levels who want a challenge for overall fitness. R.I.P.P.E.D. (resistance, intervals, power, performance, endurance and determination) is designed for women who want to throw out the old workout and step into something new. The 60-minute full body challenge is carved into three sections — cardio, resistance and agility.

"We use a lot of athletic style training," Ashlee said. "I have people in class who haven't worked out in years. When they get done, they say, 'I can't believe I just did that.'"

As if they were lobbing a ball back and forth on a tennis court, Ashlee and Sean are enthusiastic as they talk about their new business that also offers

team training and personal sessions by appointment.

They chose South Lyon as their hometown after living in various places around the country. He grew up in Cleveland, she was raised in Harrisburg, Penn., and they lived in Canton when Sean played for the Lions. But they looked for something else when they mapped out a place to raise their children, Jack, 6, and Emma, 4.

"We wanted a small-town community feel, so we moved to South Lyon and we've been here for three years," said Sean, who coached varsity football at Novi High School in 2011-12.

Looking at a wall of weights and other equipment at the new business, Sean said: "We have everything you need and nothing you don't."

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## Novi Andiamo restaurant changing names again

By Sylvia Rector  
Gannett Michigan

Eighteen months after converting three of his largest Andiamo Italia restaurants to more upscale Italian steakhouses, founder and CEO Joe Vicari is dropping the steakhouse labels and rebranding them again as Andiamo Italias to rebuild business and end consumer confusion.

Joe Vicari's Andiamo Italian Steakhouses in Novi, Clarkston and Grosse Pointe Woods will be called Andiamo Trattorias. The other seven, including the steakhouses in Dearborn, Warren and Bloomfield Township, will be Andiamo Italias, serving a menu of the company's core dishes, and other dishes the chefs choose to appeal to their respective customer bases.

The name changes follow consumer research Vicari ordered last year to learn why business increased 17 percent after the steakhouses were created, but then fell off sharply.

"We found out through our sampling that our brand is really strong, but we have confused consumers. Are we a steakhouse? Are we still Andiamo? And what is Joe & Aldo (the casual brand introduced in Novi last year)?" he said.

Customers were especially unhappy that the steakhouses had a la carte menus, which meant they no longer received a soup or salad, small pasta, vegetable and sometimes potato with their entrees, Vicari said.

"They said, 'We're used to getting our soup and salad and a side of pasta. What happened to all that other stuff?'" Vicari said. At the same time, people said, "We love you as Andiamo. We love you for Italian food." ... So we are going back to Andiamo.

"I'm trying to be proactive," he added. "I will do whatever it takes to be successful. They



Joe Vicari found his patrons were disappointed in the steakhouse dinners.

want me to be true to my brand and that's what I'm doing."

The changing steakhouses will still have prime beef, but the menu will be inclusive, Vicari said: "If the filet was \$38, it will still be \$38, but you'll get a soup or salad. ... The perceived value comes back."

The rebranding — which will include new signage, new menus and an advertising campaign — will cost the company about \$250,000, Vicari estimated. The company also will host its own restaurant-week promotions starting later this month, tied to its 25th anniversary this year.

Vicari said he created the steakhouses because the Italian restaurant chain's top-selling item was not a pasta, but a filet with Zip sauce, so "we thought the transition to a steakhouse would be a good one."

But without those small extra dishes, he added customers felt short-changed: "They said, 'I'm not getting my value.' They had no problem driving down the street and paying more money. They said, 'It's a steakhouse. I expect that. But I don't expect that from Andiamo.'" The focus groups —

regular customers, those who were coming less often and people who had never been to the restaurant — all said that price was not an issue, Vicari said.

"I was pleasantly surprised that the brand is still strong and very recognizable," he said.

The restaurants' locations will be added to their names — as in Andiamo Italia Dearborn. And their menus will reflect their communities. About half the items will be so-called core items, those Vicari considers essential for every Andiamo. Each restaurant's chef will choose the rest of his or her menu, taking about 20 percent from dishes offered in the past and the rest created by the chef creating the rest especially for that restaurant.

About 17 dishes at each restaurant will be entirely new, Vicari said.

The new signs have been ordered and menus are being printed this week and will debut Feb. 17, Vicari said. The company-wide restaurant week promotion, offering a 25-percent discount on all new menu items, will run Feb. 16-21.

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onstrated full compliance. The commission's standards represent the full scope of the cancer program. These include cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach, and quality improvement.

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# Car Report

## Advertising Feature

### 'America' Supplants Detroit in Chrysler Super Bowl Ad for New 200



By Dale Buss

"Detroit" gave way to "America" in Chrysler's widely awaited Super Bowl commercial this year, as the brand finally pivoted from its "Imported From Detroit" tag line after using it for three years.

"America's Import" was the new signature line at the end of the Chrysler-brand anthem ad during the game's third quarter, starring Bob Dylan from start to finish as narrator, protagonist and inspiration in a commercial that at least nominally was about the new 2015 Chrysler 200 sedan.

The new, vastly improved 2015 Chrysler 200 -- unveiled at the Detroit auto show with advanced standard features that make it worthy of comparison with some of the other big nameplates in the segment -- is the product that represents the first real fruits of that change. So it got the nod in the Super Bowl ad.

