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Anyone who lives in the area or surrounding communities is welcome. The Mobile Office will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library, located at 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixorn.

The Mobile Office is a no-frills operation. Employees set up shop in borrowed space with laptop computers and printers so they can provide customers with on-the-spot copies of birth certificates, death certificates and other public records. Normal

copy fees apply. For more information, visit www.oakgov. com/clerkrod.

Saturdays Super for seniors

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

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

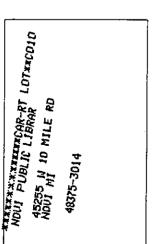
Feb. 25: Nifty Fifties — "Let's rock around the clock!"

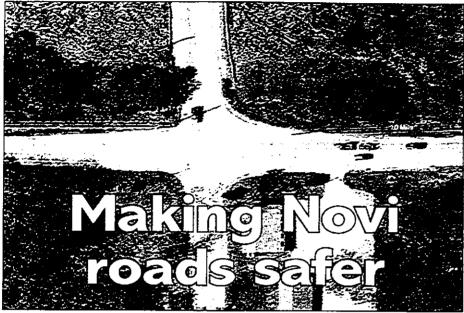
March 24: South of the Border — "It's fiesta time!"

May 5: Derby Day "Race Day, Novi Senior Center-style"

Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8,50 for nonresidents. 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. For more information, call (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org.





The intersection of Napier Road (running north and south) and 10 Mile Road was identified as having a high casualty ratio in a recent crash study by the city of Novi.

Napier and 10 Mile tops list

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

City of Novi engineering staff, with the help of traffic consultant Birchler Arroyo, are looking at ways to make traveling the roads in Novi safer.

A recent crash analysis study of 59 intersections in the city identified 11 intersections with a high crash rate and one with a high casualty ratio.

Brian Coburn, engineering manager for the city, said he didn't know what to expect from the study, but was not surprised by the intersections that registered higher numbers. He said the study is important as the city looks to the future.

"Especially as we continue to grow, we need to see what is happening," he said. "If the roads are not keeping up with increased traffic volumes, you have to stay in touch with it, and crash rate is one way

THE METHOD

The crash rates were determined by comparing the rate of crashes per million vehicles with other similar types of intersections in southeast Michigan. The casualty ratio is equal to the number of fatal and non-fatal injury crashes divided by the number of crashes and compared to similar intersections.

to see that."

The 11 intersections with high crash rates include Haggerty Road at 14 Mile, 12 Mile, Eight Mile and Grand River; M-5 at 14 Mile; Novi Road at 12 Mile, Grand River and 10 Mile; and Beck Road at Pontiac Trail, Grand River and Eight Mile.

The intersection of Napier Road and 10 Mile Road, which does not have a traffic signal and dips, had the highest casualty ratio, which means when there are crashes they tend to have

more serious injuries. 'If you go out and look at it, it's pretty obvious why," Coburn said.

The next phase of the study will look at those 12 intersections more in depth and offer ways to improve safety. Some of the ways Coburn said are adding turn lanes, adding a left-turn phase to the traf-fic signal and improving intersection sight distance, among other options.

A large number of the intersections listed are under the Road Commission for Oakland County's jurisdiction, and the city plans to work with it to apply for grants to fund the improvements.

The city also will use the report as a basis for projects for the current and future years' capital improvement program.

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School district to continue to work on new anti-bullying policy

Final draft must be adopted by June 6

By Nathan Mueller

Bullying happens everywhere and in every school district across the And Novi Supt. Steve

Matthews isn't naive to think his schools are immune to the problem.

The district has long

had a policy in place to address the issue, and is currently working on updating that policy to comply with a new state Matt's Safe School Law.

To Matthews, a policy is just words. In order for the district to take a stand against bullying, there needs to be action.

"You can have the most well-written policy in the world, but the most important thing is creating a culture in the dis-

trict where everybody in the district says, 'We aren't going to tolerate that behavior," he said.

