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The Providence Docs will take on the Novi Cops in this second annual game at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Plymouth Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires game at 7 p.m.

The cost for both games is \$12, with \$4 being donated to the Providence Heart Institute.

For more information, contact Victor Lauria, Novi's assistant chief of police, at (248) 347-0542 or vlauria@ cityofnovi.org.

Tickets can be purchased online at plymouthwhalers. com/buytickets. Click on Heartbeat Charity Game and enter HEART2 as your promotion code.

Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 11

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with Sweet and Sassy, will host the annual Daddy Daughter Dances on Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Register online at cityofnovi.org. The online price is \$14 per person for residents (\$19 at the Parks & Recreation office) and \$17 for nonresidents (\$22).

For more information about the Daddy Daughter Dance, please contact Sandy Fisher, social services coordinator, at (248) 347-0421 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

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Registration deadline is Feb. 15

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Residents wondering what life is really like behind the scenes for Novi police and firefighters can take a look themselves in March through the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy.

The academy, which is in its 33rd year, is a free program

intended for people living or working in Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and South Lyon. The program is one day a week for 10 weeks, and will touch on a variety of topics.

Some of the things participants will do include visits to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA lab and the 52-1 District

Court; participating in a ride-along with an officer; using the firearms training system; and learning about training, investigations and more.

"It really breaks down the walls between the police department and the citizens so they feel more comfortable coming to us," Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest said.

He said it also helps people to see that even though they wear uniforms and serve as police officers, they are "just like

evervone else.'

Anyone over 18 years old is eligible for the academy, which will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednes-

People interested in signing up must do so by Feb. 15. The first class is March 7.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.cityofnovi.org and go to the police department page under city services.

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Digital Ink was given the Community Service Award (small business) at the annual Toast of the Town Awards Gala last Friday. Pictured from left: Linda Daly, Mark Whitfield, Novi Mayor Bob Gatt,

Chamber toasts businesses for their work in community

Six small, large businesses given awards

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Renee Lubaway's computer learning center Digital Ink has only been open in Novi for a little more than a

But that didn't stop the Novi Chamber of Commerce from honoring her with the small business Community Builder award at the annual business awards ceremony Jan. 27.

"I was very honored and it means a lot to me," she said. 'I'm a very small business, but I've been challenged to meet the needs of the seniors in the community — and I think I have found a way to do that."

The award ceremony, dubbed Toast of the Town Gala, recognized six small and large businesses, including Lubaway's, for their contributions to the city. Five judges from the community

selected the winners from a pool of more than 20 entries. Jim Kitchen, owner of Golf

Tech, was given the small business Customer Service Excellence award for his more than 20 years of service to his loyal customers. He said it was "great rec-

ognition" and applauded the city for all it does to help business owners. "Every year they seem to

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Novi Pizza Co. tosses final pie

Owners say friendships are what they will miss most

By Nathan Mueller

Peter and Shawn Woolford knew their run as owners of the Novi Pizza Co. would come to an end sooner rather than later.

They just didn't expect it to happen as

soon as it did.

But when Peter was rushed to the emergency room Nov. 11 with a medical problem, the couple decided it was time to get out of the kitchen after 17 years of feeding families in Novi.

We stuck at it a lot longer than we though we would," Peter said. "We never thought we'd be here 17 years, but then

Peter is feeling better, but is scheduled to undergo additional tests in the near future. He said it was hard to leave the pizza business because they made so many bonds with their customers over the

"Friendship was the reward for us." he said.

And the rewards for the customers were made-from-scratch pizzas and sandwiches that were second to none.

Lee BeGole, a longtime Novi resident and former police chief, said his favorite menu item was the Italian sub. And when he ate pizza, which was rare, he would only get it from the Novi Pizza Co.

"It was so much better than some of the franchises in Novi," he said. "Their food was great and it was one of the cleanest restaurants I have ever been in.

'Another big thing was that they knew their customers and you weren't a nuisance to them. You were a valuable friend

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raved about how good it

was," he said. "And it was

one of those places where

it still gave you a taste of

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try to do something and work in the right direction for the small businesses and the community," he said.

He said 99 percent of his business is a result of customer service. "It's about treating

them as people and not just numbers," he said. 'It's a name-to-name basis in here, and that is how most small businesses are." Autodesk, a design soft-

ware and services company, was given the large business Community Builder award for its work with the Novi Community School District. Kim Campbell-Dju-

ric, manager of education, strategy and relations for the manufacturing division of Autodesk, said it has been wonderful working with the schools and other community members on vari ous projects.

"It does mean a lot to our local employees and a lot to our worldwide reputation," she said. "Our



Golf Tech was given the Customer Service Excellence award (small business) at the annual Toast of the Town Awards Gala last Friday. Pictured from left: Linda Daly, Mark Whitfield, Golf Tech owner Jim Kitchen and Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

CEO and all of his staff are very committed to not only inspiring current users of our product. but especially the future

users as well." CRT Medical Systems was given the large business Best Place to Work award for the many benefits it provides its employees.

"This is an honor and

a milestone in our company's 30-year history," said Amy Peterson, vice president of marketing. "At CRT we take great pride in the work we pro vide for our clients, and our employees are our most important asset.

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Peter and Shawn, who lived in Novi for several years but now live in Plymouth, got into the pizza business after retiring from successful careers in the corporate world. They thought it would be fun to own their own business, and 17 years later were still having fun.

been getting pizzas from

now," he said. The top priority for Shawn said they the Woolfords is Peter's worked very hard to health, but now that build it up," and Friday they have retired they plan on spending more nights the place was buzzing with all three phones time with their children ringing off the hook. who live out of state and In the 17 years the busi-

ness was open, it received out west. "We are really going to miss the people," Shawn "best pizza" recognition in the Novi News People's Choice Awards 14 times. John Serkaian, a 24year Novi resident, has

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Elle Studio stylist Tiffany Kovacs works on the hair of Kristin Kowalczyk on Jan. 24 at their Novi Road location. Kowalczyk was at the salon as part of the Michigan "Jobs, Education and Training" program that aims to help people prep for re-entry into the workforce, and when needed, gives them proper business attire, haircuts and other donated services.

Novi salon gives new look to local job seekers

Free event provided needed confidence boost

By Nathan Mueller . Staff Writer

online at hometownlife.com

Six women, some of whom had never stepped foot inside a salon before, were treated to a day of pampering Jan. 24 at Elle Studio in Novi.

The women, who were selected by Oakland County's Michigan Works! which is sponsored by Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, were able to get their hair cut and colored and make up done at no charge in an effort to prepare them for upcoming job inter-

Kristin Melzak, front desk manager at the

ers Marina Bojaj and Gioni Camai have been wanting to do-a-charity event for a while and the day did not disap-

"It was a very upbeat and energized atmo-sphere," Melzak said. "Everyone was excited to help out all these women and it was nice to give back to people who really appreciate it."

She said one wom an couldn't stop looking at her hair in the mirror when Camaj was done with it because she was so impressed and never had her hair professional-

ly done prior to that. "It totally made our

day," Melzak said.

Kristina Kurtz, program manager at Michigan Works!, said the day gave the women, who are actively searching for jobs, a huge confidence boost.

"When people come in here (to Michigan Works!) they last thing they are thinking about is getting a hair cut," she said. "They are more worried about paying their bills, and this made them feel better about them-

> Melzak said the salon plans to do another event in the spring, possibly helping a different charity.

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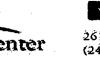


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District takes strong stand against bullying

By Steve Matthews **Guest Columnist**

hings were wonderful in my life at the end of my fifth

grade year. I was the fastest student in the school, faster than the boy who eventually won the state high school 100-yard dash when we were in high school. I had been the master of ceremonies for the fifth grade talent show. I had friends I was one of the popular kids in school. Life was

But then, in the summer between fifth and sixth grade I developed a sore hip. The doctor originally thought nothing about it, but by the end of summer I was diagnosed with Legg Perthes disease - a degenerative condition that softened the hip

There was no cure, and the prescription was to wear a leg brace that kept all the weight off of my right leg. To do this the shoe on my left leg had to have a sole about four inches thick.

When I returned to school I was no longer able to run. My brace, made of plastic and metal, rattled as I walked the school halls. It was that year that I learned that people can be cruel.

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now had no time for me. Over the twenty-one months that I had my leg brace, I felt alone at

What I experienced was a mild form of bullying. Other students felt empowered to make fun of me, taunt me, call me names and exclude me from activities.

I survived because I had a great sixth grade teacher - Mr. Robbins. He made sure that in his classroom I was always included. He went out of his way to talk to me. He tried to help me see that my life was not over but that there were plenty of things that I could do Even though sixth grade was tough for me in many ways, I look back and have good memories of that year because of Mr. Robbins.

My experience in being bullied was mild. Luckily for me there was no text messaging, Facebook, Twitter, or other electronic means available to harass me after school ended. Today bullying does

not stop when the school

icy, but bullying is not prevented because you have a policy. Bullying is stopped when people - teachers, students, custodians, food service workers, secretaries. and community members — make it clear

that the behavior of bul

lies will not be tolerated. The state Legislature recently passed a new measure that requires us to review our antibullying policy to make sure that it meets certain requirements. I know that bullying occurs in our schools. I also know that our teach ers, administrators, and staff work to prevent bullying. Our employees monitor behavior and work hard to create safe schools. Our goal is to create a culture that communicates clearly that bullying behavior will not be a part of our

I am thankful that I had a teacher like Mr. Robbins when I was in school because he made sure school was a safe place. The goal in our district is to make sure that every student feels safe at school and has a trusted adult to which they can turn

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Madcap puppets



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Novi Woods student Amelia Kakish (above) seems thrilled to be wearing a viking's helmet and to be part of a Madcap Puppet Theatre production at the school on Jan. 26. Madcap's Amy Willett is in back. Novi Woods School kids (below) enjoyed the performance.



Leadership traits being instilled in Novi students

Novi Woods uses dens to bring students together

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> Most people would think that combining students from every elementary grade level into single classrooms would be

Except exactly the opposite happens at Novi Woods Elementary every 4 students head to their dens to learn about the Sean Covey book the "Seven Habits of Happy

The dens, which started last year at the school, give the students a hance to interact with each other and practice the habits being discussed. The students stay in the same den as they advance through the school, forming friendships and learning from

"It's a great way to

make sure kids are get-

 Sharpen the Saw ting the same message

and leadership traits in

a fun way," said fourth

grade teacher Michelle Donberger. The students are in their dens for about 40 minutes to learn about a specific habit before meeting with the othCircle, students are honored for exhibiting one of the habits, and the entire school stands to sing the school song.

At the Jan. 20 Pride Circle, principal David Ascher recognized four students for being leaders saying, "That's what leadership does, it inspires others to be better than they already

Donberger said the biggest thing to come from the dens is that the students are learning how to be leaders and take ownership of their

"They are realizing they can be leaders and impact the world around them," she said. "It helps them connect with each other, and the confidence that goes along with being a leader is huge."

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er dens in the gym for a

Pride Circle. At the Pride

Zeng wins at Kettering contest

Novi's Aaron Zeng, a student at Detroit Country Day, won a fourth place prize (half-tuition, 4 ½-year scholarship and a \$100 Best Buy gift certificate) at the 11th Annual Kettering University Mathematics Olympiad, a prestigious region-

al competition designed to encourage students with interests and abilities in mathematics. All scholarships will be awarded upon admission to Kettering University. In all, 120 high school students took the exam at Kettering on Saturday, Dec. 3. The competition consists of six challenging problems. There is a four-hour time limit.

Chefs cook up plans for remodel, anniversary bash

A 20th anniversary celebration and a dining room remodel are on the menu for 2012 for Chefs Charles "Rocky" Rachwitz and Steve Allen, owners of three restaurants in Northville, Novi and Livonia

Rocky's of Northville will celebrate its 20th anniversary in November, and Steve and Rocky's in Novi will get "a whole dining room face lift.'