And for the sake of the Chrysler brand, it's got to prove only the start of a wave of more-competitive vehicles, not the end.



Bob Dylan starred in Chrysler's latest Super Bowl ad.

In any event, with the ad, Chrysler moved away from the Motown-centric positioning that it introduced with its epochal Super Bowl ad in 2011, the one that starred Eminem and the previous version of the 200. That ad also very much starred Detroit and its gritty comeback attempt.

But in the ad on Super Bowl Sunday -- which, again this year, Chrysler did a very good job of not telegraphing ahead of time -- the brand clearly tried to establish a broader message than the fact that it is associated with Detroit.



Chrysler changed its brand slogan.

Instead, Chrysler preached a new sermon about cars that are made in America, while mentioning Detroit only tangentially. It was consistent with what Chrysler CMO Olivier Francois told me a while ago about wanting to emphasize the "Imported" aspect of the "Imported From Detroit" slogan, about determining to play up the company's world-class automotive chops more than its association with its hometown.

True, Chrysler is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, a Dutch company with an Italian CEO. But that fact is basically moot to the backdrop for the Dylan ad because Fiat also controlled Chrysler back in 2011 when all of America hailed the original "Imported From Detroit" spot, "Born of Fire," for its authenticity.

Is there anything more American than America? Dylan said in Sunday's ad. 'Cause

you can't import a vision. You can't fake true cool. You can't duplicate legacy. Because what Detroit created was a first and became an inspiration to the rest of the world.

Yeah, Detroit made cars, and cars made America. Making the best, making the finest, takes conviction ... And you can't import the heart and soul of every man and woman working on the line.

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So let Germany brew your beer. Have Switzerland make your watch. Let Asia assemble your phone. We will build your car.

The ad ended with the words, "All-New Chrysler 200," and then the apparent new tagline, "America's Import."

The imagery in the ad also supported the brand's clear departure from the "Imported From Detroit" motif of the last three years.

Interspersed with scenes of Dylan himself -- strumming his guitar, playing pool, integrating himself completely with the theme and the action of the ad -- were plenty of snapshots of Americana.

There was a diner, a ferris wheel, a baseball pitcher, a sign along Route 66, Julius Erving, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, a Rosie the Riveter poster. And while there were some glimpses of an automotive assembly line, and Detroit, they're far from tone-setting -- instead, they depict the Motor City only as part of the entire fabric of America, of a nation, not just a city, that is putting out a worthy automobile.

Understandably, Detroiters and other fans of the traditional Big Three automakers were heartened when Chrysler made the city itself the centerpiece of the trailblazing "Born of Fire" commercial in 2011 and of a subsequent long-term campaign to associate the grittiness and determination of the brand and company with the ultimate would-be comeback story: Motown itself.

But Eminem and 2011 were then, and this is now.



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You may not think you have enough time to make progress in your job search. But if you've got five minutes, you can move your search forward with any of these 11 actions:

**1. Replace the objective statement**

"Replace the objective statement at the top of your résumé with a branded headline that conveys your value to the reader, i.e., 'Registered nurse committed to providing safe, effective patient care,'" says Laurie Berenson, certified master résumé writer and founder of Sterling Career Concepts LLC.

**2. Connect with your network**

"Connect with one person from your network with whom you haven't spoken in at least one month," Berenson advises. "Pick up the phone, don't rely on emailing."

