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MONEY

Lydia Cadena (center) with her mother Herminia Cadena and father Manuel Cadena reacts to being named Novi's

Novi's top teacher is

'blown away' by honor

Colleague calls Cadena 'one of the most dedicated teachers' ever

Tears welled up in Lydia Cadena's eyes

Joined by her two parents, husband and

father-in-law, Cadena called the honor "mind-boggling," and was quick to deflect praise onto her colleagues and students.

"Personally this is the top honor I have

ever received," she said. "I never expected

Cadena was "blown away" and had a look

low teachers and family, along with current

superintendent Pete Dion and incoming

pard member Ann Glubzinski and The

ear wasn't enough, Fischer stole the show

hoose from that would be hers for a year for

the winning teacher, and it does the same in

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handing Cadena a list of vehicles to

This is the ninth consecutive year The

Suburban Collection has donated a car to

Former Novi teacher and counselor

five other communities as well. Fischer said it's his company's way of showing teachers how important they are.
"Teachers make the difference every day,"

Suburban Collection CEO David Fischer

packed into her classroom

superintendent Steve Matthews, school

Tuesday afternoon as she tried to put her recognition as Novi's Teacher of the Year into words.







MON IVON Summer sports leagues

The City of Novi Senior Center invites adults 55 years and older to recapture the "dog days of summer" feeling by taking part in the simple and bocce ball. A "competitive streak" is not necessary; the 3 leagues will be designed based on feedback from those who affend informational meetings on Thursday, May 19 at Novi Senior Center Community Room, 25075 Meadowbrook

> and Grand River Avenue) · Softball Meeting, 10 a.m. · Bocce Ball Meeting, 1 p.m. Softball will be played on the Power Park fields (behind the Novi Civic Center) on Tuesdays in June and July at 10 a.m. The season will be scheduled according to the interest of the participants. Bocce ball will be played at outside the Senior Center/Meadowbrook

June and July at 1 p.m. Ali skill levels are welcom for both leagues. Seize the opportunity to get outdoors meet others and have fun.

Commons on Thursdays in

For more information regarding the leagues, please contact Tori Heglin, recreatio Programmer at (248) 347-0414.

M-5/Pontiac Trail __roundabout ground=* breaking

A groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the \$5 million project to construct a roundabout at the intersection of M-5, Pontiac Trail and Martin Parkway in Commerce Township will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 20.

The roundabout will serve to connect M-S and Pontiac trail to the new Martin

The event will take place just north of the intersection. Parking will be available at the Commerce Township Library (2869 N. Pontiac Trail). The entrance to the east of the M-5 intersection. Just prior to the groundbreaking, at it a.m., Township Supervisor Tom Zoner will per form a fly-over of the site in his nowered naraglider, Holdogs and beverages will be served following the ceremony Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), the Charter

Township of Commerce and the

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will lead the event.

balance the budget. Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human ources, said initially the list featured 31 teachers but that number shrunk by five because of retirements and

voluntary leaves. next school year.
"This does change over the

next month or six weeks as we look closely at certifica-tions," Schram said. "This is Board president Bruce Bagdady empathized with those on the layoff list and

come in the collective bargaining process that is tak-



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Driving creativity Sellers' showroom is

also local art gallery

The walls of the new Sellers Buick Pontiac GMC were kind of bare for a while,

but that was by design.
*When we built the new showroom, it took a year for us to put the first nail in," said Sam Slaughter, owner of the car dealership on Grand River near 10 Mile in Farmington Hills. Slaughter wanted to be

sure about the decor, instead of simply hanging just anything on the walls. That's when the idea came to him Inspired by Picasso Cafe, just down the road in Novi, Slaughter called upon their artsy connections and decid-ed to turn his showroom into somewhat of an art gallery. Between the elegant Buick

find the artistic works of Barbara Murphy and Jan Brown of Novi. "We thought this would be a really cool venue to show off local art pieces," Slaughter said. "We are really

monthly and Slaughter is con-sidering adding exhibits to the showroom floor during special car events at the dealership. "We really want to use the

and that's a great way to do The showroom, now two years old, was transformed

been in Farmington Hills,

Lacrosses and the sporty GMC Terrains, visitors will

The artwork will rotate

into an elegant dining room when it hosted the Hills Foundation's Winter Gala this year and last year. "For all of the years we've

we've been communityminded, Slaughter said. "This is just another oppor-tunity to expand that a bil."

for their car to be serviced while enjoying a coffee or a sandwich in the cafe — they can also admire the artwork

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Novi artist Jan Brown, Sellers Buick Pontiac GMC owner Sam Slaughter and Julie Spangler, leasing assistant at Sellers, stand near an acrylic

Spring into a New Novi schools lay off 26 employees Car Today!

New administrators could be hired by end of May

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Lydia Cadena (right) shares a moment with former

colleague Donna Roemer after Cadena was recognized as

Novi's too teacher and presented with free one-year lease

The Novi Board of
Education approved the layoff
of 26 employees at its meeting last Thursday to help the

said the board has hope "how ever slight it might be" that Lausing will help the district in the near future. He also said help could

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Sam Slauchter, owner of Sellers Pontiac. Buick, GMC in Farmington Hills has expanded his dealership, despite the urmail in the industry. His dealership is the fourth highest volume in the U.S. The 1950s pickup in the showrooms reflects the history of General Motors.

SELLERS

UNIQUE VENUE

Jan Brown appreciates the opportunity to show some of her abstract acrylic paintings, which are large at 3-foot by 3-foot and 3-foot by 4-foot.

"It's a way of getting my work into the community," she said. "I have 40-50 canvases to have the exposure - it can't

She said it's the most unusual venue she's had for her art. Brown, who retired fron the Wayne-Westland School District after 35 years of teaching, said she's excited about her art endeavors.

"Things are happening," she said, since retiring last year. Twe been going gung-ho ever since. She's involved in the Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale, a co-op in which the

artists change their work each She was recently contacted by

to use one of Brown's watercolor collages in a movie that's going to be filmed in the Detroit area. For more information on Brown's work, see her website at anbrownart.com.

The current artwork, which through June 5. The showroom hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday p.m. Monday and Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TEACHER

Donna Roemer was one of everal people who nominated Cadena for the award because of her passion for working with

"She is one of the most dedicated teachers that have ever

walked the halls of Novi High School," said Roemer, who was with the district for 33 years before retiring last year. "You can see how she positively

and I'm fortunate to have two parents who never pushed impacts students and empowers them to be the best they can be." me very hard but always sup-ported me in my interests," she Cadena, who has been teaching journalism, English and yearbook at the high school since 1996, said she was

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Novi High School teacher Lydia Cadena (in green) poses for a photo with her students after she was named Teacher

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the district and the teacher's

"Obviously, this is one of the worst things we are asked to do, and we sincerely hope this list goes to down zero," he said. Superintendent Pete Dion also updated the board on the

ized for the May 26 board

process of hiring new admin-

Recommendations for the

principal positions at Novi Meadows and Deerfield ele-

mentaries, as well as the assis

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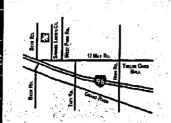
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Gone to the dogs Northville dog parks are popular summer spots

Summer weather will ntually stick in Michigan, and when it does, expect Northville's two dog parks to be packed with visitors.

Actually, even if the weather doesn't change, Cady Street and Community Park dog parks will still be full as dog owners are a dedicated bunch

Jeff Moon, Northville parks superintendent, saw it firstand in the winter as people and dogs braved the elements There were some days

where I couldn't get out of my

truck because it was so cold and windy and I was up to my ankles in snow and there were people still out there," he said. That type of response is why the city approved its first dog and expanded two years later

- to keep up with demand. Fred Shadko, a volunteer wh**ó organizes** the manda tory education session that is users, said at the end of last signed up to use the two parks.

to a second — Community Park

Novi resident Gloria Combe-Moreillon plays with her dog, Shelley, at the

ourchase a park pass. Only Northville residents down the street on any day can use the Cady Street park and someone is walking a dog." while Community Park is One aspect of the parks that makes them unique is open to everyone. Shadko said the required training session the public park draws people People wishing to use the park from nearby places such as must have a current dog license South Lyon and Novi, as well and vaccinations, attend a

as dog owners from Dearborn and Garden City. meeting at 6:45 p.m. the third Novi is advertising the



Brianna, an airedate terrier, romps around the Cady Street Dog Park in poodle mix. Novi resident Laura Casey said she is glad there's a place nearby

Engage! publication for the first time this spring, along with other Northville offerings. And Northville is show casing Novi programs in its recreation guide.

"Knowing our resources, we cannot be all things to all peoole, but we still want to provide all the services," said Nancy

reation for the city of Novi. Joanna Harris, interim director of parks and reccross-promotion has been an

effective tactic. "It used to just be a wordof-mouth thing, but now it has gotten to the point where we might as well publicize it because it helps both commu

HOURS AND LOCATION

Cady Street Dog Park (Northville residents only) Behind the Northville Art House 215 W. Cady Street) Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk, whichever is earlier Saturday-Sunday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. or dusk, whichever is earlie-Community Park Dog Park (open to the public) (Enter at Five Mile Road) entrance, just west of Beck) Seven days a week: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. or dusk, whichever is earlier

Cowan said one of city council's goals was to look at the feasibility of a dog park in Novi, but nothing has trans-

Harris said what makes a dog park great is the camara-

"It's a really great off-theleash community-type thing where people can bring their dog to run around and they can interact with each other," she said.

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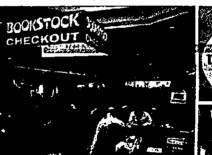
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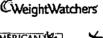






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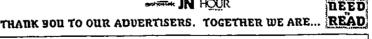








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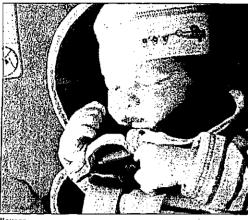
Anis Ahmed appointed to Center for Exceptional Families Board

An Operating Board of Trustees was recently appoint to help the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families seek out new partnerships and plo new strategies that will help achieve its mission of providing a comprehensive and innovative medical home to children with

special needs and their familie: Chaired by Robert Kramer of Bloomfield Hills, the board represents a diverse group of prominent business people, alth care professionals and philanthropists. The board Anis Ahmed of Northwestern

"This is a talented, wellrespected group of individu-als," said Michael Wooley, exec utive director of the CEF. "They of the CEF, which is to provide port to families with special





the birth of their first grandson, Landon Jacob Kovacs. They

have just returned from visiting the family on was born April 10, 2011, at 1:02 p.m. in St. Paul, Minn.

to David Michael, former Novi resident and Novi High School graduate, and Tara Claire Kovacs. He is their first child. Marlene and James Stevens of Kelowna, British Columbia Canada are also grandparents. Great-grandparents are Anton and Mathilda Scharer of Kelowna; Mary Kovaes of Livonia; and

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Novi resident writes book to spur granddaughter's passion for reading

James Devlin was just doing his duties as a grandpa when he started writing short storic Szafranski, hoping it would encourage her to be a more ctive reader.

But little did he know that

the 9-year-old would get addicted to them, and in turn inspire him to put all the sto-ries together into a book titled ummer Farm Hand. The Novi resident and now

ublished author said none of it would have been possible without Katy constantly earning for more. "It was a labor of love,"

Devlin said. "And it all was because of the thrill of Katy becoming interested in read ing for pleasure."

Kelly Szafranski, Devlin's

daughter and Katy's mother, said the stories were initially just a summer activity to keep Katy reading and writing, but she could never get enough. "Before he could send

another, she would write him back immediately because she wanted her next story," Kelly said, noting it went on for five or six months. "This was really the first time she was reading because she wanted to and it got her hooked that reading is

The book, which is directed to Katy, is a story based on truth about Devlin's summer working on the Bagdesarian Farm and the many experience es he had and the life lessons he learned with the various

Each of Devlin's stories to Katy ended the same way with to be continued," to keep Katy wondering what came next, and the book also is organized in that manner



Szafranski, Katy inspired Devlin to write the book 'Summer Farm Hand,' after hooked on reading grandpa's stories.

Kelly was the first person to suggest Devlin put the stories into book form, an idea he rejected at first. But when she said it would help other pre-teens read, he had a change o

"Through the course of reading the book with her, I thought other people would feel the same way we did," Kelly said. "It's a really signifi-cant accomplishment to write a book and the ancillary benproject is the two now have a

closer bond." Devlin also hopes the book does more than just encourage people to read, but also helps save lives as proceeds from book sales will be going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation.

The book was published by Bookstand Publishing, and is available for purchase online at www.ehookstand.com/ book_details/Summer_Farm_ Hand.