The partners also own Rocky's Rotisserie in

Rachwitz hasn't decided yet how Rocky's of Northville will celebrate its anniversary later this year, but Allen is already meeting with designers at Steve and Rocky's in "It needs a change,"

he said of the look of the four-star restaurant that draws 10,000 people a month from all over the Metro Detroit area. "It's been five years since it was last remod-

Allen said the restaurant will remain open during the renovations, all expected to be cosmetic. The work is expected to start in four to six Other than that, the two

food at affordable prices. Business is up

chefs plan on continuing

to offer people quality

Chefs Steve Allen, left, and Chuck (Rocky) Rachwitz toast to their successful restaurant ventures in Northville and Novi. Rachwitz runs Northville's Seven Mile Road "Rocky's" and both have a hand in Novi's "Steve and Rocky's" on Grand River. ly worked for the C. A. clubs, thought Rachwitz's formed by Rachwitz,

been up significantly at their restaurants the past two years.

Growing even faster is their catering business. They have so many catering requests — from breakfast in bed for two to parties for 600 - they have to turn some down.

The two became partners when they opened Steve and Rocky's 14 years ago this month after being formally introduced by Chef Milos Cihelka, Rachwitz's personal hunting friend and Allen's mentor at the Golden Mushroom in

Southfield. Rachwitz already owned Rocky's in NorthMuer Restaurant Corp. business plan and menu for 18 years guiding savvy and Allen's culitheir culinary departnary skills and taste abilments as corporate execities would be a great utive chef. Prior to Chuck Muer's untimely death in

a sailing accident, Muer helped Rachwitz turn the former Northville Charlev's into Rachwitz's own ter service restaurant with a Midwestern menu

Rachwitz wanted to partner in another restaurant with a slightly more upscale menu, and Allen wanted to own his own

Cihelka, the first Certified Executive Chef in the United States with 50 years of cooking experience in first-class hotels, restaurants and private

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Northville. **Key ingredients**

It's been a recipe for success ever since. Four years ago, they opened Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia, a coun-

"These guvs are key on

Ronald J. Hoffman, who

handles their publicity,

said value, quality and

staff longevity are the

ingredients to their suc-

(734) 462-6240; www. rockysrotisserie.com Sandwiches and salads are about \$7 each; a Allen and Dan Meier, the former chef at Rocky's of

family can get dinner for \$16.99. Chicken is the top seller. keeping prices to the consumer down," he said.

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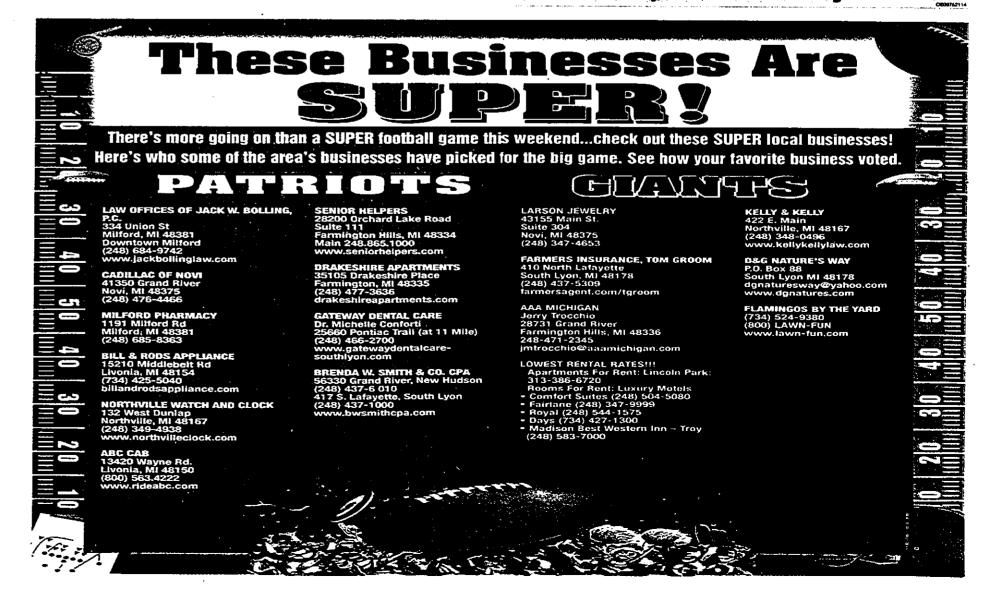
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The Shanghai Quartet kicks off the Listen @ the Library series at the Novi Public Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday

Chamber music series coming to library

Shanghai Quartet kicks off program Sunday

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The sound of music will be permeating through the Novi Public Library on one Sunday a month for the next four months as it has partnered with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit to present a series of free, family-oriented concerts.

The series, dubbed Listen @ the Library, kicks off at 3 p.m. Sunday with a performance by the Shanghai Quartet.

Steve Wogaman, CMSD president, said the organization does a lot of educational programming and saw a niche in the I-275 corridor. The programs will all be about an hour long, with plenty of audience interaction

"It's not your typical sit in a seat and listen quietly to someone play music concert. he said. "There will be a lot of opportunities to get up close and personal with the musi-

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit has been around since 1944 with a focus on enriching people's lives and promoting the appreciation of

chamber music. Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, said the program is going to "bring

LISTEN @ THE feeling of art LIBRARY in a musical way to the Feb. 5 — Shanghai Quartet library" that March 4 — Steve Wogaman, pianist

done before

"We have such phenom enal music programs in the schools here in Novi, and there is a huge push for having that type of cultural experience that we

can now add a layer to from the library end," she said. Wogaman, who plays the piano, is the second performance, taking place on March 4. He is followed by flutist Carol Wincenc and harp-

ist Nancy Allen on April 1 and

Windscape on May 20.

April 1 — Carol Wincenc,

flute and Nancy Allen, harp

May 20 — Windscape, with

instrument petting zoo

es will be at 3 p.m. in the

All concerts start at 3 p.m.

The first three performanc-

library's community meeting

room, while the final concert

will take place at 3 p.m. in the

Novi High School auditorium.

There also will be a musi-

cal petting zoo at the library

Meals on Wheels adds pet food

Western Oakland Meals on Wheels has a new pet food distribution program. This program is designed to assist some of the frail, homebound Meals on Wheels participants with food for their pets, according to Margaret Davey, executive director of the Western Oakland Meals on Wheels Program.

Because Western Oakland Meals on Wheels Program recognized the needs of some of their participants who have pets, they sought and received a grant from the Banfield Charitable Trust to start this program in Oakland County.

Research reported in the Journal of American Geriatrics Society in May 1999 stated that "independently living seniors that have pets tend to have better physical health and mental well-being than those that do not," according to Davey, adding several other health organizations have reported the same findings, including the American Journal of Cardiology and National Institute of Health Technology Assessment

Workshop: Health Benefits of Pets. Eighty nine (89) of the program's clients have pets, and some are struggling to find food to feed their pets. Several clients admitted that they feed their pets with the food that is delivered from Meals on Wheels. The Northville PetSmart Store and Banfield Pet Hospital agreed to include the Meals on Wheels organization in their collection of pet food late last year. The Banfield Charitable Trust grant has provided funds to publicize and solicit assistance from local schools and organizations to help in collecting and distributing pet food. Davev said she is looking for additional support to continue this program for seniors and their pets.

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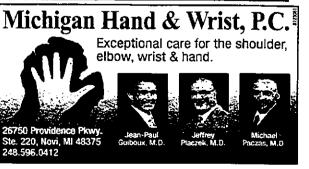
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on to diners. They use the trimmed off meat and fat to make stock as a base for soup and sauces. "Nothing here gets wast-

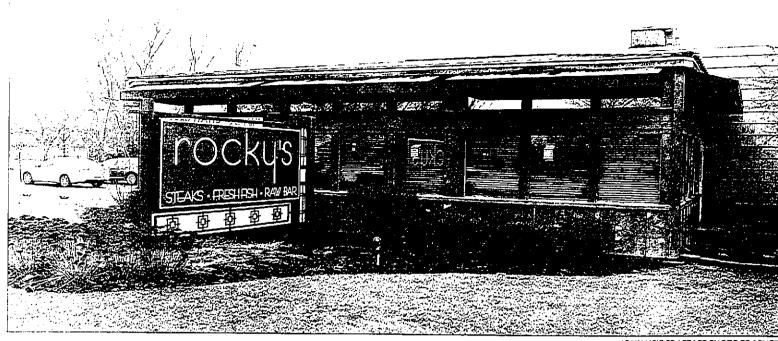
ed," Hoffman said. Menus can be changed daily to take advantage of seasonal pricing on fruit. vegetables, meat and fish. Allen, 48, of Fenton also uses produce he grows on

his six-acre gentleman's farm. Last year, he harvested 3,000 pounds of heirloom tomatoes. He also uses turkevs he raises for Thanksgiving. Both Rachwitz and Allen are award-winning

chefs. Rachwitz is a member of the American Culinary Federation, and has won such events as the Amer ican Seafood Competition, Best of Michigan Meal, Taste of Plymouth Taste of Northville, and is a four-time winner of the Novi Chili Competition.

Allen has won many American Culinary Federation gold and silver medals during his years of competition.

Their staffs stay with them a long time. Rocky's general manager and bartender have been there 17 and 18 years respectively; the chef, 13 years. Each of them has developed a following, which keeps a steady flow of regular customers coming into the restaurant.



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"I walk out here (into the dining room) on a Friday night, and I know most everyone," Rachwitz said

Hire locally Many of the staff they hire are from Schoolcraft and Oakland community colleges, their alma

maters. Both chefs graduated from OCC. Allen transferred there after start-

ing at Schoolcraft. "They're local, and I tors there." Rachwitz said. "One of my favorite lines is, 'Does your instructor know you do it that way?'

Rachwitz, 57, of Brighton Township got his start in the restaurant business at age 13 working for a Southfield deli. He made \$1.25 an hour, working and saving enough to buy a brand-new Ford Maverick at age 16.

He liked washing pots because that meant he could help work the broiler. One Saturday night the

broiler cook called in sick, and Rachwitz told the owner he'd do both jobs. "Sunday, guess who was

the next broiler cook?" Rachwitz started working for Muer in the same building he now owns. He went all over the country working for Muer during his 17-year career with

Allen was in high school when he started working in the restaurant business. "I just needed a job," he said. He hired in at Nanny's Soup Kettle at the Oakland Mall in Troy, but that restaurant didn't

tion, especially for food shows. "I didn't know it was a true art and a profession." he said.

He told Cihelka he wanted to be an apprentice and started working fulltime at the restaurant and attending school one day a week. After 10 years under Cihelka, Allen succeeded Cihelka as executive chef when Cihelka retired. He held that position for five years until forming the partnership with Rachwitz.