**3. Update your social profiles**

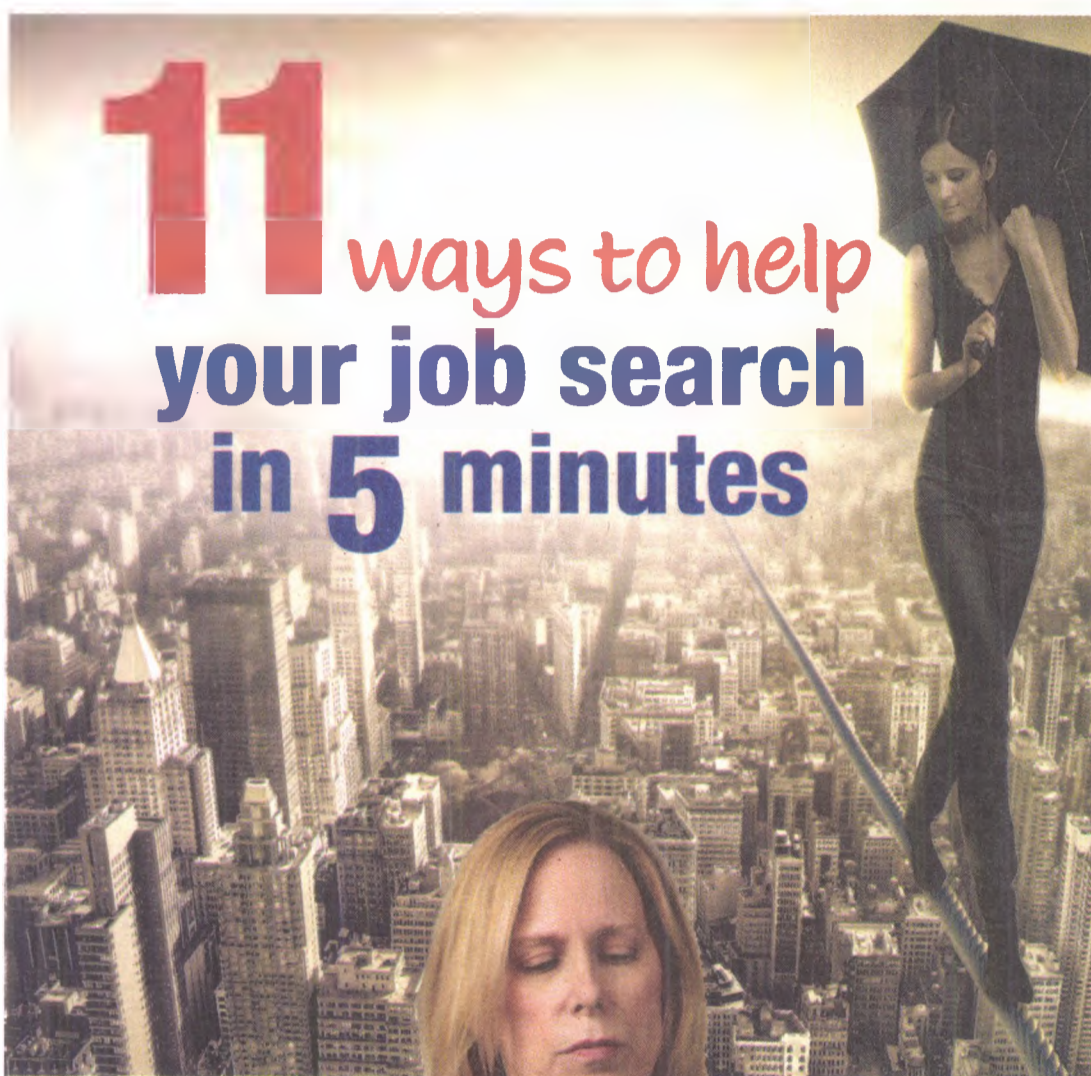
"Update your LinkedIn profile content for two reasons: First, to keep it current, but also so the activity puts your name in front of every one of your contacts as a network update on their home page," Berenson says.

**4. Conduct research**

"A lack of basic understanding of the agency's mission and/or philosophy shows a lack of preparation and interest," says Natasha R.W. Eldridge, founding partner and director of human resources for Eldridge Overton Educational Programs.

**5. Make your voicemail more professional**

"Remove ringtones and silly voicemail recordings from voicemail," Eldridge says. "I am



not going to leave a professional message on the voicemail of an applicant that has music blasting as a ringtone. It shows me that job searching is not a priority."

**6. Prepare for the interview**

"Preparation is everything," says Bruce A. Hurwitz, president and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing Ltd. "Make up a list of the questions you do not want to be asked; then answer them in the company of a friend. Tell the friend you want honest feedback to make certain that you are giving confident, credible and professional-sounding answers. Once you are comfortable with the difficult

questions, you will be more than prepared for the 'easy' questions."

**7. Join industry associations**

"Contact and join a local professional association," says Raina Kropp, HR talent partner at Vistage International. "Sometimes you can get student or in-transition discounts. Don't be afraid to ask. These are the people you want to network with since they could be your future manager or colleague."

**8. Clean up your resume**

"Remove irrelevant experience from your resume," says Katie Niekrash, senior managing director of the recruitment firm Execu-Search. "While the summer after college that you spent scooping ice cream may have been the best time of your life, it doesn't really apply to a career in finance. Pick and choose your relevant experience, and tailor it to the job you're applying for."

**9. Get your references ready**

"Prepare your list of references before the interview," Niekrash says. "Once you have confirmed your two to three references, create a

simple document that lists all the relevant information the employer would need to know about them, name, title, contact info., etc. Bring this document with you to all your interviews, so this way, if the hiring manager asks you for your references, you'll be prepared and look organized."

**10. Stay organized**

"Create a master list for all the jobs you apply for. The key to a successful job search is organization," Niekrash says. "To do this, create an Excel spreadsheet that contains a row for each job you apply for, and include these columns: the date you applied; the company; the contact; the position for which you applied; how you applied; if, when and with whom you interviewed; when you should next follow up or what your next steps are; and the current status of the application. Creating this document should only take a few minutes, and updating it as you proactively apply for jobs should only take a few seconds."

**11. Proofread your materials**

"Read your LinkedIn profile, résumé and other job-search materials backward," says Karen Southall Watts, business consultant, coach and speaker. "That's right, read from the last sentence to the first sentence. This editing technique forces you to examine each sentence separately and keeps you from skipping over mistakes because you know what you meant to say next. By reading your materials backward, you can avoid those common typos and errors that plague all of us when our brains go faster than our typing skills."

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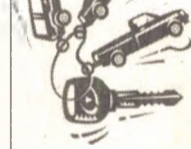
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