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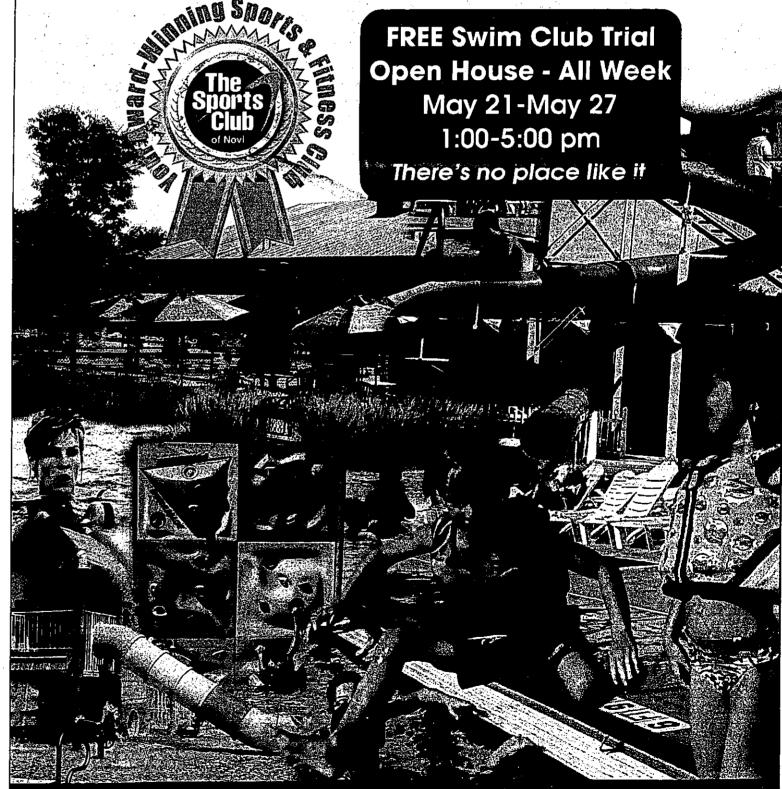
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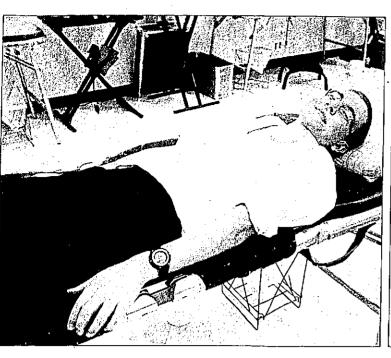
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Red Cross blood drive volunteer John Yargil (left) was one of the many people to take a moment on May 10 to give blood at Novi Woods Elementary. Novi Woods student Ryan T. Farris (right) holds up one of the many placemats that

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Friday Fun Flicks hit big screen June 24

BY LONNIE HUHMAN

This summer, Northville Parks and Recreation will again be presenting Friday Fun Flicks — three movies that will appear on the jumbo screen outside the district

The first show, "Nanny McPhee Returns," is planned for Friday, June 24, which is the first evening of the Arts and Acts weekend celebraion. The next two will come on the evenings of July 29 and August 26; expected showings are "Legends of the Guardians" and "Toy Story 3."

Parks and Recreation ntendent Pat Brown said these movie nights

are only possible through their partnership with the Northville District Library and support from The Friends of the Northville District

enjoy a great children's movie outside on the lawn under the stars," Brown said. "It's been really fun in the past because i only comes a few times a year, and we always have a good selection of movies. It's free of charge to attend,

and Brown says the only picnic dinner and blanket. The the library lawn at the corner of Wing and Cady streets. Preshow usually starts at 8 p.m.



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Meadows teacher uses boot camp to help students

Math and running. It doesn't sound like a popular combination, but for a group of sixth graders at Novi Meadows it was exactly what they needed.

Thanks to Tom Michalski's Math Boot Camp, the students were not only able to get some extra homework help but also train for and eventually run a 5K race in Novi

Running Fit's Fit 5K took place on May 4, and all 45 of Michalski's 57 students who participated - as well as som former students - crossed the

"It's definitely one of the most special things I've done in my career," Michalski said of the boot camp which is now in its second year. "Race day is just awesome. When I was in sixth grade there was no way would do this -- and watching

them, I was in complete awe. Michalski was inspired to start the group last year after his math review group struggled to draw students. He felt that adding running to the equation would inspire more students to get involved.

The students trained and died twice a week from 3-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and from 7:15-8 a.m. on Thursdays for two months prior to the

Sixth-grader Scott Whyte said it took a lot of dedication especially getting up early on Thursdays, but it was worth it.

"It was a good experience to get in shape and it was a lot



Katie McMaster. Heather Blair. Hadley Peterson, Gabi Flint, Lucy Horne and Emmy Robinson completed Michalski's Math Boot Camp on May 4 by running



Katie McMaster stands with Novi Meadows teachers Tom Michalski (left) and Cary Grimm at the Running Fit's Fit 5K on May 4. McMaster was one of



Novi Meadows math teacher Tom Michalski second Math Boot Camp drew more than 50 students. The camp is

math, too." Donations from U.S. Industrial Technologies and PixoFactor made the event fre or the students, and Michalski made it a point to slow down or speed up to make sure he ran with every student.

Meadows principal Lisa Fenchel, assistant superintendent R.I Webber and others in the school district also ran the

Masie McElroy, a boot camp member, said she joined the get better at math and though

and now she is hooked. the race we all cheered each other on," she said, "It felt real ly good because we all worked

Michalski said the best part for him was seeing the students, who participated strictly as volunteers, grow together. "After the race you could see hem beaming with pride," he said. "The camaraderic was great because they felt they

were on a team — the Math Boot Camp team.



Novi High taps one of its own

Baker hired as new high school for Baker.
"It has been a long-range goal" assistant principal

STAFF WRITER

A familiar face at Novi High School will be moving up the ranks next school year Robert Baker, a teacher at the school for the last six years, was hired last Thursday to replace Stephanie Schriner as e of the high school's three assistant principals. Schriner is moving to Novi

retiring Milan Obrenovich,

BY NATHAN MUELLER

into the gym at Novi High

ntrance cheering loudly.

But it wasn't until she saw

it Forward "Dollars for Jobs"

High School Challenge that

she realized everyone was

The cheers soon turned into chants of "Alyssa, Alyssa

as Miller was presented the Goodwill Student Ambassador

Scholarship by Mark Lane, director of public relations and

special events for Goodwill. "I was shocked and so con-fused because I didn't know

awesome and I feel so honored

to be recognized because I put in a lot of hard work."

More than 30 high schools and thousands of students

were involved in the campaign

to raise money to fight against local unemployment, with Miller being selected as the

student who did the most to

waiting for her arrival.

resentatives from the Pass

School last Wednesday and her track teammates stood at the

that I've been working toward and I was thrilled when I was selected." Baker said, "It's a fantastic opportunity Baker started his teaching

career in Novi in 2005, and immediately got involved with various aspects of the school. He is the quiz bowl sponsor, helping turn the team into a state and nationally competitive team, sponsor of the junior class and Baccalaureate teachers.

He also takes part in various committees, and is working or

A Goodwill Ambassador

Novi's Miller surprised with recognition for 'Dollar for Jobs' campaign

Miller organized a

the high school, with the

Jeans for Jobs day for the

The dance raised more

than \$800 and the jeans

She was selected by a committee of Goodwill

and Huntington Bank : representatives based on

leadership in support of "Dollars for Jobs," promo-

tional creativity, impact

"She won hands down

number of "likes" she drew to her entry submission

Lane said. "She did a fantastic

job and made herself into a Goodwill Ambassador."

The senior class president

and homecoming queen said it means a lot to her because

she "made a difference in other

people's lives."

She also received quite a bit

of swag from the sponsors, including a \$1,000 scholarship and an hour-long studio sit-in with the 98.7 AMP Radio

day \$380.

to have a teacher-leader stay with us as an administrator and continue his career in edu cation," high school Principal able person in any kind of

Baker said the perk of being a teacher or administrator is the "kid contact." "It's a different type of con-

tact being in administration because you do not see the kids quite as long," he said. "But I will still be able to attend many school events and have the ability to develop relation ships with more students."

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broadcast which will air at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday on My TV20. Miller said she was inspired to help because her dad has been unemployed before and the idea of the campaign "hit close to home."

Novi High School senior Alyssa Miller, right,

Her efforts also put Novi

High School in the top three

in terms of money raised by a school, earning the students a

dance sponsored by 98.7 and a half-hour STATE CHAMPS!

received the Goodwill Student Ambassado Scholarship from Goodwill's Mark Lane, left, and Huntington Bank's Pam Jacobelli on May 1

> "It's great to know this will not just be helping people in the area but also those at our school as well," she said.



OMETOWN WEEKLIES

NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to estone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, IO1 N. Lafavette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Nov. Contact: (248) 427-1175

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 n.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint-Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael

Zuelch, associate pastor Church of the Holy Family

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available.

Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org. First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service,

Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Yord Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family: 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56. Bible Study, Quilling, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group;

7 p.m.-Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

DUNN, JULE E. "BUD"

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhooecenter

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fecnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship; 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of

Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbactistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstoces wille.org Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E.

Main, Northville Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www. singleplace.org.

Time/Date: 7:30 n m May 26 Details: A quest speaker presentation will be followed by an ice cream social where you can meet other singles; \$5 donation Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 2

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Details: A representative from Botsford Hospital will speak on taking proper care of your back and how to avoid getting those annoying backaches. An ice cream social follows.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 16 Details: Cards & Games Night - an evening of games, conversation, snacks are provided followed by an ice cream social.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 23 Details: While Elephant Sale Night. Bring your good clean but unwanted treasures to be auctioned; limit of three items per person. Proceeds go to support of Single Place. Ice cream social will follow.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 30 Details: fire up the guill on the front porch for a summer picuic inside the church. Musical entertainment is planned.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Talt Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and II a.m. (Sept.-May)

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associale pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April) Men's Club; 8 a.m. second Salurdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Nov

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: (0-1) a.m. Fellowship Hour: If a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon watche (control Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Vespers Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. **Details:** This traditional contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of quitar

and piano. Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymna-10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) Wednesday Family Night

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; ir, and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care: preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcen

Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visil umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month St. John Lutheran Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitale personal growth, healing, tearning, change from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every

Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7:8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.org Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd

Presbyterian Church Location: J200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, exl. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplym-

St. James Catholic Location: 4632510 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Resounding Art In a Sacred Space Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; in the sanc-

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22 Details: The concert series' final program for the 2010-2011 program year is a performance of Robert Ray's Gospel Mass. Ray composed the Gospel Mass in 1978. He calls it his interpretation of 2,000 years of liturgical tradition with the more contemporary music of the

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African-American church. The Gospel Mass will be performed by St. John's Parish Choir and contemporary ensemble SonShine under the direction of Julie M. Ford, accompanied at the piano by acclaimed Detroitarea pianist Alvin Waddles. An admission donation of \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families is suggested for this concert. Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stiphnsplymouth

online at hometownlife.com

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com Saturday Worship

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ing at 8:30 p.m. Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 One Nation, Under God Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22 Details: A patriotic pops concert, celebrating our nation and honoring all veterans.

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HANSES, BRUNO W.

Age 72, passed away May 9, 2011.
He was born on May 18, 1938, in Sebring, Ohio, son of the late Lloyd and Martha Dunn. Jule was an avid and talented bowler. After 30- years of employment with Sun Steel of South Lyon, Jule and his wife Linda retired to Centengia Farms where They lived for the retired to Centennial Farms where Township where they lived for the they have resided for nearly 20 remainder of their lives. His late wife, they have resided for nearly 20 remainder of their lives. His late wife, years. He is survived by his beloved wife Linda of 54 years, his beloved daughter were the most important children: Shelly (Edward) Gote, things in his life. He is survived by, Michael (Justina) Dunn and Kurt (Michael) Dunn. He is also survived to Cathy (Bob) Kenworthy and Lynne by six grandchildren: Emily (Robert) Schopf, Erin (Keith) Kelly-Dunn, Kenworthy and his sister Mary Jane Elisha Dunn, Meredith Cote Haberlog. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Helen in 2007 three great grandchildren: Abigail, and one sister, Mary Grace Dower. Wisilating was held no Wednesday.

mree great grandchildren: Aolgali, and one sister, Mary Erace Dower.
Madeline and Olivia Schopf and two brothers: Clayton Dunn and William Dunn. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. FUNERAL HOME. South Tyon. Funeral services will be held on PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Thursday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. at fully on May 9, 2011. Gladys loved St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7701 East, being a mom and spending time

Gougherty, Christopher is also sur- Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Oaklar rived by his nephews: Evan Urbin and Skylar Fusion and the mother of his children Rachel Jones, his for-mei sister in-law Angie Pulaskey and many other cousins and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Julie Jones and his cousin Corey Gougherty. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 19 from 12:00 p.m.(Noon) -8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon, Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m.

at the funeral home. In lieu of flow ers memorial contributions may be made to Phillips Funeral Home. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



May 12, 2011. Beloved husband of Gina, Father of Matt December Judy (Dale Bjorklund) McGibbo and the late Peter. Brother of Heather. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River, Novi. 248-348-1800 Monday, May 16th from 3-8pm. Funeral Service Tuesday, May 17th, 2:00pm at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook. Novi Donations can be made to the www.obriensullivantuneralhome.c

M-36. Whitmore Lake. Online her grandchildren and great grand-Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com children. She enjoyed baking and JONES, CHRISTOPHER R.