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DIXON, DAVID HENRY

Age 65, October 20, 1946-January 28, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HAAS, LAWRENCE J. Age 93, passed away January 26, 2012 at his veteran; serving with the Army Air Corp. Lawrence was a Wing Commander and flew paratroopers into combat on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. On August 2, 1942, while on leave from the Army Air Corp, Lawrence married Julia (Andreica) Haas, On August 2, they would have cele-brated their 70th anniversary. He will always be remembered for his love of the outdoors. He is survived by his beloved wife Julia; his children: Daniel (Cindy), Carolyn Kay Haas, Michael (Debbie), and mas (Jackie). He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; his brothers; Ralph, James and Fredrick Huas and his sister Marilyn DeHaan. He was preceded in death by his sis-ters: Dorothy Cupples and Edith Kenyon, A Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd., Ann Arbor. The family received friends Tuesday at officiating. Burial services will take place privately at Milford Memorial Cemetery following the service. church at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Old. St. Patrick Catholic Church. Friends may visit at the church from noon until the time of service on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, Online Guestbook at: memorials are encouraged to the YMCA-Kids Club in inemory of Jack. For further information www.phillipstuneral.com

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Age 88, of Salem Township, Michigan, died January 25, 2012. Born Januray 29, 1923 in Friedenstahl, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to the Reverend William Allen and Joyce Oehler Allen. She was pregeded in death by her parwas preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marie Lancaster and brothers Theodore Allen and Reginald Allen. She is survived by heginaid Allen. She is survived by her husband of 69 years. William Finaly Hogg Sr. and her foor children, Joyce Diane (James) Grace, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Jr. John Earle Hogg and David Richard (Judy) Hogg. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren Evelyn was a devoted wife and mother who loved antiquing, reading, gardening and her many persong, gardening and her many persong the will be remembered for her years as a Sunday school teacher of four year olds at Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, MI, where she also enjoyed her fellowship with her Jet Set senior group. Services were held Monday at the Schrader-

Howell Funeral Hume, Plymouth.

KERR, JOHN "JACK"

A langtime resident of the Huron Valley area, died at his home in Highland on Saturday, January 28 Highland on Saturday, January 28 after a long struggle with depression and a broken heart. He was 60 years old. Born in Detroit on May 20, 1951, he was the son of Bill and Sue (Fillips) Kerr who preceded him in death. He graduated with the 1969 Class at Walled Lake High School and enrolled at Oakland Community College where he niet Deborah VanLeuven in a class on student government and three years later, the couple was married on August 22, 1975 in the

in marriage to Richard L. King on May 19, 1956. Marilyn, a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School, competed in the Grinnells Piano Competitions during her high school years. She was an out-Millord Presbyterian Church, Jack received his degree from Walsh College and went to work with World Computer before joining the Quality Assurance department at Ford Motor where he worked for nearly twenty years. He was widowed last year when Debbie died of scleroderma. They were the proud parents of their daughter. avid reader, and loved spending time with her grandchildren Jennifer, Jack was a good husband and father, and helore his physical the years she and Lee graciously welcomed many people into the family. Marilyn is survived by her beloved husband Richard "Lee"; disability and chronic pain. enjoyed the life that he and Debbie and Jenniter shared. He coached her loving children. little league and enjoyed the local YMCA and serving at the Milford Senior Center. In addition to his (Daniel) Orr; her dear brother Michael (Patricia) Holmes; and her cherished grandchildren, Jacob beloved daughter, Jennifer, he is survived by the older brother he Orr, Nicholas King, and Catherine aiways looked up to, Gerald , Orr. She was preceded in death by (Jackie) Kerr; mother-in-law, Alice Ann (Vernon) VanLeuven Bilye brothers-in-law. James (Carol) VanLeuven. Paul (Portia) February 12, 2012 from Noor Vantleuven, nieces Shelia Kerr and Alicia (Robert) Starbowski; great-neptiews, Ryan and Andrew ice at 2 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be and a host of extended family and friends who mourn his death and appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. give thanks to God for his life among them. Funeral services wil be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 2PM at Millord Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford with The Reverend Anne Schaefer

MCFEE, EDWARD B.

51 of Broken Bow, Ok, formerly of Milford, MI, passed suddenly Januray 25, 2012. Beloved hus-band of Donna Jean, dear father of Lee Edward, Patrick Lawrence death by his parents, Lawrence and Susanna McFee: brother Ted He will be truly missed.

STANEK, JOSEPH

Age 80, passed away Jan. 28, 2012. A memorial service will be 2012. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 11a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South

THARALDSON, MAXINE Age 87, of White Lake, passed away Jan. 29, 2012. A private tamily service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, Online guest-

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WURSTER, STEPHEN D. Age 54, passed Jan. 23, 2012.

Continued from page A7 before the final performance where people can play and learn about the different instruments.

Wogaman said all the

music the artists will

play was written to be

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performed live, and likened the atmosphere to a sporting event.

survive the recession of

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A friend who was a

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the apprenticeship pro-

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didn't even know what

an apprentice was," said

Allen, who was 18 at the

time. He applied, and was

hired a few months later

to work in the cold meat

become the first Certified

United States, and Allen

Cihelka had just

Executive Chef in the

became "enraptured"

with the food prepara-

the early 1980s.

Watching a string quartet play up close is like sitting at half court in an exciting basketball game," he said, "It's not won't be bored." the same as watching it on television or listening to a broadcast. You are sitting

individual players interact with each other and it's incredibly exciting. "If you have never been to a concert like this, try it out and I promise you

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Catholic Central High School. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Glen Oak High School in Canton.

employed with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit, and Nicole is employed with Trinity Health in Farmington Hills. A winter January

2012 wedding is taking place in Novi.

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NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Appointments made to Board of Medicine

President and Medical Director of Michigan Urgent Care and Novi resident Mohammed Arsiwala, M.D., has been appointed by Gov. Rick Synder to serve a fouryear term on the Michigan Board of Medicine.

The board oversees the practice of medicine of approximately 36,330 medical doctors and serves as the state's licensing board. It includes 19 voting members: 10 medical doctors. one physician's assistant and eight community members. Arsiwala will represent physicians. Nominated by State

Speaker Pro Tempo-

Representative and



lence in medicine, "I am truly honored by this appointment. I received my medical education, got my start and have built my medical practice in Michigan This opportunity is anoth-

Arsiwala. Arsiwala operates a regional network of nine urgent care facilities across southeast Michigan, including Urgent Care of Novi located at 44000 W. 12

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izens of Michigan," said

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OUR VIEWS

Race for Congress

Kowall's decision best for Novi, district voters

While Gov. Rick Snyder was sharing his State of the State Address, state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, was sharing his own message.

Kowall said he is suspending his campaign for U.S. Congress. He said there's plenty of work needed to be done in Lansing, and he wants to be part of what he sees as positive changes for Michigan's future.

Kowall announced plans last year to run for the congressional seat currently held by Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. McCotter was campaigning at the time for his party's nomination as a presidential candidate.

Kowall said family considerations played a major role, because serving as a congressman means most of his time would be spent away from home.

It was a smart political move, too. Kowall jumped on momentum that came following newly approved congressional boundaries that shift much of the 11th District out of Wayne County and into Oakland County. Kowall's entire state Senate district is part of the new 11th District, so Kowall would have a strong base of support from which he could mount a campaign.

But McCotter's presidential flirtations never gained traction, and he dropped out early on and focused on retaining his congressional seat. Kowall, although popular among GOP voters in the newly configured district, would have faced an uphill battle challenging an incumbent in his own party.

We're glad to see Kowall dropping his federal aspirations, for now, to continue at the state level.

We have said before we didn't like that Kowall was considering the move to another political office less than one year into his Senate term. Office jumping is part of politics, but we prefer to see candidates serve out their terms, particularly since Kowall had just recently started working as a Lansing legislator again.

Local communities have paid for special elections, like for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners when District 2 seat became open in early 2011. And Novi has seen individuals appointed to elected office without the vote of the residents, like when Kathy Crawford won the county commission District 9 seat and the City Council inted wayne wrobel to fill her bosi tion on the City Council. The same thing happened a few years prior when Kim Capello left council to serve as county commissioner and Brian Burke was chosen by the City Council to fill the rest of

Politics aside, local residents should rest easy having Kowall focused solely on Michigan issues.

Kowall can best serve his current constituents while a member of the state Senate representing the 15th District which includes the Novi, Novi Township, Wixom and Commerce Township in addition to the townships of Highland Holly, Milford, White Lake, West Bloomfield, Rose and the cities of Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and the Oakland County portion of

Northville. Kowall holds a key position as chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee. He's been part of the sweeping changes Republican have spearheaded last year, cutting business regulations and taxes, limiting health costs for state employees, taxing pensions

Kowall is more likely to enact noticeable changes as a veteran politician in Lansing than as a freshman legislator in Washington, D.C.

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OPINION

Do you feel that winter will ever arrive in Michigan this year?



of winter Michigan people want — not too much snow, and it's not too cold." Connie Gregory



"I've wondered that myself, because I like that we're going to have the snow. So it'll be winter in April. It'll show interesting to see if it up late and then stay does show up." around." Larry Van Cleave



ally come. I think this upcoming month will be really cold and snowy." Collin Crandell

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LETTERS

Newt's a perfect Republican

With Newt Gingrich shaking things up in the Republican campaign it is obvious he should be their nominee. He is a perfect example of the double standard and hypocrisy that is present in the current Republican Party. Newt's outrage that the moderator would dare to ask at a presidential debate that he respond to statements made by a jilted former wife is another example of that hypocrisy.

A Democrat presidential candidate with a background like Gingrich would be totally unacceptable. On the Right you can claim overwork or patriotism, or, in Gingrich's case blame the media. Newt was applauded for his hostility of the media and went on to win the primary in South Caroline with most saying they made their choice based on electability.

I must say Gingrich is a very inspirational politician though. After Republicans won a majority in the 94 elections and Newt became Speaker of the House and proclaimed President Clinton irrelevant and that Republicans were now in charge I was convinced to never vote Republican again. Newt was not elected in a nationwide vote but was claiming to be our country's leader through a legislative move. His actions as speaker and hostility of our duly-elected Democrat president helped me to see that Republicans do not believe in democracy. And, like most leaders of radical takeovers, a few years later he

was thrown out by his own party. I do agree with him that the negative attacks by some of the media make it very hard to govern in this country. This could easily be seem by the attacks on President Obama with one cable network in particular, Fox (owned by a man also of questionable ethics). The attacks began even before Obama took office and continue everyday. No matter the lack of proof, this network and its highly paid political commentators put out false and misleading information attacking our democratically-elected president on a

daily basis. Yes, Newt is the right candidate for a party that claims family values but is run by finger-pointing hypocrites that practice "do as I say not as I do" — just like him.

But I believe in democracy; that is why I am a Democrat and will always vote for Democrats. Most that vote for Democrats understand that we are in this together, and working together we all will succeed.

Chuck Tindall

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District responds to speaker

On Jan. 10, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School each hosted an assembly for students presented by a motivational speaker Mr. Joel Penton. The assembly was sponsored by each school's PTA at the request of the school administration in connection with their school

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improvement goals focused on positive behavior support. The promotional materials provided by the speaker in advance of the event indicated that the content of the assembly "was safe for public schools" and "contains no profanity, religious content, etc." The feedback from the school day assembly was positive.

At Northville High School, an after-school free concert was also conducted, which was understood by the school administration to be a continuation of the school-day assembly. Students were invited to attend the afterschool concert during the daytime performance, and there were several posters hung in the hallways. Students were not required to attend the after-school concert. Approximately 37 students attended the after-school activity. Unlike the content of the schoolday program, the content of the after-school program contained religious material that was not included in the school-day presen-

A number of steps are being taken as a result of this incident. School-level procedures are being reviewed in an effort to ensure that any speakers brought forward for consideration for a school activity of any kind are thoroughly researched, including a review of the content of such presentations. Additionally, school personnel observing any inappropriate content have been directed to intervene in the event and to promptly bring it to the attention of both school and district administration so that proactive steps can be taken to communicate with students as well as parents. In addition, Mr. Penton is being contacted to register a complaint

regarding this matter. We appreciate the students and parents who brought their concerns forward to school administration, as well as the families who used this event as an opportunity for thoughtful conversation and consideration of various perspectives.

Mary Kay Gallagher Northville superintendent

Religious speaker duped district

In the Jan. 19 edition of the Northville Record, a letter was published from a Northville High School student, Erin Dunn, The letter was well written, and I applaud the student for bringing this issue to the public's attention If everything in this letter is true, then it is obvious that the high school administration, the teachers, and the students simply got duped!