"JONESY"

Age 39, passed away May 14, 2011.
He was born on May 31, 1971, in Detroit, son of the late Robert and Dispellations. He is survived by his Diane Jones. He is survived by his wife, Michelle, his children: Derek and Andrew Jones; his uncle Allen Gougherty and his cousin Phil children. Funeral service was held Hills Memorial Cemetery in Novi, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Eltor Black & Son Funeral Home, White Lake. (248) 363-7135. Please visit:

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Communtiy Ed preschool Preschool registration for Novi's 2011-2012 school is now open for full-day and half-day rning or afternoon classes.

Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical und cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for Preschool ong with the Creative Curriculum, The Creative Curriculum includes language arts, social studies, science, math, music and movements. Novi Community Education Preschool provides all children tunities that allow them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s and

Classes are three hours for the half-day and six and a half hours for the all-day pro gram. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2011 Children also must be completely toilet trained. All preschool classes follow

the Novi Community School District calendar and will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 To secure a spot in the fall's must register their child at the inity Education office in the Community Education/ ITC Building, 25345 Taft, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for students attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1206 for rates

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tion fee payment of \$45 C.A.R.E. is available for parents needing child care before or after preschool classes. Registration informa tion and prices are posted on our website at www.novicom munityed.org. Our C.A.R.E. program is also available at all of our elementary schools for students in grades K-8 students. For more information, call (248) 449-1206.

FRC steps up

Novi's Franklin Road Cliristian school placed second in the eighth annual Count Your Steps program.

Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, with Detroit Zoo mascots Junior Z and Zooper Hero at his side, mnounced on May 11 the tor. hree schools and school dis tricts whose students walked the most steps during the month of March at the eighth innual Count Your Steps

Shrine Catholic Grade School placed first this year, and St. Fabian in Farmington Hills finished third. West Bloomfield School District

ticipating school districts. Second place went to Avondale Schools, Clawson Public

Shrine third and fourth his furry friends to take a nearly two mile "victory walk" around the Detroit Zoo.

"I may be walking with the first place students today, but all the kids who got out and got active this year are win ners," said Patterson. "The number of obese children in the U.S. has doubled in the past decade. My Count Your Steps initiative is designed to do something about it here in

Oakland County."

Shrine's students earned the first place prize for the fourth year in a row by walking an average of 201,910 steps per student, a total of 55,323,390 stens, Franklin Road Christian's ents walked an average of 195,108 steps per student a total of 19,901,059 steps. St Fabian's students walked an

average 179,115 per student, or 18,269,778 total steps. The West Bloomfield School District averaged 1,656,758 steps per week; Avondale ols walked an average of 1,517,396 steps per week and Clawson Public Schools reported in with an average of 1,093,156 steps per week.

The Count Your Steps program ran the entire month of March this year with more than 17,000 students at 142 schools participating, logging 1,081,120,626 steps or 511,894 miles - nearly 20 times around

the Earth, Students also atc 261,980 servings of fruits and vegetables. Since the pro gram's inception, more than 156.000 Oakland County third and fourth grade students have logged more than 16 billion steps or 288 times around

the Earth. Alarmed by the growing national epidemic of child bood obesity, Patterson unched Count Your Steps i 2004 to encourage Oakland County kids to become active and make proper nutrition choices. For more information about Count Your Steps go to www.countyoursteps.org.

Piano Academy open House is May 22

Students don't have to be college age to study piano at Schooleraft College. In addi-tion to the traditional college level courses and adult performance groups, the college's Music Department provides a variety of programs includ-ing instruction for students in grades 1-12; summer camps for mid-elementary to advanced level children; and a certificate program for teachers. Children and their parents

are invited to attend a special open house from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22 to learn more about Schoolcraft's Piano Academy for grades begins in September and runs 32-weeks of group and private

schools students (grades 1-4) and private and master classes for middle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12) students. Classes are available for credit or audit for adults as well. All programs offer comprehensive instruction in sight-reading, keyboard theory, rhythmic skills, improvisa-

tion, and composition. Guests will have the opportunity to talk with the Piano Academy's teachers and hear corrent Academy students be held in the Forum Building on the college's main campu in Livonia, Haggerly Road between Six and Seven Mile

In addition to the Piano Academy, Schoolcraft's Music Department also hosts a Summer Piano Camp from June 20-July 1 for mid-clementary through high school age students. The camp runs for two weeks with half-day sessions for each age group and level of experience. The on Friday, July 1 at 7 p.m. Camp is \$325 with an early registration discount if regis-

tered by May 31. For more information about any of Schoolcraft College's music programs visit www. schoolcraft.edu/music or call (734) 462-4403.

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Comedian comes home for laughs

Pomarolli shows at Genitti's May 22-23 of blurring the line between reality and comedy, so whatever the reason is, the laughs

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Certain events in life will cause a person to take a particular path. When asking

High School graduate, why she went into stand-up comedy sons, ranging from not mak-

Kerri Pomarolli will be joined by her husband, Ron McGehee, and their 3-year-old daughter, Lucy, at Genitti's.

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wanting to impress the other girls, or an insatiable need for

Or it might be her love for clean, yet hilarious, comedy. Pomarolli makes a living out

May 22 and 23. "This is very exciting for us to come back home, and it will be a first for us performing as a family in Northville, Pomarolli said. "Yeah, the kids will be in the show. They have to pull their weight, especially since we use them as a tax write-off."

Northville residents will

have the opportunity to see her stand-up show and

give her a proper welcome

home when she performs at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall on

Pomarolli is married to Flint-native Ron McGehee, who is also a stand-up. They

have two daughters: Lucy, 3, and Ruby, their 5-month-old baby. Using family in comedy is not new for them.

"We use our crazy mothers in our show, they are a good crazy; and we use our relationship. Marriage therapy is our act." Pomarolli said of th topics she and her husband talk about during their shows "We like to say what people are

They are an "irreverently reverent" comedy duo. During high school, Pomarolli was more into drama and acting, and the one experience she had with stand-up left her feeling mor

tified. She made her way to

southern California with the

thinking. In a way that is not

A Church". To learn more about this Northville native go to her website www.kerripom.com or her husband's at www.fun

"It will be a great show, I have invited old boyfriends, so that should be interesting," she

but stand-up eventually found its way into her life.

My first show was at The

Hollywood Improv, so it was a

big opportunity," she said look ing back when she first took

the stage. "I was hooked after

Now she tours the country

with her husband. They will be releasing their first DVD

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p.m. on May 11 for retail fraud after she

was caught stealing \$313 worth of items from Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, a loss prevention officer at the store saw the woman

pushing a stroller in the junior's section and

outting clothes on it. She saw her go behind

The suspect also went into the chil-

She attempted to leave the store without paying for the items, but was stopped just

outside by the store's officer. Novi police

were called to the scene and arrested the

woman for second degree retail fraud. At the time the woman had with her an

infant, who was turned over to the grand-

The suspect was processed at the Novi

Police Department and released pending

Teen stopped after swiping clothes

rrested at 3:20 p.m. on May 13 for

↑ An 18-year-old Novi woman was

third degree retail fraud after she was

caught stealing clothes from Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall.

video taking a swimsuit and putting it into her purse. She also was observed stealing other merchandise and conceal-

ing it on her person.

The total cost of all the items taken was

After she was done, the woman left the

store but was stopped in the parking lot by the loss prevention officer. Novi police responded to the store and arrested her.

She told police she "knew it was stupid,"

but knew of other kids at school who stole

Police Department where she was issued a

citation and released after posting bond.

Drunk arrested for peeing on wall

3A 26-year-old man was arrested at 1:52 a.m. on May 14 for indecent exposure

According the report, the officers said he man looked at them before unzipping

after police caught him urinating on the wall of the Emagine Theater building.

his pants and starting to urinate. They

for urinating in public.

then approached him and arrested him

A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The man was given a misdemeanor

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Schoolcraft promotes 'Sharing

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tions to encourage motorcycle

motorevelists on our roads is

our primary goal, and with winter behind us, motorcycles

are back on the roads. Drivers of all vehicles need to be extra

alert," says Jennifer Bodurka

Motorcycles are some of the

smallest vehicles on the road

programming coordinator

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Course, and the Performance

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Catholic Central Dads' Club thanked The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia for their sponsorship of the 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. First place includes a five-night stay at the Ashford Castle in Ireland, round trip airfare for two and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,000. Rick Bloomfield (left) and Jim Govan (right), Catholic Central Dads' Club St. Patrick's Dav Ireland Raffle co-chairs. presented Karen Murphy, regional director, and Mike Prusak, general manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia, a plaque of appreciation to hang in their restaurant. "I truly appreciate all The Claddagh has done for Catholic Centra Catholic Central community has been very supportive of Claddagh and working with the Dads' Club on the Ireland Raffle is a great way for The Claddagh Irish Pub to give back to the community," said Prusak. The Claddagh is located at 17800 Haggerty Road.

Understanding those funky bar codes

GUEST COLUMNIST

ou've seen them around town. You've seen them posted on Facebook. They've been appearing in magazines, marketing campaigns and — if you own a Blackberry — even inside you

But what exactly are those square, black and white symbols and what do they do? They look like a distant cousin of bar codes, which have been on retail products for years but how are they different?

They're actually called QR codes — short for quick response codes — and these codes are certainly catching or quickly. They've been around for years, but didn't start to nake waves until Blackberry started integrating them into its

Blackberry Messenger system Blackberry Messenger is a chat application used like text messages, but it has fewer restrictions. Users can send onger messages, embed pictures, video and voice data, create profiles and add friends to groups. Of course, the sysm is only available on the

So if a Blackberry user wants to get the contact information of, say, a new client, they can pull up the messen ger system and scan another Blackberry user's bar code Instantly, all of the new client's information will be input into he other person's Blackberry. It eliminates the need to type in a name, workplace, multiple numbers and e-mail addresses. It even, in some aspects,

to the

Tech Savvy

Blackberry, All smartphones have the ability to read QR codes through specific QR code reader

applications.

And they have more widespread benefits than quickly gathering someone's contact information. They are quickly becoming

a go-to feature for advertisers and companies to spread information to their readers and customers. Of course to benefit from the wealth of information QR codes possess you first need to download a code reader application.

Blackberry users can try one of the many free code reader apps available at Blackberryappworld.com or within the Blackberry App World app. Check the reviews to make sure you are downloading a worthwhile product, as some of the apps don' always work so well.

iPhone and Droid users can visit their app stores and simply search the database for QR code readers; however, I hear Optiscan and Mark Reader are among the best.

Once you have downloaded and installed the QR code reader on your phone, you are anywhere — and believe me, they will be everywhere. Earlier this month I took a trip to Las Vegas and I was

able to go to my airline's web-site and scan my flight's QR can replace the business card. code to track my flight's prog-ress and see if it was on time. For the return trip, I was able QR codes aren't unique to do the same to avoid waiting too long at Metro Airport for a

delayed flight.
I've also spotted QR codes on business cards, in magazine ads and even on a dinner menu because they are so easy to read using a smurtphone

> Better yet, QR codes are as y to generate, so if you wanted to create one to post on your website as a digital business card, or to put on your blog, or just on your wall to look hip and trendy, you can

If you want to create a QR code, http://grcode.kaywa. com/ is an easy site to use. I built my QR code in less than two minutes — but it only took that long because I didn't know what information to add In the end, I decided to create a QR code containing the tag line that is usually at the end of my columns. So if I did a good enough job teaching about QR codes, you can scan my code below to see my tag line and contact information.



OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in May offered by the Oakland County Business Center Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating

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June 21 Small Business Loan Workshop (AM)

June 23 QuickBooks Essentials Part I & II

July 7 Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

July 13: CEEO Microloan Orientation (AM) July 14 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)

July 20 Social Media Marketing Part 3 (AM)

July 19 Legal & Financial Basics July 21 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

July 28 Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business - (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m.

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ments are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own busiincludes all materials. No

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Novi veterinary clinic earns AAHA accreditation

Novi Veterinary Clinic has earned accreditation following thorough evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) that included a quality assess ment review of the hospital's practice protocols, medical equipment, facility and client

"I would like to congratu-late Novi Veterinary Clinic on achieving accreditation through AAHA," said Michael Cavanaugh, DVM, DABVP, AAHA executive director. They are clearly committed to doing their very best as evidenced by the hard work and effort they put into this volun-

tary process."
Accreditation is a voluntary commitment practices make to their clients and patients, and AAHA is the only organization in the U.S. and Canada that accredits companion animal iosnitals based on standards that go above and beyond state regulations. The AAHA Standards of Accreditation, viewed as the standard of erinary excellence, contain nore than 900 individual standards, divided into 18 ocus include: patient care and

pain management, surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, exam acilities, medical records, cleanliness, emergency services, dental care, diagnostic imaging, anesthesiology, and continuing education

Only 15 percent of all small animal hospitals in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the Association. To main tain accredited status, Novi Veterinary Clinic must con tinue to be evaluated regularly

by AAHA. Novi Veterinary Clinic located at 43377 Grand River Ave in Novi, has been accredited with the association since 1990 and can be reached at (248) 349-5900 or online at vw.novivet.vetsuite.com.

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first quarter financials

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (OTCBB: COSH), the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive, a global upplier of automotive sealing, fluid and anti-vibration systems, announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31. The company provided an updated outlook for 2011. "Operationally and stra-

tegically, Cooper Standard executed well in the first chairman and chief executive officer, Cooper Standard, "As a result, we delivered strong performance despite climbing material costs; announced significant strategic transaction and further strengthened Cooper Standard's ability to win a higher share of global platform awards."

Cooper Standard reported revenue of \$688.8 million for the first quarter of 2011, com-pared with \$596.3 million in first quarter 2010 revenue, mes, favorable mix, the ben efits of the Company's strong global launch activity, as wel as \$7.2 million of net favorable foreign currency exchange.

The company reported net

income of \$44.9 million in the first quarter of 2011, compared to net income of \$3.4 million in the same period las year. Excluding the effects of a \$23.3 million reorganizaion-related charge in the 2010 quarter and a one-time gain o 311.4 million this quarter, the increase in net income is primarily due to higher volume: and mix, offset by higher raw material costs, additions to engineering and customer support staff, and launch costs. Gross profit for the quarter increased to \$120.8 million from \$104.5 million in the first quarter of 2010. Gross profit as a percentage of sales was 17.5 percent, same as price

year quarter. Cooper Standard also reported adjusted EBITDA of \$91.9 compared with \$74.2 million, or 12.4 percent of sales, in the first quarter of 2010.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Woman caught stealing from Macy's A 20-year-old woman was arrested at 3 City of Novi clothes rack and move the items into a bag 00 11 Mile Rd. 9 Mile Rd. 8 Mile Rd.

Drunk driver nabbed by cops

4A 21-year-old woman was arrested at 1:53 a.m. on May 15 for drunk driving in its lane and traveling 10 miles per hou under the posted speed limit on Grand River Avenue east of Main Street.

When the officer approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside. The woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcoho content of .10 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The woman was arrested and trans-ported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when

Man a victim of smash and dash

5An unknown suspect broke the rear passenger side window of a 2011 Ford Taurus around 3 p.m. on May 15 in the parking lot of Putting Edge to take a ourse from inside the car.

The victim said the purse contained a digital camera and cell phone valued at

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Drunk driver rats himself out

6 A 30-year-old man was arrested for drunk driving at 1:24 a.m. on May II after initially telling police someone stole his car so folks in other vehicles need to really look out for themand to take extra care and before admitting he was behind the wheel share the road." According to the report, police were dis-

call. When they arrived they spoke with the man who said his wallet, car and keys and keys but could not find his wallet. The man then went on to tell officers about his night, admitting he set his wal-

gone. He also told police he was upset some ne stole his wallet and he drove aro looking for suspects. He admitted to hitting a curb somewhere before returning to the notel parking lot and calling police. The man failed field sobriety tests and a

limit for adult drivers is .08 percent. He was arrested and transported to the station where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller cycle is a vehicle with all of

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patched to the parking lot of the Courtyard by Marriott on a suspicious circumstance were missing. He said that he found his car

alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal

let on the bar and when he returned it was

Schoolcraft College offers motorcycle safety classes all

Registration is going on now and classes run through September. For more informamer and early fall. The classes tion on the Motorcycle Safety are taught by professional. Program go to www.schoolcertified instructors who are craft.edu/cepd/motorcycle or passionate about riding and call (734) 462-4448. rider safety. There are a variety of motorcycle safety trainings to choose from including

The motorcycle safety education courses at Schoolcraft College are offered by the Detroit-Metro Regional ortium and are conducted with state funds from a motorcycle safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of State, " Detroit Metro Liotorcycle Safety Consortium was formed

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Avoid tragedy Talk to teens about dangers of drinking

It's graduation season — time for parents to remine their teens about the dangers of underage drinking.

The statistics are sobering. One person is killed every 30 minutes in an impaired driving crash, and someone is injured every 26 seconds, according to the south-east Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunken

Driving.
But underage drinking poses other risks as well. Don't think it's safe to let teens drink just as long as

they don't drive. Drinking impairs teens' decision-making skills, causing them to do things they ordinarily wouldn't Furthermore, the consequences of their actions — having sex, becoming violent, committing a crime — can affect them the rest of their lives.

Contrary to popular belief, teens listen to their parents - even more so than their peers. Research shows parental disapproval is the No. 1 reason teens

Contrary to popular choose not to drink. belief, teens listen to Don't worry about repeating yourself. Even their parents - even if you've had the convermore so than their peers. sation before, bring it up again. Send clear, con-Research shows parental sistent zero-tolerance messages. Discuss the dangers of drinking and disapproval is the No. 1 reason teens choose not driving and alcohol poi oning.

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If your teenager wants Don't worry about to have a party at your repeating yourself. guests that alcohol and any other drugs are not Even if you've had the conversation before, bring

Lock your liquor cabi-net and hide or throw out all prescription medica consistent zero-tolerance Monitor the party area,

restricting the entry and exit areas to keep an eye on what is brought in Define the party area and don't let guests in other areas like bedrooms or

Set a beginning and an

Be prepared to call parents if a guest brings alcohol or other drugs to the party, or if he or she appears to be under the influence — just as you would want another parent to call you if your child showed up drunk at

If your teenager wants to go out on in the evening check in with him or her throughout the night and when he or she gets home.

Have a "code" phrase your teen can say to you over the phone that means he or she wants to be picked up from a party where alcohol and drugs are being used or other risky behaviors are going on. Do not push your

teen for an explanation. If you go out, let your teen know where you will be and how you can be reached.

Be a good example. What you do is just as important, if not more so, than what you say. If you serve alcohol at your teen's graduation party,

make sure no one under age 21 has access to it. Have a responsible adult serve all alcoholic drinks or don't serve any alcohol at all. If you drink, drink responsibly by limiting the num-

ber of alcoholic beverages you consume. Let teens see that people can have fun without drink

Do everything you can to prevent your teen from becoming the next statistic. Graduation and prom should be remembered as happy times, not times of

The following are excerpts from readers

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com Letters to the Editor: Let immigrants settle

I have read several articles now in support of unfettered immigration to Detroit. But, I have seen no explanation of exactly how this will result in a huge economic boon to the area. I don't see how orting thousands of unskilled and uneducated individuals to a city already more than half comprised of same is going to solve anything. Could someone please enlighten me?

COMMUNITY VOICE

Governor Rick Snyder has been in office for over four months now. What do you think of the job he's doing?



"I'd give him a B. He's trying to make some fundamental changes which will be tough as we'd let things go for a while."

Mark Pehrson



"I think he's incredible. I give him a lot of respect, and I think he's doing a good job for the state."

"I would have to say I'm not in agreement with the changes he's made to the film subsidies and also the plan to replace city management in certain



"I work for Novi's Paralyzed Veterans of America, and a lot of our clients are criticizing the governor's emergency managers plan. I think our state's in turmoil and needs something done."

Jaclyn Kochis

Ben Di Ponio

LETTERS

Labor union changes

The ability of workers to organize, form labor unions and negotiate for wage and benefit packages is a privilege that must be protected. One of the cornerstones of Tea Party values is the concept of free markets. Free markets extend to work ers who wish to organize and form labor unions. However, our elected officials and some corrupt unions are polluting the entire labor movement. It is the mixing of union dollars, corrupt union officials and self-serving politicians who sell their souls for a few dollars of union money that is putting the long term prospect of the labor movement in jeopardy.

To secure the future of the labor movement, we

propose: - Union dues are a self-levied fee on union workers and should not be collected via paycheck deduction but collected by the union directly from

privilege to join.

 Union members should have the right to withhold from dues a percentage of the dues that is proportional to union expenditures on political

campaigns or political and social ideology. · Employees should be free to join or not join unions. Union leaders should not fear voluntary union membership. If their talents for securing higher wages and better working conditions are a reality, workers will be standing in line to sign up. The privilege not to join is just as important as the

self-serving politicians. They then turn around and negotiate cushy contracts with the politicians they just elected. This arrangement is not arm length. Legislators should appoint four members – Iwo Republican and two Democrat – and the governor should appoint a fifth individual from outside the political/labor establishment. This group should negotiate contracts for all public sector unions. Unions should be required to provide a full accounting to their membership of income and

expenditures with specific detail starting with

Public sector unions use their money to elect

phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com.

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a listing of each check written or direct bank charge, amount of each charge, expense category charged and the purpose. Any funds transferred to the national or affiliated union group should atso be similarly accounted. A similar accounting of pension investments should be provided. Union dues are the members' hard-earned money, and

they have a right to see how every dollar is spent Workers who choose not to join a union should be required to negotiate directly with the employer for individual compensation packages. and that right should be protected by law from

. The employee works for the employer and the employer should be able to dismiss nonproductive workers and adjust pay based on performance, not years of service. Union membership should not ensure a job. Open competition is what makes a free market economy work. Unions also need to compete,

union harassment.

because competition for members will ensure bet ter performance. Workers will join unions if they provide what they advertise, and if they are fully

accountable to membership.

Wagging the dog

Osama Bin Laden, I believe, is not dead. It is another deception spoon-fed to the American public, "the masses" or "useful idiots," in an attempt to portray the president as not a Muslim sympathizer and Marxist, as many former detractors now claim.

Mildred Gaddis of AM-1200 WCHB fame quoted Bob Woodward on her morning drive talk show recently, insinuating that the president in 2009 rejected all the plans/tactics of military advisers concerning the conflict in Afghanistan and formulated his own strategy.

I find this truly incredulous as the president has no military training or expertise in military/covert operations and that Woodward had access to highly-classified materials. What level security clear-

ance does Woodward enjoy? The propagandist The president was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize unmerited, and his forays into Pakistan and Libya hardly support the award. He, like other presidents, is a puppet on a string. As I told my friend Gaddis in 2008, President Barack Obama, like President George W. Bush, was not ready for

The propagandist press shows a burning building, no actual film footage of the operation and lastly, nobody which is "buried at sea" (conveniently), according to the compensated liars/newscasters, all in my view a wag-the-dog propaganda op. Even if Bin Laden is dead, the president still

prime time.

is viewed as a non-Muslim sympathizer, and this changes the public's perception of him greatly enhancing his re-election possibilities, Dead or alive; the president pulled off an amazing political coup and George Soros' agenda to destabilize America marches on.

Arbor Hospice seeks sponsor support for pediatric patients, families & Jenn Band, dancing and a live BY TERRI DENHOF & KRISTINE MARTIN

GUEST COLUMNISTS

hese days it seems like our time is always in high demand. Between work, family and other activities it can be difficult to find even a few minutes to stop and smell the roses, but making time for things that bring us joy is important to living a long, happy and fulfilling life.
That's why this year The Arbor Hospice Foundation will host

"Savour the Journey: A Celebration of the Things We Love About Life," a new fundraising event on May 21 at The Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. Guests will enjoy a vonderful evening as they "savour" fabulous wine, a spectacular strolling supper featuring "savoury" selec-tions by local celebrity chefs, decadent desserts, music by The Royce

auction.

One hundred percent of funds

raised from this celebration go directly back into the community through support of Arbor Hospice Pediatric Hospice Services and Grief Support. But how is this possible? The answer is that it wouldn't be without the generous support of our local spon-sors. Organizations such as The UPS Foundation, Hantz Benefit Group and the Hylant Group are just a few that have already pledged their support for this event, allowing Arbor Hospice to continue to provide high quality endof-life care regardless of an individual's

ability to pay.