This whole incident is totally against the separation of church and state, and for the high school to allow a speaker to espouse his specific religious beliefs upon the student body is appalling, to say the least. Compounding that by the fact that he denounces other religious beliefs makes this entire episode incredulous. Northville High School is a public high school where students of all faiths attend, and to criticize someone's faith in this environment is just

Granted, the majority of the student body is probably Christian, but this fact does not permit the high school to allow someone to "preach" it. The precedent is now established: Any motivational speaker espousing any religion can now speak at Northville High School. I don't believe that is what this community wants.

Instead, to prohibit this from occurring in the future, I would recommend the following: 1) The high school apologizes

to the student body. 2) Any future presentations be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated.

3) The superintendent and the board, through their respective state organizations (Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Boards), inform their peers of the perils of these types of presentations.

James M. Koster

Wrong method

I applaud Erin Dunn for highlighting the inappropriateness of Northville High School sponsoring a strongly Christian-biased presentation. Some of the comments in Mr. Penton's book are an affront to Christians and non-Christians alike, showing not only a poor understanding of the basic tenets of other religions but also extreme disrespect for their differences.

It can be easy for the majority religion (Christianity in the Northville area) to disregard the beliefs, feelings and rights of other religions, so we must work especially hard to overcome that and build bridges. Mr. Penton and Mr. Holliday erect walls when they arrogantly asserting that only Christians are truly alive. Their message does not belong in our public schools and it does not belong in our culture.

Cheryl Deep Northville Township

Novi events

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 Location: Henry Ford Medical Center, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi Time/Date: 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5

Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. 8 Mile, Northville Time/Date: 12:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8

Location: Novi Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Wednes-

day, Feb. 22 Location: Hillside Middle School 775 N. Center, Northville Contact: To sign up at any of these drives-please contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or riskod@usa.

At the library

Location: Providence Park Hos-

pital (southwest corner of Beck

Road and Grand River Avenue,

Novi) in conference rooms A, B

and C (Enter the campus off of

to the building's Heart Institute

are located immediately to the

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

Thursday, Feb. 23: Controlling

Tuesday, March 27: Colorectal

Thursday, April 12: Health

Tuesday, May 22: Stroke

Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent

Details: Sandwiches, salads and

refreshments will be available at

ees. There is no charge to attend.

866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can

tendees. Registration is free and

includes only your name and the

NORTHVILLE & NOVI GAR-

Location: Northville Art House,

Contact: To register please call

anticipate the number of at-

contact information that you

would like to supply.

215 W. Cady Street

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MEETING

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Public Library

and Thursdays

Cancer

redcross.org. **OLHSA COMMUNITY LIVING PROGRAM**

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Monday,

Location: Novi Senior Center Details: Pam Robinson of OLHSA s coming to the Novi Senior Center to discuss OLHSA's Community Living Program which is affiliated with AAA/Home Injury Control as well as Resource Advocacy. She will also discuss how the older adults can access OLHSA services. Contact: Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414 to reserve your

NORTHVILLE AND NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday,

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street Details: "Painted Clay Pots". Please bring a clay pot to paint. The speaker is Judy Vershave. Contact: Fran Gunderson, (248)

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) METRO CHAPTER **FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

Location: Providence Hospital Heart Institute, 47601 Grand Rive Avenue, Novi Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Feb. 14

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Details: The meetings are free and anyone is welcome to attend Details: Judy Vershave speaking Contact: (248) 348-7197 on "Painted Clay Pots." Bring your CONVERSATIONS own clay pot to paint. IN HEALTH Contact: Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457 or visit http://gardeners

Kids and moms work together on a craft project on Dec. 20 at the Novi northville-novi.org BEREAVEMENT

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MEETINGS Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third

Beck Road and continue straight Location: Novi Civic Center (10 entrance. The conference rooms Mile between Taft and Novi roads) Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min. - goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the task of grief are available.

> **NOVI SENIOR CENTER** Location: 25075 Meadowbrook

Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@ cityofnovi.org **AARP Income Tax Preparation**

Times/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and April 5 **Details:** Tax counselors from AARP are coming to the Novi

Senior Center to provide free tax preparation by appointment to older adults 55 years and older. The counselors do not prepare taxes for small businesses or rental properties.

Contact: Novi Senior Center (248) 347-0414 for an appointment.

Business

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"Negotiation: Getting What You're Worth Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi

rant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north

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Submit: Send calendar subnissions via e-mail to cstone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 85-2892; or by mail to Novi lews, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8

Details: By Mary Shindell, services manager at Merit Network. Learn crucial negotiation skills that will aid you in your quest for better compensation during this interactive and informative program. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation follow-

"Marketing on a Dime" Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: By Kym Johnson, owner of KSJ Marketing Communications. Explore inexpensive and free marketing techniques to promote your business, both online and offline. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation

Contact: see www.abwa-novi. org for registration and payment information.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov.

and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays 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 business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgrouplic.com

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every **Nednesday** Location: On the Border Restati-

networking environment for professionals. The Metro 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 Continental breakfast provided Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248)

of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured

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

797-1665 or juliepaquette67@

gmail.com; www.metronovibni.

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day commu nications and mentoring toward professional and personal excelence. Guests are welcome – and bring a friend. Visit www.novi. freetoasthost.us.

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@ novi.freetoasthost.us

NOVI CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

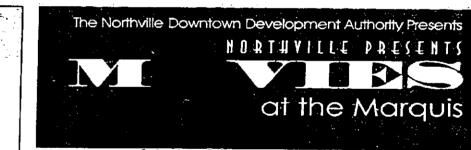
Red Wings vs Predators Outing Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Feb. 17 Details: \$67 per person includes game and dinner in the exclusive Manhattan Room. Ride the party bus to the game \$5 per person.

Service Groups

NETWORKING LUNCHEON Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22

Location: Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, 17400 Haggerty Road,

Details: Speaker will be Tim Green from the Referral Institute Come learn how to take your business to the next level by creating a constant stream of referrals: \$20 pre-registration required



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FEB 18 IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD (1963)

Northville Physical Rehabilitation located at 215 E. Main, Suite B

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FEB 25 BYE BYE BIRDIE (1963)

Keller Williams Realty Northville located at 200 N. Center

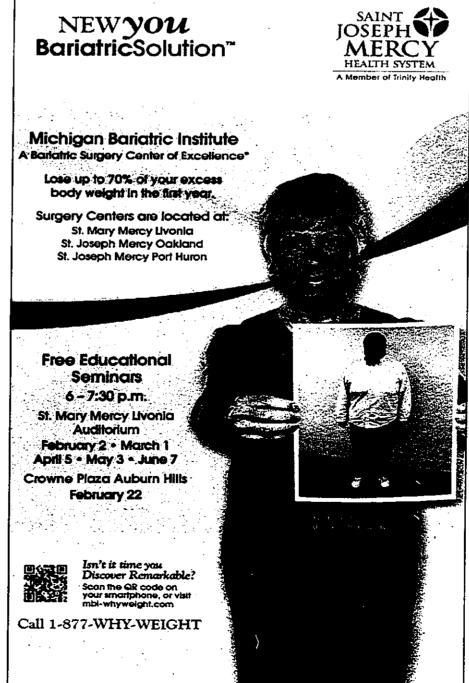




The Movies at the Marquis series is open to all quests five velots and place. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 East Main Street, For more information and updates on the 2012 Movies at the Margus series www.gowntownnorthville.com or egg 248,349,0345

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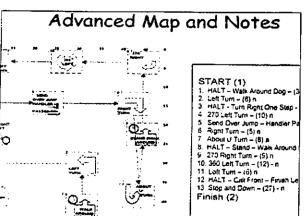
Cindy Gates, left, and Cynthia Darling relax with their snoozing miniature dachshunds "Andy" and "Wynnstone" during the Jan. 19 Michigan Winter Dog Classic show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.



A small collection of young golden retrievers waits judging at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic. That's day's event was sponsored by the Livonia Kennel Club.



A pair of golden retrievers jog around the judging ring with their handlers.



A form posted near a judging ring at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic shows the complicated maneuvers a dog handler and their charge has to complete during the show.





Owing to her dog's height, and her comparable small stature, Shayna Garrison jumps up A shi-tzu awaits its closeup. on a grooming table as she preps "Gus," a leonburger.

Saturdays are Super at the Novi Senior Center

online at hometownlife.com

The City of Novi Senior Center is planning a series of Saturday events that will have attendees moving, grooving, celebrating, and competing.

"This is the sixth year we have offered the Super Saturday Series, and each year everyone has a fantastic time, said Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager. I am excited for 2012 themes. I know everyone will enjoy themselves and the events will bring back wonderful memories of bygone

Each Super Saturday event includes a meal and live entertainment. All events are from 4-6 p.m. at the Novi Senior Cen-

Feb. 25 - Nifty Fifties - "Let's rock around the clock!" March 24 - South of the Border - "It's fiesta time!" May 5 - Derby Day - "Race

Day - Novi Senior Center-style' Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must

be purchased in advanced and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center.

45175 W. 10 Mile Road. To learn about upcoming events, fitness classes, educational programs, or support services, call the Novi Senior Bullard Jr. announced. Center at (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org.

City approves Fox Run's liquor license

The Novi City Council approved Fox Run retirement community's request for a liquor license, which means residents of Fox Run will now be able to enjoy spirits in their campus dining area.

Fox Run was granted a continuing care retirement center license, which is a new type of license created for residential communities that provide fulltime residential housing mainly for individuals older than 62.

Fox Run, which has nearly 1,000 residents, sits on 108 acres at 41000 13 Mile Road in

Deeds Express

and others involved in real estate transactions will no longer have to leave valuable documents at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office, Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill

"We are implementing a new program called "Deeds Express" for those involved in real estate transactions- a completely automated Entry Book for anyone filing documents. This means valuable real estate documents will not have to be left with our clerks to be mailed back to you later," Bullard said. "The scan takes a few minutes, then you can take your irreplaceable papers with

Bullard also pointed out that the new program benefits all Oakland County taxpayers, not just those who have business with the office. "Besides thousands in postage and shipping costs.'

The Deeds Express system also helps prevent one of the

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gage fraud, because the docu-

ments are immediately searchable once they are scanned. "Scam artists who apply for multiple mortgages on the same property, schedule closings on the same day, and then try to collect more than one check from different lenders, will be in for a surprise," Bull-

Enter The Art Institute's competition

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but for contestants in The Art Institutes 2012 Storytellers Photography Contest, a picture can worth much more. Enter today by submitting six original photographs that tell a visual story and showcase your creativity and unique point of view. You could earn up to a \$40,000 tuition scholarship to The Art Institute of Michigan.

Along with the photos, entrants must submit a 500-800 word artist statement describing the entry and a high school

transcript or proof of high school graduation demonstrating a GPA of 2.0 or higher. For complete entry details, please visit http://artinstitutes.edu/

photocompetition. The competition offers separate categories for high school seniors graduating in 2012 and high school graduates. The grand prize winner in the high school senior category earns up to a \$40,000 tuition scholarship, and the grand prize winner in the high school graduate category earns a \$10,000 tuition scholarship to one of 39 participating Art Institutes across the

country.
Submissions are initially iudged at the local level, with one finalist from each participating school advancing to the national level. The deadline for entries into the competition is

For more information on how to enter and for official rules, visit http://artinstitutes.edu/ photocompetition or contact Jeanita Bright, jbright@aii.edu or (248) 675-3860, at The Art Institute of Michigan, located

Camper & RV Show hits the Showplace Feb. 8-12

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MAR-VAC) is sponsoring the 46th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show, Feb. 8-12 Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace (located on Grand River, between Taft and Beck roads).

Over 250 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, toy haulers and fifth wheel travel trailers.

Special discounts include folding campers from \$4,999; trailers from \$8,999; and motorhomes from \$49,999. plus, manufacturer rebates on select RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground information, on site RV financing and RV rentals nake this the complete RV show experience.

A coupon is available at www.marvac.org, south-east Michigan NAPA Auto Parts locations, Big Boy restaurants and in area newspapers. With this special coupon, all consumers can get a \$1 off any adult or senior admission. Consumers can also register to win free tickets on www. marvac.org, courtesy of Big Boy or at www.face-

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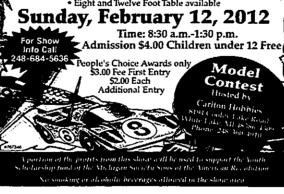
Event: 46th annual Detroit Camper & RV Show Location: Suburban Collection Showplace Hours: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday 2-9 p.m.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday Admission: \$9 for ages 13 and up; \$8 for seniors; free for children ages 12 and under

onsor: Michigan Association of Recreation Vehi cles and Campgrounds Phone: (517) 349-8881 Web: www.marvac.org

book.com/MichiganRVers The new, 2012 RV & Campsite will be available free to consumers attending the show.



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Saturday of month



Novi police arrested Madison Heights resident Lanjun Zhao, 46, at this Asian Spa Massage location on Novi Road and Grand River Avenue on charges of prostitution. She is set for a

Asian Spa Massage owner faces prostitution charge

Woman caught performing illegal act on a detective in November

A 46-year-old Madison Heights woman has a pre trial hearing set for 9 a.m. Monday at 52-1 District Court in Novi as she faces a misdemeanor charge of prostitution stemming from a November incident

at Asian Spa Massage. According to the police report, Lanjun Zhao, owner of Asian Spa Massage at 26109 Novi Road, was caught by members of the SONIC group (South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium), which ncludes Novi Police Department personne performing an illegal

sexual act on one of the undercover detectives Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said the group was acting on a tip. and he said he suspects it wasn't the first time something of this nature took place at the business.

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"The undercover (detective) received a



engaged offered addition al activities, and

at that point in time, once that commenced, the officer initiated an arrest,"

According to the report, the undercover detective was wearing a transmitter that was being monitored by SONIC members waiting outside the business. The detective received a 45-minute massage before the Zhao allegedly began

flirting with him. The detective then asked if there were "any extras," and "how much?," according to the report. He offered \$40. but Zhao asked for \$50. Once the additional activities started to take place. the officer called out the bust signal and the SON-IC detectives waiting out-

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side entered the business to secure it. There were other employees inside at the time, as well as a customer, but they were all released at the scene. Zhao was arrested and

transported to the Novi Police Department where she was later released after posting bond. Her attorney Daniel Hilf was contacted last week and said he was "not prepared to com-

ment at this time."

He never returned "I still am in the process to pick up the shoes he of gathering more inforasked her to hold, and the mation about the case," employee said she wanthe said ed to prosecute if he was Molloy said this is the

first time the city has had an incident like this in the last 10 vears.

'Quite frankly if there is that type of activity going on in the community we don't want that business in our town," he said. "This is not something that is happening throughout the city, it was an isolated incident.' The business has since

closed.

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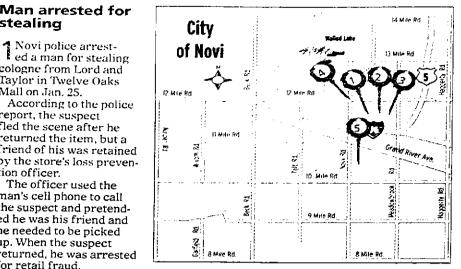
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sunglasses valued at \$361 from Lord and Taylor on

According to the report, the suspect was observed removing the sensors from the glasses before the loss prevention offi cer attempted to stop him. When the suspect saw the officer he took off running toward 12

Police have no suspects and the sunglasses were not recovered.

Drunk driver stopped again

4 Novi police arrested a man for his second drunk driving offense on Jan. 15 after the vehicle he was driving was observed swerving seven al times on 12 Mile Road near Novi Road.

According to the police report, the man initially could not remember where he was coming from and smelled strongly of intoxicants. The man admitted to drinking a couple beers

and failed field sobriety

Scrap metal taken from business 5 Nearly 1,000 pounds of scrap metal blocks were stolen sometime between Christmas and

Jan. 25 from Blades

tests. He submitted to a

preliminary breath test

which registered a blood

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cent. The legal limit for

He was arrested and

transported to the Novi

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and released after post-

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ing bond.

Enterprises on Trans X. According to the police report, the blocks were on wooden pallets in the rear of the building prior to being taken There were no surveillance cameras in the area and the owner does not believe an employee stolen the blocks. Police have no suspects

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pastor and Father Michael speaks to us today. . Zuelch, associate pastor **Faith Journeys** CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH Location: 29000 Meadow

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

brook Road, south of 13

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.

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Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter. **FAITH COMMUNITY** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity

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Children's program, Youth Worship Service Wednesday Schedule 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth

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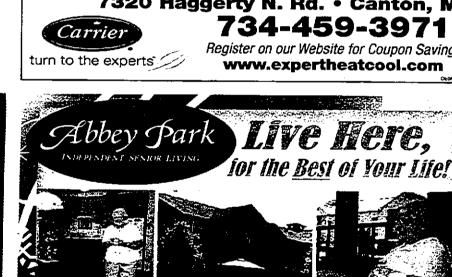


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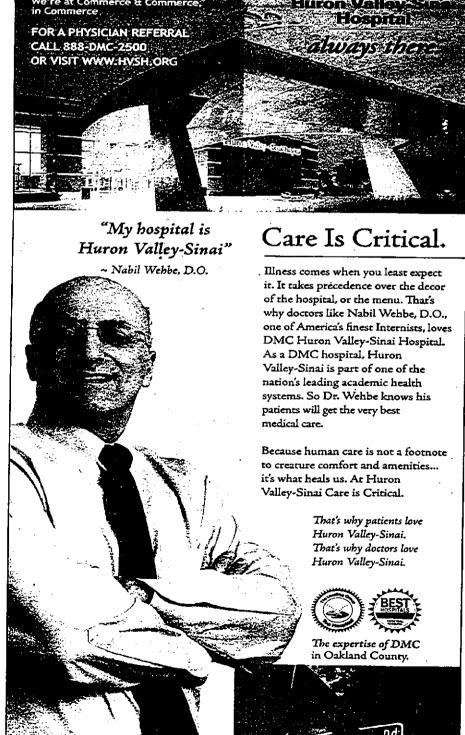
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Novi offense declaws Cougars

Wildcat girls outshoot East

By Chris Jackett

When you make twice as many shots as your opponent, you're bound to win.

Just ask Novi's girls basketball team (9-3, 4-2 KLAA Central) They made 16 shots compared to South Lyon East's eight during a 49-29 victory over the Cougars (6-6, 1-5 Central) last Friday.

With 16 of their 41 shots falling accurately (39 percent) and anoth er 15-for-19 (78.9 percent) hitting the mark from the free throw line the Wildcats

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball squad (9-3, 4-2 KLAA Central) was scheduled to host South Lyon (5-7, 2-4 Central) two nights ago and Northville (8-4, 4-2 Central) tomorrow before visiting Plymouth Salem (3-9, 2-4) Central) Tuesday

who shot 8for-32 (25 per cent) overall. With nine players scoring, senior forward Ally D'Annibale led the way with nine points,

including 5for-5 from the chari-She was followed closely by senior Anna Lausch (eight points,

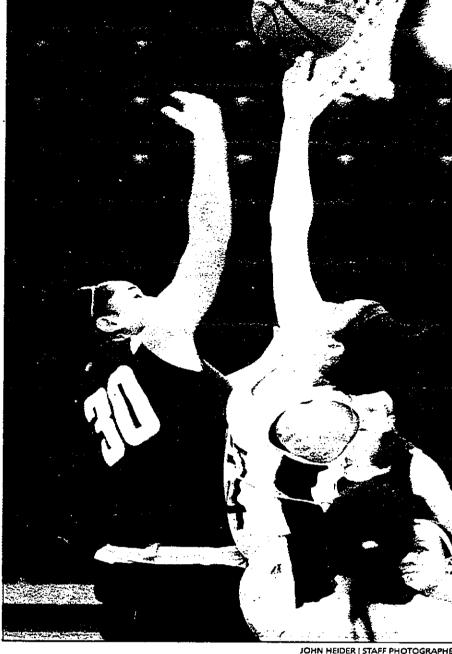
rolled over

the Cougars,

two blocks) and sophomore Kerri McMahan (seven pints, six assists, four rebounds). "It was nice to see them fin-

ish around the basket," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "It was our best conversion offensive game. We finally passed the ball up the McMahan's six assists, along with four more from sophomore

Taylor Pavlika (six points, eight ebounds, 6-for-6 free throws) Please see GIRLS, B2



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Wildcat Jade Antolec goes up for the opening tip-off against South Lyon East on Jan. 27.

Novi icers avenge early season losses

Carney debuts in net with 1-0 shutout of No. 7 Brighton

By Chris Jackett

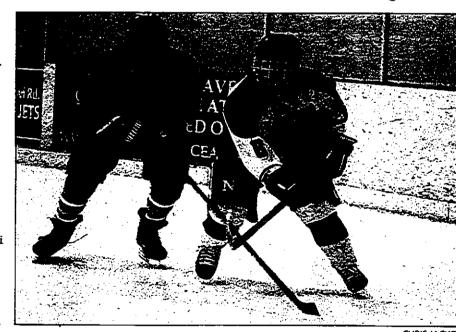
The question of who was the team's starting goalkeeper changed daily for Novi's hockey team this season, but it could gain some consistency if Mon-day's performance were any indica-

Making his first varsity start for No. 13 Novi (12-6-1, 6-3-1 Kensington), junior Patrick Carney didn't let a single puck into the net against No. 7 Brighton (12-3-2, 7-2-1 Kensington) despite several wide-open shots and rebound opportunities. His team wasn't able to provide much offense, but it was enough for a 1-0 victory in Carney's debut.

"I thought he played fantastic," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "To shut out Brighton, which is ranked sixth or seventh in the state, he played a great

Novi had lost 5-3 at the Kensington Valley Ice House Dec. 10 with senior Spencer Peterson in net, Peterson and sonhomore Austin Petty have traded off each game throughout the season

Please see HOCKEY, B3



Novi junior Wes Guenther (right) lifts the puck out of Novi's zone during the second period as Brighton sophomore Troy Marrett pressures him. The No. 13 Wildcats got the best of the No. 7 Bulldogs 1-0 Jan. 30.

Wildcats claw up Cougars

Novi cagers double up on division cellar dwellers

By Chris Jackett

It didn't matter where Novi's boys basketball team shot the ball from last Friday. It just kept going in. The Wildcats (4-7, 4-2 KLAA Central) lit up visiting South Lyon East (1-9, 0-6 Central) in a 61-30 contest

scheduled to visit

South Lyon (6-5, 3-3.

Central) two nights

ago before heading

to Northville (6-5,

4-3 Central) tomor

row and hosting

Plymouth Salem

Tuesday, Both

(10-2, 4-2 Central)

while shooting 47 percent or better for two, for three and from the free throw line ON TAP Novi's boys basket the ball bet ball squad (4-7, 4-2 ter and tak-KLAA Central) was

ing smarter coach Brian Tass said "We do well

got plen-ty of playing time and the offense was well distributed, as 11

players scored. The 'Cats were led Kempa, who went 4-for-6 from distance on his way to a team-high 14

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Shamrocks fall to No. 2 team in country

Squad's B-team takes third in Observerland

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks intense January schedule was so chock full of amazing talent that it was hard to believe they would escape barely scathed.

But, as the month came to an end, their biggest opponent so far, the No. 2-ranked team in the country in St. Ed's, managed to get the best of them. The Shamrocks traveled to Cleveland to take on St. Ed's as well as St. Vincent St. Marv's.