Pediatric hospice care is more costly to provide than adult hospice care due to the higher cost of medications, specialized pediatric equipment and sup-plies, and advanced clinical and grief

providing excellent care to this vulnerable population and support to their families to ensure that these children and their families receive the care they need, at the time they need it and for as long as it is needed.

We encourage individuals, busi-nesses and organizations to support our efforts by becoming a sponsor and help us "Savour the Journey." Your support will help us provide the highest qual-ity care for local pediatric patients and their families. For more information or to become a sponsor please call (734) 794-5122. We have a variety of sponsorship packages available and every bit of support makes a difference for our

Terri Denhof of Northville, and Kristine Martin, of Ann Arbor, are co-chairs of Savour the Journey.

online at hometownlife.com

More: For a complete listing of

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local and regional events, see the

Novi Calendar online at www.home

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via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com: by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by

mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette,

South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be

included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Time/Date: 6:30 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, May 19 and 26

Investing For Everyday Living

Location: Novi Doubletree Hotel

Details: Seminars are not independent of one another, but rather

a three comprehensive program

building upon each presentation

by Fiscal Associates Inc., David

J. Glencer CFP®, and Shannon M.

pants, reserve by May 6.

Location: Sheraton Novi

Ed Slott Speaks

Hannon. Space limited to 30 partici-

Contact: 248-626-8840 or marsha

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. May 19

Details: Ed Slott was named as

The Best" source for IRA advice by

The Wall Street Journal and called

"America's IRA Expert" by Mutual

Funds Magazine, He is a nationally

recognized IRA distribution expert

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comes to tax rules is that they are

change, Seats are limited, Reserve

uncertain and always subject to

Contact: (877) 807-SAFE (7233)

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Monday, Mar

Location: Pump it Up!, 28373 Beck

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Location; Novi Town Center

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Dance, dance, dance

Mel Knopf and Marge Hilderbrandt (left) cut a rug at the April 26 "Dance to a Live Band" event at the Novi Senior Center. The center, located at Meadowbrook Commons, hosts a dance on the last Tuesday of each month at I p.m. Novi resident Harry Levy (right) takes part in a line dance with his wife

Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road,

Details: Leah's Happy Hearts is a local charity that raises funds for pediatric brain tumor research and awareness projects. It is named in nemory of Leah James of Livonia who lost her battle with a brain tumor at the age of 5. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids with a light lunch, entertainment and

Contact: www.leahshappyhearts. Media Replaced Advertising?

Society, Socks are required. How to Market in the Dynamic Contact: For additional information World of Social-Commerce please call (248) 912-1090 4th Annual Happy Feet for Happy Time/Date; 6:15 p.m. Wednesday. Hearts Family Walk Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Crescent Blvd., Novi Oetails: Presentation by Kerry Location: Maybury State Park, Barnett, president of FOURSIGH Creative Group; 6:15 p.m. network-Evening in the Gardens ing; 6:45 p.m. dinner meeting; \$16 per person; \$17 online through Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9 Contact: (248) 344-8800

Lecture: The State of the Michigan Economy Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: South University, 41555 N. Twelve Mile Road, Novi Details: The first lecture in a new series will be given by Dr. Theodore Bolema, an expert on economics. Light refreshments will be served from 6:30 to 7 p.m. followed by the lecture from 7-8 p.m. at The lecture series is free and open to the public

Contact: Please RSVP to sunovilibrary@southuniversity.edu or (248) 675-0243.

Creating Backyard Bird Habitats

Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Details: Tim Nowicki, naturalist for Oakland County Parks, will fead you through the steps necessary to

watching birds around the farm

Contact: For further details, call

is \$20 per person

years old and under make your backyard a retreat for resident and migrant birds. You will E-reader Demonstrations learn some basic steps to develop-Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturdays Details: Are you curious to try an E ing a backyard habitat that will Reader? E-readers are a wonderful add new dimensions of color and and convenient way to enjoy your activity when birds visit, Tim will favorite books. Join for demonstra also offer ideas on bird watching equipment, books and resources tions and hands-on experience with the Kobo and Sony E-readers. Bring your binoculars and practice

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club under Tim's watchful eye. The cost Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road,

farm stand where kids learn about plant science outrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for

The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail. com or (248) 956-0029

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Time/Date: Il a.m.:noon every from the Senior Center to the

Relmost Clubbouse at Fox Ren on 13 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for more information American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays Location: Rock Financial

Showplace, Grand River Avenu between Talk and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstriku lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

Suburban Collection Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River

BUSINESS

Northville-Novi Rusiness Networking Breakfast Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup. com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more busi-

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Some of the cars at Novi-High's Student Car Show





Novi High School senior Mason Pew's reflection is seen in the windows of a Porshe Boxster as he checks out one of the many "rides" at the May 13 annual Student Car Show.

A Novi High student has a flock of admirers visiting his pickup truck at the May 13 car show.

CALENDAR

ness by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10. Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancial-

American Business Women's Association Novi Oaks Chapter Has Social Media Replaced

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: How to Market in the Dynamic World of Social-Commerce by Kerry Barnett, president of FOURSIGHT Creative Group. Contact: www.abwa-novi.org for registration and payment informa-

Metra Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 2109† Haggerty Road

Details: BN! is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Motro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently, Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Novi Rotary Club Conlinental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information. contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toaslmasters is a community-based club which is

Location: 45255 W, Ten Mile Road Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 part of Toastmasters Internationa Details: Unless noted below, all Our diverse group provides a programs take place at the library.

Novi Public Library

Register for programs at the library

in which all can develop and refine or on the library website Contact: (248) 349-0720 their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have Website: www.novilibrary.org fun while building confidence in The Library will be closed all day day-to-day communications and on May 29 and May 30 in honor of mentoring toward professional and Memorial Day. Summer hours are effective June personal excellence. Guests are 5 through Lawbor Day. During this www.povi.freetoasthost.us. time the library will be closed on Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi

Story Times: Please see the library websile or story time brochure for Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Tech Time Location: Novi Methodist Church

Time/Date: 11-11:15 a.m. Thursday, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Details: One-on-one tutoring with Visitors welcome. Check Web site fo either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. LIBRARY LINES Investigating your family tree?

We have the tools to help.

Registration required.

Beginning Builders Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Kids, not yet in kindergarten, join us to build amazing crepicture books to preschool aged ations using our preschool building

bricks. Registration required. Teen Creative Arts Fair

Details: This is a chance for teens in anades 7-12 to show off their creativity. Did you draw a picture, write a story, or take a photo that you are proud of? This is the place and time to show it. We will have light snacks and display this work throughout the Library. If you have something you'd like to display, please register and/or call Jennifer, Teen Services Librarian at (248) 869-7218 or e-mail her at jpreston@ Chinese Story Time

Time/Date: 10:30-II a.m. Monday, May 23 dicrosoft Word have you stumped? Details: Chinese-speaking volunteer storytellers read Chinese picture books to preschool aged children Spanish Story Time Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday,

> Details: Spanish-speaking volunteer storytellers read Spanish

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

ESL Book Discussion Group Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Time/Date: 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, May

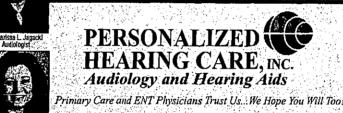
Tuesday, May 24 and May 31 Details: If English is your second lan quage and you would like to be more proficient in reading and discussing books written in English, then join our ESL Book Discussion. For advancedintermediale to advanced English speakers. We will discuss one book during the 6-week session. Title to be announced. Books will be provided. Registration required and limited to 15 participants. Hindi Story Time lime/pate: 10:30-11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 25 Petails: Hindi-speaking volunteer storytellers read Hindi picture books to preschool aged children. Novi Historical Commission

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesda May 25

Details: Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission





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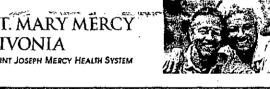


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Novi Woods fourth-graders took a field trip to Lansing on May 12 to visit

by local Senator Mike Kowall, who then met the group in the hall outside

and took a moment to chat and take pictures with the kids. Mrs. Chandler's

rally to stop bullying in schools. Pictured, Andrew Kaempfer (front left) and

classmates lay on the floor of the capital looking at the intricate designs on

Immediately following the parade, a memorial ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Novi Civic Center Campus to

honor the sacrifice and service to our country given by our veterans. In addition to the traditional wreath laying, gun salute, and patriotic songs, Michael F. Harris – executive director of

the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America -- will be the guest

Residents with family and friends currently serving in our

military are encouraged to march with the "Novi Supports Our Troops" banner. Children are invited to decorate their bikes and

join in the fun as part of the Kid's Bike Parade. For participation

information, visit cityofnovi.org.
Other parade highlights include a veteran recognition float, the Michigan Justin Morgon Horse Association, local scout

troops, local bands and colorful entries by several Novi busi-

The parade and ceremony are sponsored by Michigan

Providence blood drive in honor of Japan

Paralyzed Veterans of America.
For more information about the Memorial Day Parade and

Providence Park Hospital and the American Red Cross are

encouraging people to participate in the upcoming blood drive to honor the victims of the recent devastating events that have taken place in Japan. The hospital reminds everyone that one

blood donation can save up to three lives. The Blood Drive in Honor of Japan is a symbolic way to show

support to the people of Japan. Local support of the American Red Cross helps keep their local and international efforts going. The "Blood Drive in Honor of Japan" is open to the public will

ArtsNovi is looking for artists for the Summer Sidewalk Series

The mall's new management company has changed this event

at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk, featuring live music

and an art fair every Thursday all summe

take place from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, May 27 at Providence,

Ceremony, please contact Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (248) 347-0414

nesses, churches and civic organizations

47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

the capitol and historical museum. The class was introduced in the Senate

Friends of 1-275 Metro Trail

To celebrate the new and improved Metro Trail, the Friends group is hosting a Grand Reopening Celebration on June 4, and volunteers are needed. If you can donate two hours of time on the day of the event, help is needed at the registration tables (Ford Road and Lotz Road and at Schoolcraft College); at the ribbon cutting and children's parade at the Cherry Hill rest area; for a guided bike tour through Plymouth and an urban walk and roller blade in Livonia; and to patrol the path on bike in case anyone needs assistance.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help make this event a success, plan on coming a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19 nt the Northville Twp. offices, 44405 Six Mile Road. For more information, contact Diane Bancroft at 1275metrotrail@yahoo.com.

Bio-Tech students' annual plant sale starts

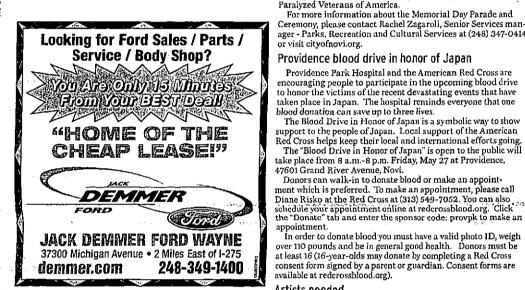
Students in the Biotechnology and Environmental Science Cluster at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest (OSTCSW), located at 1000 Beck Road in Wixom, are hosting their 39th Annual Plant Sale again this year at the facilit Times are 8-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday;

Saturday and Sunday; and 1-4 p.m. Friday, May 20.
At OSTCSW students learn and prepare themselves for a challenging career in one of the fastest growing industries of the 21st century. As future professionals in the Green Industry, students gain the knowledge and skills needed to reach their fullest potential. Along the way they have the opportunity to share their work with the public during the OSTCSW 39th Annual Plant

The Rainforest project will be "under construction" during the plant sale. The focal point: a water sculpture seven feet tall, made of Amherst Grey Stone, live plants and peaceful water flowing down each side. This design is being implemented by juniors and seniors, but under the professional eye of their nstructor, Ms. Garwood, while they work side-by-side with industry professionals. Students making up the Biotechnology cluster come from high schools around the area including Clarenceville, Farmington, Harrison, Lakeland, North Farmington, Northville, Novi, Walled Lake Central-Northern-Western and West Bloomfield

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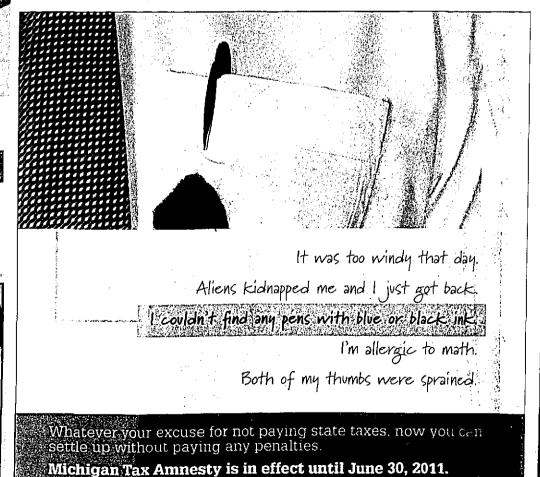
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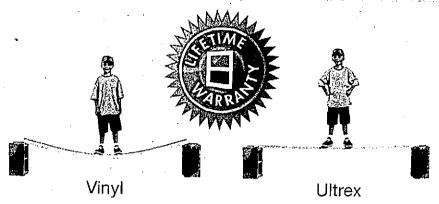
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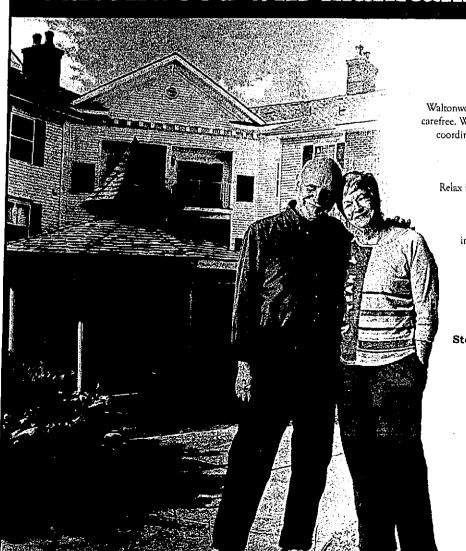
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Wildcats edging into title race

After a promising performance in a doubleheader against KLAA Central Division-leading Livonia

Stevenson, the Wildcats' baseball team is looking to

ON TAP.

The Wildcats (8-10, 7-5 KLAA)

host Plymouth Salem (6-7,

5-6 Kensington) in a double-

hosting South Lyon East (F14

header last night before

1-11 Kensington) in a 4 p.m.

doubleheader tonight. The

'Cats then host Wyandotte

Roosevelt 11 a.m. Saturday

afterward at 2 p.m. Next up

Conference crossover and

crossover. Both 4 p.m. game:

will be home contests based

and White Lake Lakeland

are Monday's Kensington

Wertnesday's association

Kensington) planned to

sneak back into the

KLAA Kensington

title race. Novi (8-10, 7-5

lost a close 3-

2 decision and

then bounced back to defeat the

Spartans (19-8, 12**-**2

Kensington) with a

10-4 outing in the

second game of the doubleheader May 11

"If we had beaten

Stevenson that first

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looking good," Novi coach Rick Green

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Novi lacrosse reclaims crown

Wildcats defeat rival Mustangs, Bulldogs

Northville took "our" KLAA Kensington Conference title last season, Novi coach Tom Stephanoff said. This year, th Cats won it back and expand ed on the feat by winning the

After winning the Kensington Conference and KLAA titles with huge victo ries over Northville (9-5, 5-1 Kensington) and Brighton (12-3, 7-0 Lakes), Novi (13-1 6-0 Kensington) is ranked No. 5 in the state.

Heading into the baseline rivalry, the Wildcats were ranked No. 11 and Mustangs ranked No. 9 with home field advantage last Thursday. The 'Cats shot out to a 7-0

lead after the first quarter thanks to some solid goalten ding by junior Alex Kinnamon and defense from senior Zach Mohr. But the Mustangs battled back and cut the deficit to 7-4 by halftime.

"It started out very well for us," Novi coach Tom Stephanoff said. "We were always winning by one or two goals and they kept coming back." With a five-goal perfor-

mance from junior Kent Burnett and two goals and two assists from senior Taylo Howell, the Wildcats stayed two up on Northville heading into the final quarter Stephanoff said. "It was jus-

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Novi (13-1) is ranked No. 5 in the state heading into Wednesday's regional quarterfinal with the winner of No. 69 Plymouth (4-10) and No. 41 Canton (6-5). Seeded No. 3 in the region, Novi would likely face No. 2 seed Northville (9-5, state No. 15) in the semifinals and No. 1 seed Detroit Catholic Central (11-5, state No. 3) in the regional final unless a lower seed upsets any of those three teams.

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Gauruder kept the net empty

their No. 1 Division I ranking.

Salem (6-5-2, 4-3-1 KLAA

Central) May 10, Livonia

three soccer games last week, allowing the Wildcats to maintain

With victories over Plymouth

Stevenson (4-6-2, 2-4-2 Central)

last Thursday and a tie against

last Saturday, Novi's record

The Salem contest showed

Wildcat dominance, as Novi out-

shot the Rocks 25-3 en route to a

4-0 victory. The Wildcats had an

8-O edge on corner kicks, as well

board with two first-half goals

trolled the game from start to

Kelli Timar.

assisted by Greenhalgh and junior

We played very well and con-

finish," Novi coach Brian O'Leary

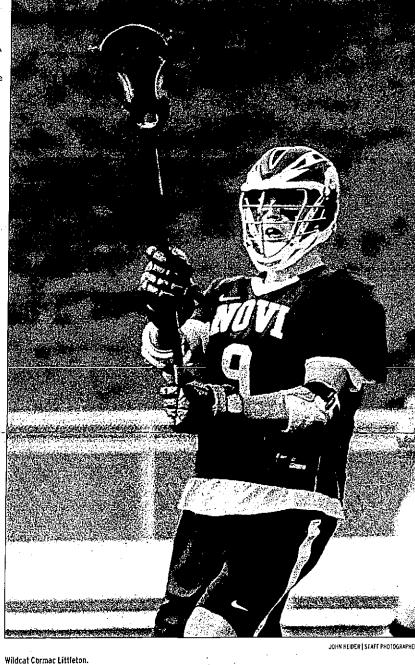
Caruso and freshman Gabby

DeLeon added to the score with

roals in the second half, as Timar

Seniors Nicki Caruso and Nikki Greenhalgh got the 'Cats on the

improves to 10-0-2 (7-0-1



The No. 1-ranked Novi's girls soccer

clinch the title with wins over visit-

ing South Lyon (2-10-3, 1-6-1 Central)

Tuesday and South Lyon East (9-7-0.

1-7-0 Central) tonight at 6 p.m. The

Cats then host Ann Arbor Skyline

7 p.m. tomorrow before Monday's

yet-to-be-determined Kensingtor

Wednesday's association crossover.

Conference crossover and

Novi kept the ball rolling

two nights later by defeating

Stevenson 4-0, three goals o

which came in the first half.

Krygier and sophomore Erin Dircks notched goals, with

DeLeon assisting on two of them and junior Jessica Jarvis on the

Jarvis got a goal of her own in the second half with a header

off a corner kick by junior Katie

The pair of victories set up a

rematch of last season's state title game, which Novi won 2-I on a

penalty kick in overtime. This

Caruso, sophomore Natalie

Novi offense working on all cylinders

Wildcats draw in state title rematch

Lineup tweaked for final stretch

by junior Jim Eloff built an early 2-0 lead before the

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next three batters all struck out. Stevenson junior pitcher Chris McDonald fin-ished with 10 strikeouts.

Tennis team strong vs. KLAA counterparts

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Although their overall record is 7-7, six of Novi's girls tennis team's seven losses were against teams currently

ranked in the top 10 of Division I.

With last Saturday's KLAA Kensington Conference
Tournament postponed due to poor weather, the Wildcats'
(4-1 Central) week consisted of a May 10 victory over Livonia Churchill (10-4, 4-1 South) and a loss to No. 3 Ann

Arbor Pioneer last Thursday.

"Two good matches. I thought we played well both matches," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Against Pioneer as a team from top to bottom, we played our best match pulled out a few wins. Scores are not indicative of how the girls played."

The Wildcats' (7-7, 4-1 KLAA Central) have a busy week of tennis this week. The rescheduled KLAA Kensington Conference Tournament was set to take place two days ago and Novi was set to follow it with a visit from Ann Arbor Huron yesterday,

With the Wildcats hosting Regionals tomorrow at Nov High School and Middle School, the KEAA association crossover will likely take place today at the Wildcats'. Lakes Conference counterpart, based on conference

As only two teams are guaranteed to advance out of Regionals, Novi will took to compete with No. 5 Northville (8-0, 5-0 Central), who is the odds on favorite to win both the KLAA and regional titles.

"We're trying to win 'em. Northville's in both of them," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "You have to earn the right to play in the next round. Anything can happen. In tournaments, you have to worry about the match at hand. We

time, Novi outshot their Wildcat

counterparts 20-8, with a 5-1 on-

net shot advantage and 7-1 corne kick advantage, but neither team

could score in the O-O draw. The

tie was Gauruder's eighth shutou

Nicki Caruso tries to get around a Salem Rock during their May 10 game

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

game, but we just couldn't seem to get a finish, even though we had plenty of chances," O'Leary said.

BASEBALL

Novi senior Tyler Root pitched a solid outing, except for a messy sec-ond inning. With bases loaded, Root walked two batters and hit another across the plate, which proved to be the differ

Root finished the day with four hits, two strikeouts, five walks and three hit batters.

"Last inning we had a walk and a guy on second and (Jeff) Weber hit a sacrifice fly," Green said but the 'Catwere unable to bring the tying run

The second game was much smoother for Novi. Eloff pitched a solid showing, getting himself out of several jams in the complete game, He allowed nine hits, two strikeouts two walks and four runs, two which were earned.

"He's a competitor," Green said. When he's in tight situations, he bears down and gets out of them.'

On top of receiving 12 free bases from walks and hit batters, the Wildcats also had some solid offensive production.

Bageris led the way with two hits, one RBI and three runs, while Weber also had two hits and an RBI. Valade, Eloff, junior Logan Regnier and nore Matt Forche all had hits as well, with each driving in an RBI

or getting a run themselves. "Tyler Schwanz made an unbeliev able catch with guys on base," Green

aid of one defensive stop. Last Friday, the 'Cats carried the a partial game against South Lyon (6-1, 5-9 Kensington). Tied 5-5 after four innings on April 13, the second game of the doubleheader was called for darkness, so the teams took to the mound exactly one month later to

The Lions scored a run right away after a hit batter, two walks and a wild pitch by Regnier brought one

Wildcat David Sparling

Novi scored a run in the fifth to tie it again, but three consecutive walks, a single and a double in the seventh inning put South Lyon ahead 10-6 before Regnier struck out two of the last three batters.

The 'Cats came back in their part of the seventh with five runs. Following a strikeout, Novi got a single from Schwanz, two walks and a basesloaded two-RBI double by senior Mike Kruse to take an 11-10 lea

Regnier was 3-for-3 with five RBIs and three steals; while also finishing the game he started with five hits, five strikeouts, 10 walks and 10 runs (eight earned) in six innings of action. Sophomore Ryan Caputo added a two-run 2-for-2 effort, while Bageris added two RBIs and junior Alex King added a double despite an otherwise

rough day.
Although only three innings were played last week, the partial game took 90 minutes to complete just before Novi hosted Howell.

King, senior Andrew Valade, Root and Schwanz all took the mound for portions of the contest as Novi lost

The Wildcats went up 3-0 in the first when Chris Valade was walked, Bageris hit a single and Eloff slammed a home run over the fence. Howell (20-2, 11-2 Lakes) came back with one run in the first and two more in the third inning to tie it 3-3 at King's expense. The Highlanders then got two runs off Andrew Valade in the fourth to go up 5-3 before capping the game with two more runs off Root during his three innings of action, while the Wildcats

could only muster one more. "He pitched pretty well for us and gave us a chance." Green said of Root. "It seems like some of our guys are thinking about the next big hit instead of their at bat."

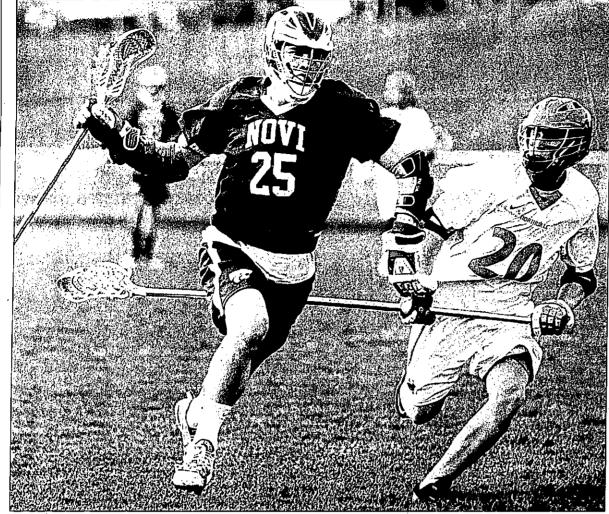
The team started the new week with a big 10-4 win over John Glent (4-16, 1-12 Kensington) Monday, where 17 Novi players saw time on the field. The 'Cats went up 5-0 in the first and extended the lead to 7 O before the Rockets scored one in the third. Novi took a 10-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth before Glenr brought in two and one more in the

seventh inning.
Senior Zach Reilly got the win through five innings of action, allowing just four hits, two strikeouts, one walk, one run and no hit batters. Andrew Valade came in for relief and allowed three hits, three walks and three runs without recording a strikeout, but got the save in relief

Novi's offense rolled, with two hits apiece from Eloff and Schwanz, while Chris Valade, Regnier (three RBIs), Caputo, junior Derek Ince and junior Mike Zugaro had singles Kruse (two RBIs) and King added doubles as six different batters

"I'm looking for that consistency," Green said. "When I see four or five games in a row without walking more than three guys, then I'll be happy."