Detroit Catholic Central took a dual meet loss, 41-12, though it isn't without the knowledge that pundits across

Please see SHAMROCKS, B3



Lady bowlers getting hot late in season

Novi program splits with Wayne, Clarenceville

By Chris Jackett

The girls portion of Novi's bowling program s picking up momentum late in the season, rattling off two victories and making an impressive showing at Livonia Clarenceyille's Doubles Tourna-

Novi's girls (7-6, 5-4 KLAA Central) dominated Wayne Memorial (2-9, 2-6 Central) in a 26-4 victory Jan. 23 to start off their week. Following baker game victories of 182-134 and 162-155, Callie Wright tossed a 10th-frame strike to put the 'Cats up 738-733 for a victory in the first game. The Wildcats shot a program-best 986 to win the second game behind a personal best of 254 from Jessie Snider and a strong 353 in the finals.

225 from Sara Schulz. Their next contest was a lot closer Jan. 25 as the *Cats edged past Clarenceville 16-14. After losing all 10 baker points behind 151-122 and 131-115 games, Novi won both regular games 744-657 and 709-656 to win the

Youth baseball signup

Novi Youth Baseball League has opened

up online registration for the 2012 baseball

season. Players ages 7-19 that are interest-

ed in baseball are encouraged to register by

match. Schulz's 198 and Snider's 201 led the squad The girls wrapped up their week Jan. 28 at the Clarenceville Doubles

Tournament. Among a field of 30 teams, Novi's girls got two pairings into the top-16 bracket portion of the tournament that was decided by a two-baker game pins roll-off.

Schulz and Callie Wright earned the fifth seed and won three matches before losing the championship match-up. A 10th-frame strike by Schulz gave the duo an 11-pin win in the first match, while 29 pins in the 10th frame of the second match by Wright nut them into the next round with a two-point victory. The pair combined for 247 in the semifinals before losing 370-

Megan Engels and Evie Plaetinck also qualified for Novi as the 15th seed. but lost the first match by 18 pins against the No. 2 seed. None of Novi's boys teams qualified for brack et play among a 32-team

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ON TAP Novi's bowling squads (3-10 boys, 7-6 girls) were scheduled to face Canton (6-4 boys, 1-9 girls) Monday and Plymouth (3-8 boys, 3-7 girls) yesterday before battling Plymouth again Monday and Plymouth Salem (7-3 boys, 6-4 girls) Tuesday. All matches are at 3:30

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7 Central) had a much tougher outcome throughout the past week.

A powerful Wayne squad (9-2, 6-2 Central) cruised through the Wildcats 27-3 after losing both baker games 213-198 and 232-150, as well as both regular games 986-969 and 967-848. Charlie Woods scored two points with games of 183 and 198, while Andrew Thorwall scored the other point with a 230 game. Things got better

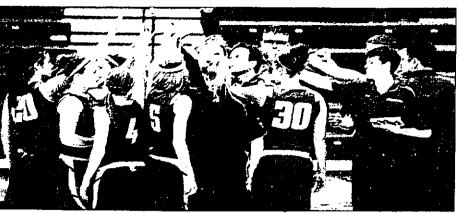
against Clarenceville but the 'Cats still fell 17-After losing both bak er games 174-168 and 171-142, they also lost the first game 835-815 before pulling out a 875-826 victory in the second game. Mat Kotowicz scored two points for Novi with games of 170 and 222.

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The Novi Wildcats "bring it in" before beginning their Jan. 27 game against South Lyon

GIRLS

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helped Novi land 16 assists on the night after landing in the single digits at the end of most

"She does bring a spark. She has a knack for the ball," Kelp said of Pavlika. "We concentrated on passing the ball up the court not dribbling." The strategy paid off

early for Novi, who was up 11-3 after the first quarter and 21-9 at half-"Thought we did a bet-

ter job communicating as a team on the defen sive end," Kelp said. Seniors Katie Seelenbinder and Abby Robinson added six points apiece for Novi, while unior Jade Antolec (four points, five rebounds, two steals),

senior Sam Pavlika (four steals), senior Abby Chandler (two points) and sophomore Kristen Schubring (one point) each chipped in. The 'Cats continued on

to take a 33-16 lead into

the final quarter before

closing out the 49-29 win

in a high-scoring fourth quarter. "Hopefully they realize that we have to carrv over some of the postives into those games," Kelp said of the second leg of the division sched-

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Wildcat Ally D'Annibale tries to keep control of the ball as a Cougar tries to take it away during the team's Jan. 27 meeting at South Lyon East.



Wildcat Kerri Cougars on

Senior forward Joe Steele scored twice and senior defensive Ryan Wandzel added a goal and two assists as the Shamrocks, rated No. 1 in Division 1, improved to 14-3

SHAMROCKS

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the country consider this to be one

of the best, if not the absolute best,

"This was a great experience for

our guys," said coach Mitch Han-

cock. "Our schedule was grueling

and it challenged our guys. That's

what we do at CC-put our guys in

it comes time for the state tourna-

nothing to be ashamed of in a loss

have been through the fire."

to a team like St. Ed's.

challenging situations, so that when

ment our guys are comfortable and

Hancock pointed out that there is

"In regards to the loss to Ed's, it's

teams St. Ed's has fielded.

dleton also contributed goals, with three assists for CC.

3-0 after two periods.

he first period," said CC coach Todd Johnson, whose team led 1a defensive-minded strategy and otal goal of the game.' Junior Derek Moore got the shut-

humbling yet rewarding, in know-

ing that we are now able to sched-

country," he said. "Our guys, with-

toughest schedule in the state, and

The Shamrocks weren't without

their winners against the power-

house. Picking up wins were Bob

Coe, Nick Mason and Kevin Beaz-

In the following match-up, Cath-olic Central ended their trip to

Cleveland with a convincing 59-13

victory over St. Vincent St. Mary's.

The Shamrocks also sent their

B-team, the "white team," to the

annual Observerland wrestling

I have confidence that it will pay

ule one of the best teams in the

out a doubt, have wrestled the

off in late February."

Connor Humitz, meanwhile, went all the way in net for the Spartans (10-7), who were coming off a 3-1 setback last Wednesday to Trenton, ranked No. 1 in Divi-

Humitz made a total of 32 saves. "He was really, really good in



Novi senior Kent Burnett (right) carries the puck out from behind his own net as netminder Patrick Carney looks on and Brighton senior Zach Carr gives chase. No. 13 Novi defeated No. 7 Brighton 1-0 Jan. 30.

failed to capitalize on what was We tried to really crack down

defensively."
With 2:32 left in regulation, senior Curtis Herzog slid the puck from the top of the left to junior Wes Guenther at the top of the right circle. Guenther wound up and fired a slap shot at Brighton netminder Jimmy Milletics, who knocked down the initial shot at the top of the crease, losing sight of

the puck in the process. Still out of Milletics' sight and trickling toward the goal behind him, Novi senior Travis Trainor and a Brighton defender saw it slowly moving toward the goal line from a few feet away on the left side and reached for it. Train or's stick got there first and

he knocked the puck the final few inches it needed to cross the goal line and give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead. "I couldn't really see how

it went in the net from my angle, but we pretty much just talked the whole game, 'let's get the pucks in the net," Krygier said. "Both teams got good goaltenders and we ended up getting the break there. I thought their goaltender made some saves that we could've scored on and then our goaltender made some great saves. And it ends up probably being a fluke goal, but that's how you win these

The Bulldogs pressured hard, even pulling their netminder for the final 60 seconds to allow for an extra attacker, but could not find an qualizer as Novi won their fifth-straight game.

The Wildcats also avenged a 4-4 tie from Dec. 4 at North ville by defeating the No. 30 Mustangs (11-7-1, 4-4-1-1 Kensington) 4-1 Saturday at Novi Ice Arena.

"I think its real big emotionally, because we weren't real happy with the way we lost to Northville and/or Brighton," Krygier said of the two rematches. "We just felt like there were some areas we needed to improve on and, if we did, we'd improve our chances. Tonight's game could've

ON TAP

Novi's icers (12-6-1, 6-3-1 KLAA Kensington), ranked No. 13 in the state, host No. 18 South Lyon (10-7-1, 4-5-0 Kensington) 6:30 p.m. tomorrow before competing in the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase Feb. 7-8 at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea The Wildcats start off 8 p.m. next Thursday against No. 14 Howell (12-3-2, 8-1-1 Lakes), who is recovering from a team hazing scandal that occurred the weekend of Jan. 6-8 and resulted in the entire coaching staff being fired.

we dominated the game or anything. I think both goaltenders were just really fantastic."

Mencer and Ramsay earned their suspensions in Saturday's game, along with two Northville players, during a large second-period scuffle while Novi led 3-0 that stemmed from a Northville hit that sent a Novi player spinning through the air. There was a scuffle in the

second period with four guys. Two of their guys got DQ'd and two of our guys did. It was unfortunate," Krygier said. "We addressed it as a team with our team that it's unacceptable. What happened, it's not allowed by high school rules, but, on the other hand, we had a guy who was trying to stick up for a teammate. So you have to find a balance there, but, at the end of the day, you can't be throwing punches and it's unacceptable.

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HOCKEY

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until Carney's debut Monday.

The Brighton rematch was a

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Novi had the additional burden

of two key forwards - junior

Jon Mencer and senior Bran-

don Ramsay - missing due to

suspensions from the previous

"Brighton's been ranked

ahead of us all year and then

we lost to them last time we

played them, and then we were

going to be without Mencer and

Ramsay, so that added to the

challenge," Krygier said. "But

I'm really proud of the way the

The Wildcats had the momen-

guys stepped up and played."

tum much of Monday's game,

battling a large and composed

Despite dominating the pos-

session in the first period, Novi

Brighton defenders continual-

ly blocked them. The 'Cats also

got few shots on net because

their only power play of the

Any transition opportuni-

ties Brighton would gain were

The momentum did a com-

od, as Brighton pressured and,

despite their only power play

of the game, also failed to cap-

With the score tied 0-0 after

battled through the third period

with chances at both ends, put

Novi primarily in control early

on, firing shots from all angles.

"They played hard, overall had

big improvement for our team.

"I thought our 'D' did an

excellent job," Krygier said.

a couple lapses, but it was a

30 minutes of play, the teams

plete 180 in the second peri-

Bulldog opponent.

snuffed by Carney.

Top-ranked Novi-Detroit Catholic Central notched a pair of goals each in the second and third periods Saturday night to put away host Livonia Stevenson, 5-0, in a boys hockey game played at Edgar Are-

Tyler Van Acker and Danny Midwhile Michael Babcock chipped in

Steele's goal made it 2-0 and Van Acker added another just as a Stevenson penalty expired to make it 'We felt good the way we played

. "They (Stevenson) were playing that (Van Acker) goal was the pivout in goal for the Shamrocks. He had to make only 11 saves, but one was on a breakaway attempt during the opening period by Stevenson's J.D. Byrne.

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net," Johnson said of the Stevenson junior. "It was a very disciplined game on both sides."

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was Casey Hagan and Mike Bab-

icz, who both finished second.

by placing 12 individuals.

Christian Miner finished sixth. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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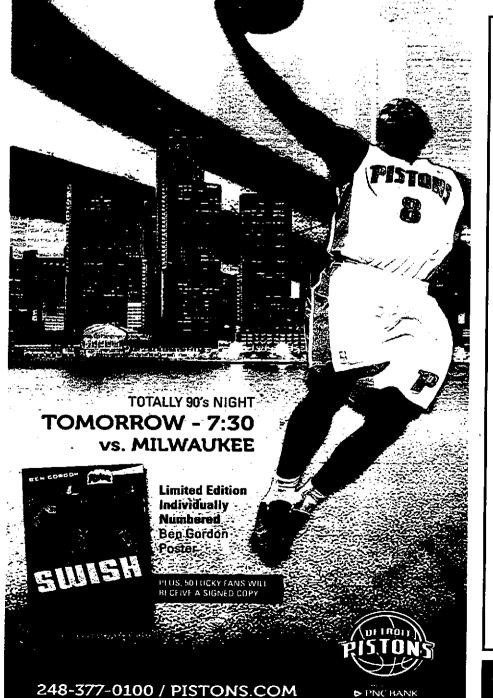
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There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. The meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the building will have the opportunity to do so after the A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendent, or district executive must accompany each bid. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is provided on the Proposal Execution Form, Section 004200, of the Bidding Requirements and General Conditions

Manual for the project. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the

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Wildcat grapplers earn share of second-straight division title

Novi over Stevenson, Salem win over Northville ties baseline rivals

By Chris Jackett

They get by with a little help from their friends. Novi's wrestling team (15-9, 4-1 KLAA Central) was in jeopardy of not defending their Central Division crown after losing 37-32 to Northville Jan. 18, but the Mustangs (16-6, 4-1 Central) lost to Plymouth Salem (6-6, 3-2 Central) 38-31 Jan. 25. Meanwhile, the Wildcats closed out the season with a 45-16 win over Livonia Stevenson (9-7, 3-2 Central) the same day, leaving the baseline rivals as co-divi-

sion champions with 4-1 The final division meet of the season started off well for Novi, as junior Kelsey Larkin (112 pounds), freshman Evan Davis (125) and senior Alejandro Albuerne (130) each earned victories to put the 'Cats up 13-0. However, the Spartans battled back with wins

pound weight classes to take a 15-13 lead.

Senior Farahman Kian (152) put Novi back on top with a 6-0 decision before junior Ben Dobras (171) and Zach Roush (189) each earned pinfall victories to make the meet a long shot for Stevenson.

Three of the final four Wildcats won their matches by decision to complete the 45-16 win. The victors were senior Justin Michael (215), junior Dan DeNova (103) and junior Andrew Park

they finished 5-0 in the Central Division. Among the individual division Park, Alejandro Albuerne and Dobras, who was also 5-0 last season.

for the Novi News.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the 2012 · 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 22,2012.

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI WOODHAM ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 176 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Date: FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m. In the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Novi City Council PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Novi City Council is considering the public improvement described below, to be financed by the establishment of a special assessment district. Subject to receiving comments and objections at public hearing, the Council has determined to proceed with the improvement. On February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the City Council shell made for the council chambers at the Novi City Hall, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing ents and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed special assessment district known as Woodham Road Water Main Extension, Special Assessment District No. 176, including comments and objections to the proposed project and to the proposed special assessment district consisting of the properties nticipated to be specially benefited by, and assessed for

The proposed improvement ("The Project") is: The construction of approximately 525 feet of 8inch WATER MAIN and related facilities and improvements in Section 29 which will provide a direct benefit to nine parcels along a portion of Woodham Road.

The estimated cost for the Project is \$119,956.00.

A copy of the Petition, and the plans and cost estimate for the proposed Project are on file at the City Clerk's Offices, 45175West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for public examination during normal

Accompanying this Notice is a form for you to complete and return to the City Clerk's office, indicating whether you as a property owner within the proposed special assessment district support or disapprove of the proposed public improvement and special assessment district.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal garance in such case shall not be required.

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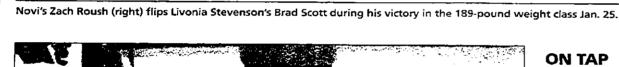


Landry (160), senior Jake

For four of Novi's wres-

tlers, the meet also meant champions were DeNova,

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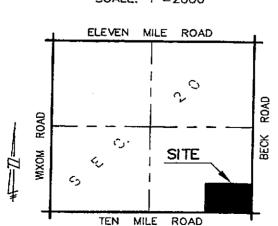


Novi senior Farahman Kian (right) attempts to roll over Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughan dur ing his victory in the 152-pound weight class Jan. 25.

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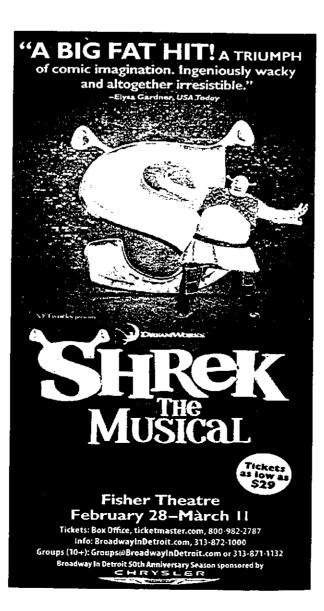
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> LOCATION MAP SCALE: 1"=2000'



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 22,

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary



NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

defending state champions on the prowl for a threepeat.

By Chris Jackett

online at hometownlife.com

Pompon squads all heading to state meet

The varsity, junior varsity and middle school pompon teams all recently qualified at the Ann Arbor Skyline-hosted Regionals and earned a trip to the Feb. 12 state meet at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The varsity squad is hoping to three-peat at state champs behind a routine head coach Erin Bartos, with assistance from sister and junior varsity coach Elyse Bartos, directed for the girls to the tune of Burn Halo's "I Won't Back Down." The squad had previously used Burn Halo's "Our House" in one of their recent state title-winning

The varsity squad is led by senior captains Mary Favorite and Nicole Rigdon, who hope to make the threepeat run alongside seniors Aditha Chadha, Alex DeLa-Cruz, Mikaela Falsetti. Katie Groechel, Gi Hong, Mackenzie Kelley, Christy Lyon, Ashley Miller, Ashley Wojtylo, juniors Mackenzie Betts, Lauren Collins, Marisa Giampa, Paige Gurizzian, Sara Hudgens, Megan Jamrog, Kaley Kennedy, Kailey Oppat, Morgan Shepherd Drew Thommasson, Delaney Ulle, Emma Weil, Renee Weil, sophomores Gillian Autterson, Patricia Dixon, Caitlin Sultana and freshman Mia Gur-

The JV squad, led by captains Annie Segal and Laura Baumgarten. hope to also make waves to the tune of "Attitude by Metallica. The middle school squad will dance to Bullet for my Valentine's "The Last Fight." The 11 varsity seniors

will celebrate senior

ca, (middle row) Connor Ince. Kenta Akazawa, Marcellous Williams, Connor O'Leary, coach Brad Miller, Ryan Rabinowitz, Sean Garcia. Mitchell McSwee

ney, Jaret Robson, (back

row) Joost Plaetinck.

Novi Middle School's eighth-grade White boys basketball team finished their season 9-0.

night Feb. 10 at halftime

of the 7 p.m. girls basket-

ball game against Livonia

Boys Basketball

includes (front row, left Koushik Kondapi, Emanto right) Matthew Wasuel Spiller-Jackson, Naji serman, Dominic Colalu-Ozeir, Nick Sabo and Bob by Fox.

Football Alumni Novi 2007 graduate Patrick Sijan 2007 signed on to be a kicker for the Ultimate Indoor Football

League's Saginaw Sting

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer

Jan. 24. The newest mem-

ber of the arena football

league kicked for North-

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graduated in 2011 with

the school's longest field

BOYS

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"Kempa can get hot and I guess that's what

happened on Friday,"

Tass said. Also strong for the Wildcats were junior Jionni Ivy – who had 11 points and 10 rebounds while going 5-for-5 from the charity stripe - and senior Michael Jocz. who had eight points and five rebounds on 4-for-6

"Ivy's been a great spark for us lately coming off the bench." Tass said. "He really plays aggressive on the offensive end is getting better and better. I've just been asking more and more of him in practice.

"Jocz's consistency comes from his consistent effort and focus on improvement. He's come a long way and he is a great leader for us." Also chipping in for Novi was junior Charles McKinney (seven points), sophomore Nelson Cagle (five points), junior Brad Kozinski (five points), junior Brandon Macklin (four points), senior Kyle Clemmons (three points) and two points apiece from seniors Alex King (seven rebounds), Gannon Mathis and Ignas Bernotas.

As a whole Novi shot 21-for-42 (50 percent) from the field, including 8-for-17 (47.1 percent) from distance and also 13-for-18 (72.2 percent)

from the charity stripe However, despite winning the rebound battle 28-13, the 'Cats had 11 turnovers and 20 fouls which were not offset much by their three

steals and three assists. "I thought we did some things well on Friday, yet we need to do things better defensively to beat anyone left on our schedule," Tass said.

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The Novi Middle School eighth-grade White boys basketball team finished their season 9-0. With four players' family

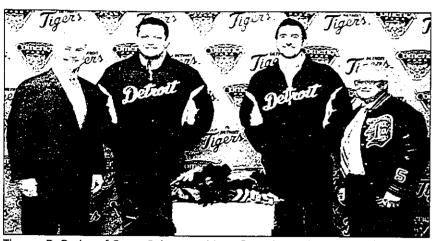
members already having ties to Novi varsity sports, these young Wildcats could break onto the scene in the next few

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

We Need Your Input On The Best Places To Shop...Best Places To Eat... Best Place For Great Service. This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll. Join in on the Balloting! Drop Off or Mail In to: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178 Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Ballot Box stuffing will not be allowed. Only original newspaper ballots, NO COPIES ACCEPTED. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified. BEST FOOD OUTLETS **BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS & RETAIL STORES** Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods_ · Best physician_ Best coffee Best bank Best place for breakfast Best consignment store Best steaks Best eyecare Best deli Best funeral home · Best fast food restaurant Best salon Best family restaurant Best nail salon Best place for soup_ · Best tanning salon Best place for salad Best jewelry store Best place for burgers_ Best real estate company Best place for hot dogs/coneys Best real estate agent Best place for subs Best mortgage provider Best place for desserts Best accountant Best Sushi restaurant_ Best auto dealer Best Italian restaurant Best Asian restaurant Best oil change short Best Mexican restaurant Best collision shop Best Greek restaurant Best place for pizza_ Best veterinary service Best martini_ Best travel agency Best wine selection (store) Best video store_ Best wine selection (restaurant) Best landscaping business Best beer selection (store) Best health/fitness club Best car wash_ Best beer selection (restaurant) Best place for romantic dinner Best flower shop Best after work meeting place Best garden center · Best sports bar Best dance studio Best place for dancing Best orthodontist Best framing shop_ Best dentist Best financial planner Best custom home builde Best massage Best apartment complex · Best sporting goods store

All Entries Must Be Received By February 17th

Mittens for Detroit



Thomas D. Ogden of Grosse Pointe, president, Comerica Bank-Michigan (far left) and George Surdu of Novi, executive vice president and chief technology officer, Comerica Bank (far right) posed with Detroit Tigers Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander. The executives presented more than 900 pairs of mittens for Mittens for Detroit, collected by Comerica colleagues at the Detroit Tigers Auburn Hills Operations Center on Jan. 20.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lighthouse of Oakland County

The Salvation Army

Vista Maria

The Pink Fund

Detroit Institute of Art

Special Dreams Farm

and friends of the agency.

lions of dollars.

workshop

Motor City Blight Busters

Angels of Hope, A Family Cancer

And wanting to give something back

to all of the nominated organizations,

Lenhoff and Shazaaam! are providing

them marketing, media relations and

them with free seminars that will teach

social media skills to aid in their efforts

to further their cause and present each

fundraising through Shazaaam! clients

"Although we could not award every-

organizations with opportunities for

one with the pro bono services, from

to make sure that every participating

agency was a winner and that there was

something that we could give every par-

Since forming in 2001, Shazaaam! has

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awarded more than \$3 million in pro

bono services to help deserving organi-

thousands of supporters and raise mil-

zations elevate their messages, mobilize

Schoolcraft hosting mother/

Schoolcraft College (18600 Haggerty

Road, Livonia) will host Micro-lending

101 from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Dis-

cover the ways that small loans make a

big difference to entrepreneurs all over

the world. Explore their unique busi-

nesses, and learn how Zonta Interna-

Become an investor without spend-

ing any money of your own. Each par-

ticipating mother/daughter team will

choose a small business in a develop-

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strategies to make investment deci

· the economic impacts of micro-lend-

Register online at http://zontanorth-

"We have had the honor of Chris-

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the District 15 and International Jane

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Mother/Daughter Micro-Lending Work

free and is open to middle school and if

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"Micro lending is nothing new to Zon-

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with their profits. We feel this is a great

fortunate than they are and find the joy

they receive in helping others.

ta," added Randall. "We have helped

shop," said Sally Randall, Zonta Club

of NW Wayne County member. "It is

our club the opportunity to host the

tional clubs support them.

and will learn about:

daughter Micro-Lending

the start of this initiative we wanted

Children's Cancer Recovery Founda-

Holiday sales better for most Michigan retailers

Two-thirds of Michigan retailers rang up better holiday sales, with most retailers boosting sales by more than 5 percent, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"It was a good holiday season, and the second consecutive year of positive holiday results," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "Sales were strongest early in the season and remained positive throughout — we would have been surprised if the final numbers had been different than they turned out."