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back and forth. Before the game, I told them every ball matters."

Howell scored the game winner to at Novi ahead for good and the 'Cats eld on through a late Northville rally for a 12-11 victory, reclaiming the con-ference title the Mustangs had won last

Stephanoff said senior captain Joe Grand Com Mikkelsen motivated his team.

"He played with a pulled hamstring (just to take faccoffs) and came off," Stephanoff said. "The heart of a kid to play with that is impressive. The victory improved Novi's rank-ing to No. 8 as Brighton replaced

Northville at the No. 9 spot. The Wildcats came out last Monday and dominated for a 15-5 win in the

KLAA title game.
"We just came out very hard and put them on their beels right away," Stephanoff said. "The kids played to our potential, finally. When you do that,

good things happen."

Junior Curtis Herzog led the way
with four goals and one assist, while
Howell had three goals and an assist. Senior Greg Kolis and Burnett each added hat tricks and Mikkelsen whose hamstring had healed - scored two goals while winning 82 percent of

"It's hard to shut down one guy, 'cause someone else will score," Stephanoff

said of his five players who accounted for all 15 goals.

The 'Cats led 8-2 at half with some solid goaltending by sophomore Mitch

The pair of victories pushed Brighton to No. 11 and Northville to No. 15, while the 'Cats sit at No. 5 in the state.

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Wildcat Kent Burnett celebrates his first period goal against Northville on May 12.



Wildcat Joe Mikkelsen is checked by a Mustang during the teams' May 12 game

Novi track team sweeps division, conference meets

Both teams finish 5-0 in duals, dominate 12-team meets

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's track and field teams added four accomplishments to the trophy case last week, as both the boys and girls teams won KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference

After the Wildcats (both 5-0 Central) boys won 72.5-64.5 at Livonia Stevenson (4-1 boys for the June 4 state meet. 2-3 girls) May 10 and the girls 92-45 the same day, the teams Friday for the Kensington Conference meet.
The Wildcats and Spartans

finished in the top two in the boys meet. Novi had 140 points and Stevenson had 104 points. The Spartans won the 4x200 (1:31.75), 4x400 (8:13.05). Novi finished second in the 4x200 (1:31.75), fifth in the 4x400 (3:35.02) and fourth in the 4x800 (8:22.94). The Wildcats did win the 4x100 in 44.06 seconds, while Stevenson was fourth in 44.84 Although the guys had more

points as a team at 140, their 36-point margin of victory was less than the girls team, which passed Churchill by 51 points in finishing with 132. Novi's girls won the 4x100

Although the books showed a

Abby Wang, Emily Sheeran and senior Ashley Aljadah all got wins

to go 2-0 on the week.
Wang followed her 6-0, 6-0 one

singles victory over Churchill's top player during the Wildcats' 8-1 vic-

tory with a tough 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 win

over Pioneer two,days later. Aljadah and Sheeran picked up

a 6-2, 6-0 win over Churchill and a 6-4, 6-4 decision over Pioneer at

a nice win. Anytime you get a win against Pioneer, it's a good "feat,

Despite who was playing two singles for Novi, the flight contin-ued to struggle. Freshman Arny Zhou filled in for sophomore

Caitlin O'Brien, who was sick,

"Zhou played a good match,"

Hanson said. "Maybe things to be

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in the future. She's got good foot speed. She's a battler."

O'Brien returned against

"Aljadah and Sheeran pulled out

three doubles.

Hanson said.

6-2 loss against Pioneer, juniors

TENNIS

After both teams won their

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Marish Smill (4th), 14-fect-1 KLAA Kensington Conference titles last week, Novi's track and field squads will head to Milford tomorrow for the regional meet and then Tuesday's KLAA association meet. Those who qualify at Regionals will head to Rockford

finished second in the 4x100 (4:09.53), behind Plymouth's winning time of 4:08.84. Novi also finished seventh in the 4x800 in 10:30.23, while Plymouth Salem won the event in 9:48.68.

The Wildcats crowned six individual conference champions, three per gender. Listed below are all those Novi student-athletes who carned points at the meet by finishing in the finals of an individual event, along with their final placement and time/distance in their event.

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Pioneer, but lost 6-0, 6-1. As a

team, the Wildcats are I-12 at

With O'Brien back against

Pioneer, Zhou teamed with senio

Meng Meng Jie at four doubles,

but lost 6-1, 6-3 to fall to 9-2 on

which is a team best.

the season in that flight together,

"It comes down to mistakes and just not finishing key points," Hanson said, "Hopefully we can.

continue playing at that level."
While Zhou was playing singles, Jie tearned with senior
Nikhita Surapaneni to defeat
Churchill 6-0, 6-0 at four doubles

The remaining flights were

as each defeated Churchill and

lost to Pioneer.

consistent between the two meet

Juniors Emily Kwederis and

roving to 9-6 this season after

Ori Nagasaka had two of the

closer matches at two doubles.

a 6-1. 7-6(5) win over Churchill

and very tight 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 loss to

"Emily and Ori played their best

match of the year," Hanson said of

the Pioneer contest. That match

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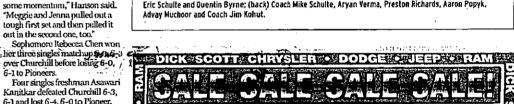
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Pom pon honored The Mid-American Varsity Division I state champions, the Novi pom pon varsity team, was honored May 4. Shown (I to r) are Oakland County Board Chairman Michael J. Gingell, Coach Kristy Renaud, Coach Erin Bartos, Paige Gurizzian, Mackenzie Kelley, Lauren Collins, Katie Groechel, Christy Lyon, and Sara Hudgens, along with Oakland County Commissioner Kathy S. Crawford, who presented the team with a proclamation in the Board

inferno wins

Novi Parks & Recreation's 10U soccer team, the Novi Inferno, recently won the winter indoor league championship at Total Soccer in Novi, after having won and gone undefeated in the fall WSSL league as well. Team members are (1 to r, front row) Konor Tice, Ryan Gorman, Keane Dolin, Daniel Kohut, Peyton MaWong, Eric Schulte and Quentin Byrne; (back) Coach Mike Schulte, Aryan Verma, Preston Richards, Aaron Popyk.









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Novi fails to defend Madonna Classic title

Marra, Tarrant providing spark for Wildcats

CORRESPONDENT

After another week of .500 ball, Novi's softball team is hoping to settle into a stead rliythm with playoffs on the In the past week, the Wildcats

(7-11, 4-4 KLAA Central) split a doubleheader with Livonia Madonna Classic - where they were the defending champions - and defeated Westland John

"I still think we're a pretty good team. We're just not con-sistent," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "Our record may not be where I want it, but I still consider this a really good team.

They're hungry."

After splitting the league doubleheader between a 9-3 loss and 5-0 win over Stevenson on May 11, the 'Cats spent last Saturday in Livonia at the Madonna Classic, Novi went 5-0 and won the tournament title last year, which sparked a strong

finish to their season Last weekend, the girls started out with a 9-2 win over Belleville. Junior Taylor Scott allowed seven hits while record-

We had bases loaded the first two innings and didn't get nothing," Lulek said, noting that the ame problem bringing runn home has occurred throughout the past few weeks.

Before long, things picked up. Senior Colleen Kolis had a home run and a single to lead the Wildcats, Senior Katie senior Meaghan Robinson had Casey Dancer added a double Freshman Laura Oakley, junio Abby Robinson and senior

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

The Novi Athletic Boosters elected a new slate of

for the 2011-2012 school year during the club's regular

Trustee Andy Littleton were elected to serve a second

meeting on May 11.

Both current Boosters President Jay Dooley and

term in their positions. Joining the board this year are Mary Ann Roney, who was elected as secretary;

and Angela Johnson and Kim Morris, who will fill

the two remaining trustee positions. The positions of

vice president and treasurer remain open, but curren

Treasurer Bruce Miller has agreed to remain in the

"We have several key individuals in place, and we know they will do a fabulous job on behalf of our Novi

students and student athletes," said Dooley. "Now

we are looking for a few special volunteers to step

forward for the remaining positions. They will find themselves surrounded by a great team."

Following the election of officers, Dooley made

Cathy Schramm, Sports Passes: Jay Dooley, Publicity Maggie Sheeran, Spirit Wear; and Dana Nussio,

everal committee-chair appointments. They are:

Student Directory, Chair openings remain for the

Fund-mising, Concessions and Tastefest committees An ad hoc committee of current Fund-Raising Chair

Jack Kilger, Johnson and Dooley will work together

to "re-engineer" the Fund-raising Committee, poss

bly splitting the task into more than one committee

penings should contact Dooley at james dooley@

nformation regarding the Novi Athletic Boosters

Ndamukong Suh to Host Football Camp

The Detroit Lions' Pro Bowl defensive tackle

Vdamukong Suh Football Camp. The two-day event

nnounced dates for his inaugural Old Spice

will be 9 a.m.-12:30 June 28-29 at Walled Lake

Vestern High School.

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may be found on the organization's web site at www.

Anyone interested in volunteering for one of the

iizer.com or Littleton at alittleton@FGS.com. More

position through the transition

ed members and committee chairs were named

Boosters elect bodictive yourself are

Kimberly Powers each chipped The Wildcats (7-11, 4-4 KLAA

in with a single.

The 'Cats wouldn't go on to finish undefeated like last season, as they lost 7-5 to Dearborn Divine Child in their second "I really thought we had a

chance to go 3-0," Lulek said. After senior Rebecca Richter allowed two runs in 1/3 of an inning, freshman Natalic Tarrant came in to finish the game. Tarrant had three strikeouts and allowed six hits and five runs, although three runs were uncarned due to errors by

"I was pleased with her. She did a nice job," Lulek said of Tarrant. "I like this freshman, she's going to get some chances to play. She's nice. She throws hard. She's intimidating for a

Lulek said Tarrant would move up from junior varsity to become the No. 2 pitching option for the varsity squad nind Scott, while Richter takes over the relief role.

As for offense against Divine Child, the 'Cats got singles from Powers, Kolis, junior Emma Walter and the Robinson sisters. while Kolis and Oakley each added a double as well.

Things were just as close in Novi's third matchup at the tournament, as the Cats lost 6-5 to Plymouth Salem. "The kids played well," Lulek

said. "The game ended with runners on first and second." Scott allowed seven hits and had four strikeouts in the defensive outing, as most of the team was limited on offensive produc-

Oakley had three singles and Marra had two singles and a double. Kolis, Tarrant, Pow and Meaghan Robinson added a

Central) looked to avenue their loss in the Madonna Classic when they hosted Plymouth Salem (5-7, 4-4 Central) in a doubleheader last night. The girls will host South Lyon East (10-10, 2-4 Central) in a 4 p.m. doubleheader tonight before Monday's Kensington Conference crossover and Wednesday's association crossover. Both 4 p.m. games will be home contests based on final division placements.

> After a day of rest, the 'Cats came out strong with 15 hits against John Glenn on Monday en route to a 10-4 victory. Marra continued her offensive tear with three singles, giving her eight hits, including three doubles, when combining three of the weckend's four games.

"We have a very good hit ting team," Lulek said. "Katie rra is playing very well. She picked up her average the last six

Oakley, Powers and senior Maddy Sinkovich added two singles apiece, while Kolis and Abby Robinson each had two-RBI singles. Scott and Walter each chipped in with a single. game, we played pretty well. We strand a ton of runners." Lulek said. "I don't think we have pressure on ourselves. We're not striking out. We've had four

all with no one on base. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

TATE O WIERS

Novi High School senior Megan Henry recently

signed a letter of intent to play girls golf at Lake

Superior State University next school year during

and provide instruction. He will be joined by a selec-

tion of the top prep and collegiate coaches from the

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 7-14.

Campers receive an autographed camp team photo

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College golf

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home runs in the last six games.

Novi grad Paige Henley, now a junior at Rochester College, helped the Warriors to a U.S. Collegiate Athletic despite a 16-24 record. The pitcher attended Macomb Community College before transferring to Rochester College to play softball.
The Warriors defeated St.

Softball Alumni

Mary-of-the-Wood (Ind.) 8-6 in game three of a threegame championship series at the USCAA national tournament last weekend in Akron.