Michigan retailers went into the season more bullish than national forecasts. On average, the state's retailers projected a 6 percent gain over the previous year. While the final average was a 4 percent gain, 53 percent of retailers improved sales by more than 5 percent, and 13 percent by 0.1 to 5 percent.

Nationally, the U.S. Commerce Department said sales rose by 0.4 percent in November and 0.1 in December. The National Retail Federation said a narrower category it defined as "holiday sales" grew by 4.1 percent.

The Michigan Retail Index for December found that 43 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 35 percent recorded declines and 22 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 59.1, down from 63.2 in November but up from 58.3 in

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the

Looking forward, 46 percent of retailers expect sales during January-March to increase over the same period last year, while 18 percent project a

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 71.8, down from 75.8 in

Shazaaam! announces \$1 million recipients

Novi-based public relations, marketing and social media firm Shazaaam! Public Relations announced the 10 recipients of the million-dollars worth of pro bono services as a result of its Million Dollar Challenge.

The firm, founded by entrepreneur Adrienne Lenhoff, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary by gifting 10 worthy charities each \$100,000 in pro bono services.

"We really feel that everyone who participated is a winner and all 104 charities worked extremely hard to get the word out and rally votes," Lenhoff said. "In our eyes, every single one of the 104 charities is a winner and we wish all could have been the recipients of the

With more than 14,000 votes tallied, the recipients of \$100,000 each are:

Common courtesy takes a hit from social media

By Lee Meadows

regale and curriculums abound with the integration of social media as a tool and life force in our increasingly complex lives, the guestion left unanswered is: At

Admittedly, I am a technological lunkhead and laggard when it comes to the full integrative usefulness of the evolving social media (yes, 8-track players will return with a vengeance), and I do have to consult with my son when discovering other uses for my iPhone besides dialing (fooled you! I know there's no dial. Although my extension cord keeps getting tangled). I do understand the importance of technological progress and the obsession with new and

improved technology. The airlines did put the Stagecoach business out of business, thus putting a lot of employment-seek ing horses out to pasture. Streaming videos is far more convenient than running to the mini-mall to rent a video, and the advances of technology roll on with every iteration bringing us closer to technological Nir-

However, at what cost? Not too long ago, I observed a young man standing outside of a local retail outlet, locked into a heated argument with his girlfriend by way of his cell phone! His thumbs moved across and around his keyboard with all the precision and focus of an orchestra

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Takin' Care of Business

matching him comment for

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Lee Meadows and kevstroke for keystroke. He'd receive a text from her, grunt and yell an obscenity, and then fire off a text. This modern day version of "Dueling Banjos" went on for several minutes before he decided to end all texting and close the cover of his cell phone, undoubtedly believing he'd

won the argument.

But how would he know? My curiosity, always my downfall, would not let me walk away, so I had to ask him about what had just transpired. He gave me all the sordid details of the events that led up to the textament and assured me that he would send her a text later on, after "she has cooled down." Being an old-school Baby Boomer. suggested that maybe he should talk to her. "Why would I want to do

that?" he asked. "Oh, I don't know. Common courtesy," I replied. I have the good fortune of College. The opportunity to teach working adults its own set of challenges

ple of years, I've noticed that among the younger ute waltz crowd of our graduate students, the open laptop during lecture/discussion time From what is quite a common practice I've sat in the back of classes, during student presentations, to see that my laptoppers are engaged in things other than paying attention

> you finish surfing the Net. It's even more fascinating when I have observed the same behavior at team meetings in a couple of places where I do consulting. I always thought that a team meeting is a place where you are to give your undivided attention, lest you miss some important detail that could cost at organization millions of dol-

I am left wondering when

common courtesy became

something you did after

I have had to hit the brakes a number of times because someone was so focused on sending a text or talking on the phone that they would step into traffic only to be alerted by the screeching tires of the car that came to a halt two feet from where they were standing. The irony is the look I receive that suggests that I was wrong for driving on the street.

I am the first to acknowledge that technology has its place, but I do become concerned when that place is in front of our socially-prescribed common courte-

> the three issues in June. My homeowners poli-

> > Co

being a professor at Walsh is a lot of fun and presents Our night classes allow for Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D. is lecture, discussion, group a professor of management work and the application of at Walsh College working real-world solutions to realat the Novi Campus. He can world issues, in real time. be contacted at Imeadows@ leader trying to squeeze a However, in the last couwalshcollege.edu. ST. MARY MERCY LIVONIA SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM



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Industry pro sadder but wiser on sump pump policy

By Marlene Klimecki

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

So, you like myself, had the same insurance agent with a large, well-known insurance company for years; you go through some life-changing events as I did with the passing of a spouse, your daughter moving out of Michigan, and not knowing if your deceased husband told the agent that you finished vour basement

All of these things happened to me in 2010. I contacted the agent, told her all three changes, and that since my husances with her for years that I didn't know what we needed

to change, but I was relying on her for her professionalism and guidance. She asked me a battery of questions that I answered and we closed the conversation by her saying she would "handle it."

Klimecki

Here is the trap, according to the law, it is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the agent to make sure they made the changes. We NEVER discussed sump pump failure insurance as any option and now in checking with most people, very few are aware of it. Sump pump failure insurance is a minimal premium (under \$50 a year). We waited to finish our lower level to make sure there were no cracks in the walls and that the basement did not have any issues with water. My husband passed in May 2010 and I noti-

cy came up for renewal in November along with the million dollar pamphlet that outlines upgrades which are your responsibility to read and check with your agent to see if you have these coverages. I am quite sure I can't tell you if the

ried the insurance company of

eowners insurance policy will protect your largest investment, as an area Realtor found out the closing, DO NOT rely on your have my claim rejected based

hard way. pamphlet was or was not in the

renewal notice, I just quickly wrote a check and put it in the mail so it would not get overlooked. You guessed it, I had sump pump failure (a six-yearold sump pump) the following

I called the 800 number to see what I should do at 9:30 p.m. and was told I was not insured. I was positive this was a mistake and the basement cleanup crew said often times the 800 number does not have a complete outline of coverage so not to worry and to call my agent in the morning. It was a holida weekend so when she returned I called again; at first she denied ever hearing from me at all, then bits and pieces of her memory came back, but still insisting I never told her my daughter moved to L.A. when she in fact handled her claim

for an auto accident the first month she moved there. I tried three supervisors at this company offering outline after outline of events only to

on the fact that I did not have my basement insured in 2006 which is when we built and moved in the site condo. No one would listen when I said I would I now have a new sump pump not have insured my basement

then since it was not finished at that time. After writing checks out of my personal account totaling \$17,000 to restore my two-year-old basement, I contacted my attorney as I felt the agent's negligence would be covered under her errors and omissions insurance she is required to carry. The bottom line is since they

claim the pamphlet was in the renewal notice and I paid it, it was my responsibility to call the agent and follow up with her to make sure she made the changes we discussed. In talking to several contractors that worked on the basement, they said it is common for insurance agents NOT to cover it with you because it is one of the lowest cost upgrades and one of the largest claims paid out. So, in

agent to protect your best interests of your insurances, read through the material yourself and hope for the best.

and a water backup system incase of power failure. There seriously is no loyalty for longterm client/insurance relationships when it comes time to paying out claims. How many of you knew about sump pump failure insurance coverage? Hopefully none of you will never have to go through what I experienced with an agent and insurance company I trusted. Oh, yes, I have changed all my insurance on the car and the condo and I met with the agent three times to make sure I understood everything before signing and writing the check. I wish you all a dry basement but, if not make sure you have

Realtor Marlene C. Klimecki is an associate broker for Remerica United Realty in Novi.

sump pump failure insurance!

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE

hese are the area residential real - state closings recorded the week f Oct. 17-21, 2011, at the Wayne ounty Register of Deeds office. sted below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.		49578 Potomac Rd 49830 Potomac Rd 8145 Sandpiper St 41953 Saratoga Cir 42088 Saratoga Cir 3565 Shepherd Ln GARDEN CITY	\$160,000 \$160,000 \$130,000 \$165,000 \$80,000 \$145,000	9905 Roseland St 14368 Stonehouse Ave 18419 University Park Dr 27830 W Chicago St 18454 Westbrook Dr NORTHVILLE 16971 Algonquin Dr	\$35,000 \$85,000 \$39,000 \$45,000 \$120,000	25909 Elba 24633 Elmira 9093 Fenton 9571 Salem 12835 Salem 11416 San Jose 14078 San Jose	\$70,000 \$43,000 \$54,000 \$61,000 \$40,000 \$82,000 \$23,000
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2685 Pembroke Rd	\$120,000
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1137 Suffield Ave	\$350,000
361 Townsend St	\$1,100,000
1521 Villa Rd	\$735,000
2850 Windernere Rd	\$130,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2857 Rambling Way	\$228,000
3760 Thornbrier Way	\$330,000
748 Briar Hill Ln	\$295,000
2786 Hunters Way	\$440,000
1835 Stonycroft Ln	\$210,000

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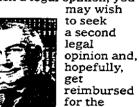
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Lawyer can help with board roles

Q: Our board is expending oney on items which we do not believe are within the responsibility of the association , as a board member, have protested but have gotter nowhere. What can I do?

A: Assuming you have not gotten a legal opinion from the association's attorney regarding the propriety of the action to be taken by the board, you should at least put on the record your opposition to what the board has taken and a request for a legal opinion. If the majority of the board is not inclined to do, or they have already gotten a legal opinion, you



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hopefully, get reimbursed for the costs involved in doing so, although there is no guarantee

of same. Sometimes Directors do not understand their responsibilities to make repairs, and other times go beyond their responsibility on behalf of the Association to make repairs on items which are the individual co-owners responsibility. It is often a hin line to determine the difference, but obviously it is an important issue that should be resolved with the benefit of good and experienced legal counsel within the attorney/client privilege

Q: Our developer has abandoned the project, not paid the assessments or the taxes on his lots and he cannot be reached. The co-owners think that our chances of getting any recovery are futile and do not want to spend the money on getting any advice. How do I get them to realize that this is not

A: Hopefully, they will read this column and understand that they may well have rights against the developer or the successor to that developer whoever that ends up being. Moreover there may be other factors and considerations involved including the prospect that the property which has not been developed depending upon the manner in which it is described in the master deed, may rever to the condominium project as a common element and/or otherwise may be available to the condominium association to develop on its own having picked its own contractor or builder. It is imperative, therefore, that the Association understand its legal rights and that the coowners are well advised to get experienced legal counsel in condominium development matters to answer their questions and to provide them with the various options and/or alternatives available to

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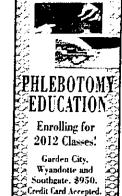
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