Rochester College was the top seed and St. Mary-of-the-Wood was the second

"This scason was one of transition for me and the program as we looked to expand," said first-year Rochester coach Steve Ogg. "We went through all the stages of change throughout ed their role and they did the

Other area teammates of Henley's include senior pitcher/outfielder Katie Ogg (Waterford) and senior Melissa Roy (Milford).

Boys Golf

The Wildcats (5-2) at in the midst of a KLAA Central Division title race. The team defeated South Lyon East (0.6) 157-185 May

11 before dropping a 150-157 decision the next day at South Lyon (4-2). Junior Johnny Walker, sophomore Brad Kozinski and freshman Garrett Buckley each shot a 39 against the Cougars, and sophomore Jason Carless trailed by just one shot at 40.

tournament Monday at Indianwood Country Club placing second to Plymouth. Kozinski led Novi with a 78, followed by seniors Sam Palmer (80), Jon Robinson (80) and Carless (81)...

After competing invest terday's Oakland County Invite, the boys look to wrap up a division title cing Northville (5-1) today, Plymouth Salem (2-3) Tuesday and Livonia

E-mail Kelp at bkelp@ novi.k12.mi.us for more

Ice Hockey

Novi senior defender Nolan Valleau was selected in the fourth round (55th overall) of the USHL draft by Sioux Falls, Valleau earned All-State and All-Area honors after helping the Wildcats to the pro-gram's first state title in its first-ever season in Divisior I. Valleau will look to help the Stampede improve on ish in the USHL's Western

Girls Basketball Camp

Join Novi girls basketball coach Bill Kelp for a girls Ndamukong will be on site to direct camp activities basketball camp June 20-24. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m.-noon all five days at the high school performance gym and fieldhouse. Student-athletes grades 2-9 are invited to attend and the camp will be broken into two age groups (2-5 and 6-9), with 8-foot baskets for the younger group and usual 10-foot baskets for the older

Emphasis will be placed on

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-20.05 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II, "RECREATIONAL FACILITIES," THEREBY DELETING THE LICENSING OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FROM

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 9, 2011 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, 46175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 o.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 11-20.05

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Navi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate Member.

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnoviorro or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248) 347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerks office) is Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

BY CHRIS JACKETT



Novi grad Paige Henley heaves a pitch as a member of the Rochester College

all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats' offensive and

defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team compe titions. All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basketball. Cost to attend is

All registration is online at. http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics through the Total Gate Solutions link on the right side of the page

pon Aug. 27. Chris Jackett is a Ireelance writer and former Novi News staff

or Novi Woods. Other camps include

Athletic Camps

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http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics for a list of other

sports camps being run by Novi High School coaches

and student-athletes. All

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both July 11-14 and July 18-

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the camps take place at the high school; middle school

basketball çamp, visit

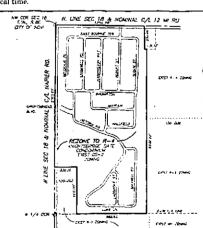
CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP

AMENDMENT 18.697 THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part 1. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning
Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on

ZONING MAP NO. 18.697 attached hereto and made a part of this CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 24, 2011.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 9th day of May, 2011. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM,



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Going green at home? Beware of consumer scams

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Solar energy scams are no exception when it comes to the typical contracting scam. Fraudulent contractors prev n those who are unfamiliar with their product. They may show up at your door, advertise in local papers or deliver fliers to your home. Like the typical contracting scam, solar paneling scams can range anywhere from issues with the installation and costs to the actual solar panels themselves.

Consumers need to know how solar energy works and how the benefits will affect them before investing \$5,000 to \$60,000 in any solar energy

There are many state and federal rebates that offer a reduction in the initial costs. However, consumers who opt for a "greener" rem need to be weary of the less-than reputable and unqualified contractors that breeze into town promising a variety of "green" services at cu rate prices. Consumers need to find in installer that is trustworthy and

energy.
"As with any kind of home improvement contractor, consumers need to be cautious of installers that promise toogood-to-be-true offers," said Patrick Relations for the Southfield-based

GUEST COLUMNIST

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the sales price. If seller concessions are

BBB, "It pays to look beyond the lowest bid when selecting a contractor." BBB recommends considering the following before investing in solar

•Determine if solar energy is right for you. Due to the high costs associated with the initial investment of a self energy audit to determine if

sold as a short sale and it's not yet

approved, there are factors to consider. The first thing to find out is how many approvals are required. The bank may

ust be a servicer and an investor ma

actually hold the loan. For example, a

homeowner may make their payments

Mae (investor) may hold the loan. Once

still needs approval from the investor.

Mortgage insurers often counter terms and delay the process. The fewer par-

ties involved the fewer hurdles to over

determine how far along in the proces.

if there are major obstacles that could

is a credit from the seller that gets applied towards your closing costs,

then your Realtor needs to determine

er concessions to 3 percent of the

what type of short sale you are deal-

ing with. Most short sales will limit

sales price. However, if the seller has

prevent approval.

e seller is, how long it will take and

If you need seller concessions, which

mortgage insurer may be involved

e servicer approves the short sale, it

to Wells Fargo (servicer), but Fannie

 Stay informed about state and federal incentive programs. Depending on your location, state and federal programs can save you as much as 50 per cent on installation costs. Be sure to understand the terms and conditions of the incentive programs and conduct your own research prior to signing a contract with an installer. For the latest information on state programs visit http://www.dsireusa.org/.

•Be cautious of installers that prom ise no out of pocket costs prior to reviewing your specific situation. Be y if an installer suggests obtaining credit for the full amount of the system even though they are promising very low or no costs due to rebates.

 Make sure the roof of your home is equipped to sustain a solar panel system. Even though a properly installed solar system will not damage your roof, make sure your roof is in good ondition before you begin the installation to avoid any future problems.

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For more advice and information you need for hiring the right contracfor your home improvement projects, go to www.bbb.org.

Realtor should be able to structure

Buying a home is a major decision

and if you choose to look at short sales it is important to work with a Realton who understands the short sale pro-

important to ask what experience they

what kind of protection you can expect

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program and foreclosure prevention pro

have with short sale transactions and

cess. In interviewing Realtors, it is

if you enter a short sale contract.

view on bed bugs

0: We have a co-owner in our hig rise who we believe has bed bug in her unit which is spreading to to hold her responsible for the potential infestation of the entire

A: In my judgment, if the unit owner caused an infestation, you can charge that co-owner for i any other problem in the unit elements. You should be aware of the issue which often arises when you try to prove that the unit is in

Robert Meisner

detected. Most exterminators

never be sure who introduced

the bugs into a building since

may just be that the purported

source was merely the first to find them (in fact, some people

are not allergic to their bites s being bit). I am advised tha ators, when put on the

stand, shy away from rendering source unit. However, if the unit owner is taking responsibility for causing the infestation, I

would attempt to charge them for the cost of extermination.

You should carefully follow

your exterminator as you are likely to need to treat all of the

affected units, as well as those

those units. In any event, you should also consult with an

Q: Our association is being requested

iov and comfort to a very depressed

lady. Are we obligated under the Fall

Housing Act to allow it based on our

exterminator for additional

a beagle, to be with one of our

A: HUD is presently

taking the position that the Fair Housing Act should be

interpreted to permit comfort

animals to dogs and miniature

court to decide how they want

of the Pair Housing Act. There

Fair Housing Act. One should

animal need not be a service

animal only if it provides a

physical service (e.g. guiding,

supporting, lifting, alerting, shielding). A person with an

emotional disability, whose

animal for emotional support

doctor or therapist prescribes an

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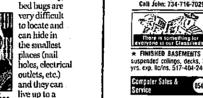
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STANDONFIELD HILLS 3140 Middlebury, S. of Maple btwn. Granbrook, & Lahser from Lasher enter Berkshire Thurs-Sun, 9am-7. Ralph Lauren, Coach, collectibles kid's stuff, lots of furniture.

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These are the area residential rea estate closings recorded the week Oakland County Register of Deeds addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
17310 Lochechie Ave	\$167,000
32880 Red Oaks Irl	\$207,000
Birmingham	
364 Hanna Si	\$375,000
443 W Merril! St	\$601,000
938 #estwood Br	\$7,80,000
Commerce Township	
2075 Canal St	\$220,000
4751 Faircrove Ln	\$185,000
4453 Hacewood Dr	\$143,000
S986 Strawborry Cir	\$350,000

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or comfort, may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation

specifically trained and not, by definition, a service animal. I do think that you would have a good argument that a beagle would qualify as a comfort animal, but

construed as legal advice.

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When Chrysler rolled out the all-new

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the car: The company really needed a

winning new high-volume vehicle, and

the "gangster"-styled, mid-size sedan

available with a Hemi engine did the

trick. The 300's immediate popularity

Chrysler's fortunes under Daimler-Benz

Now Chrysler is launching its first

substantially overhauled version of that

and represents a thorough reworking of

The car itself could turn out to be a

the vehicle, marketing is the big story

big hit. The U.S. market is lacking in

major new mid-size sedans, although a

new 2012 Chevrolet Malibu will debut

soon as well. Edmunds.com says that

the 300's major overhaul – including "sharper, classier" styling, "better ride

quality and more composed handling,"

higher-quality materials," an amenitie

menu that "rivals just about any luxury

sedan," and a new standard 3.6-liter V6

near-luxury competitors such as the

engine – is "more than a worthy rival" to

But how Chrysler positions the 300 --

almost single-handedly restored

ownership, at least for a while.

300 platform. And while the 2011

Chrysler 300 is getting good reviews,

continued recovery than just how the redesigned sedan itself is received by the public.

That's why the marketing campaign to support the 300, launched in earnest last week, arguably is the most important branding effort that Chrysler has undertaken in the nearly two years since the federalgovernment bailed out the company and Fiat began to operate it. Chrysler brand CMO Olivier Francois understands that he needs to produce an effective encore to the highly acclaimed Super Bowl TV advertisement for the Chrysler 200 sedan, which introduced the company's "Imported from Detroit" positioning. Motor City pride returned Chrysler to the national buzz – in a highly positive sense –but François knows that provincial chestthumping will only take the company so far in a nation where all but a halfmillion people live outside of metro Detroit, and that Chrysler needs to

François told AutoObserver.com that he wants to create a persona around the 300 as an exemplar of "earned luxury" rather than the born-to kind. Chrysler has attempted to transform its flagshi marque into a luxury brand for severa years now, without much success. But Francois -who also is CMO of Fiat and CEO of Fiat's Lancia brand in Europe sees an opportunity to appeal to

identity for the long haul.

extend and strengthen its brand

The new Chrysler 300 has been getting rave reviews at events; now it's the public's



President of Mopar Pietro Goriler, shows off Mopar grille avallable on 300.

Americans who have worked their way upscale rather than simply landed there by dint of their birth or good fortune. And he believes he can differentiate the 300 initially, and eventually the entire Chrysler brand, on that basis.

"Our approach to luxury is clearly not an arrogant approach to luxury, Francois said of his positioning of the 300, whose sticker prices begin at about \$27,000 and can exceed \$38,000. "It's a very Detroit attitude toward luxury, very well-grounded - that luxury is something you deserve and is a reward for your hard work not something to just show off. That's the difference between an American luxury car and maybe a European. With the 300, which is operating in the luxury segment, we have to deliver on luxury but not exactly -it's a luxury that we define and tailor for 300 messaging, and it's the kind of luxury that speaks to

At the same time, Francois wanted to extend and leverage what Chrysler had established with the raving success of

the two-minute Super Bowl ad that starred Eminem, the city of Detroit in winter, a gospel choir, the Fox Theater downtown - and oh, yes, the new 200 compact, which is a re-worked Chrysler Sebring. "It's an attitude about making cars here in America that are able to compete at all levels; quality, design and handling," Francois explained

Now, Francois is hoping allegorically to leave one wheel of the 300 in Detroit and place the other three all over the map at the same time that he can establish the new 300 as a true luxury vehicle. So the three initial TV ads for the new car feature men with ties to Detroit -but also from other worlds that Chrysler wants to reach with the new car and as it attempts again to ratchet the brand upscale. The first ad has featured Ndamukong Sub, the rampaging defensive tackle for the Detroit Lions who became an all-pro last year even though he was a rookie he drives through his hometown of Portland, Ore., "retracing his humble beginnings" in a 300, as a Chrysler press release puts it.

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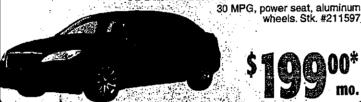
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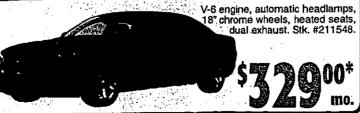
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