Matthews presented a draft policy to the Novi Board of Education last week after a series of meetings with students from Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School, Novi High School and parents. He said the input from students was "enlightening."

Please see BULLY, A2

District officials not impressed with governor's school proposal

Enrollment remains steady

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

It's hard for Steve Barr to get excited about Gov. Rick Snyder's recent budget proposal that looks to increase some funding for school districts.

Because as Barr, the assistant superinten-dent for business and finance for the Novi community school district, sees it, the proposed increase is not enough — and it might only come if the district meets certain performance metrics and best practices.

'I'd call it a drop in the bucket of what he is giving back compared to what he took away," he said, noting that other things in the budget are going up such as retirement rates and health care.

Barr said he is optimistic the district will meet the best practices criteria and academic performance goals, but the maximum Novi would receive would be roughly \$100 per stu-dent, or an increase of 1 percent.

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what he is giving back compared to what he took away."

STEVE BARR Novi assistant superintendent for business and finance

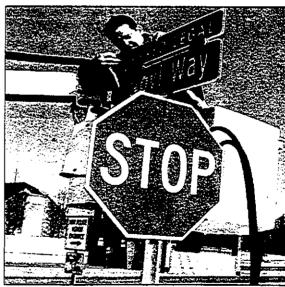
"It's a fluid thing," he said. "And typically what the governor recommends is not what

goes through.' The district had a \$470 cut per student last year, and continues to have the majority of its money (84 percent) tied to salaries and related

benefits. Barr also noted at a meeting in January that in 2002-03, the district's foundation allowance was \$8,310, and in 2011-12 it only was \$19 more.

'We have virtually the Please see DISTRICT, A2

New name



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Jerrod Maloy, owner of "Shred Legal" services, changes the honorary title of Novi Way near the Civic Center on Feb. 13.



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Infrared therapy believed to provide health benefits

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HOW TO REACH US

By Nathan Mueller

Bob Mayer and his sister Shannon Burrell need ed a change of scenery. The medical equipment company they owned in Wixom for several years was no longer enjoyable with insurance providers making it hard to do busi-

So the pair decided to step outside the box and open the state's first infrared sauna studio, called SuiteSweat. The franchise, which has only one other location in the United States (in Costa Mesa, Calif.), was started by CEO Alex Samios in 2010. Samios then partnered with Sunlighten. one of the world's leading infrared sauna manufacturers, to promote the

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Mayer said opening their own SuiteSweat franchise in Novi was a "natural progression" for them as their previous business dealt with oxygen systems and sleep therapy. "It seemed like a good

way to help people out has a lot of potential, and getting in on the ground floor of something that will be big in the future is exciting.

The SuiteSweat model is based on infrared therapy. Patrons sit in the saunas for up to 40 minutes and they are believed to provide a variety of health benefits.

Mayer said the benefits are greater in an infrared sauna because it not only heats the air like a regu-

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Siblings Bob Mayer and Shannon Burrell opened the state's first infrared sauna studio SuiteSweat in Novi last weekend. The infrared therapy is believed to provide a variety of

lar sauna but penetrates deep into the body as there are heaters all over the sauna. Some of the benefits

said to occur in a Sun-

lighten sauna include greater detoxification. pain relief, calorie burn due to an increased heart rate, lower blood pressure, improved circulation and skin purification. Mayer said a lot of athletes use the saunas, and they are highly recommended after a workout. The saunas in the Novi

with the So Sound Solutions system that is connected to the bench and vibrates to the sound of

"It is shown to relax the body and mind," Mayer said. The Novi location in the Novi Town Center opened

last Friday and was met with positive reviews. "We did 75 sessions this weekend." Mayer said. "It was much more than

we expected." Customers can sign up for individual sessions, a variety of packages and monthly memberships. For more information. visit www.SuiteSweat.com or call (248) 347-4111.

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BULLY

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"Ouite honestly, we are a very good district and our students are very well behaved and respect one another - but bullying does occur in our district," he said. "It occurs on playgrounds, it occurs on school buses, it occurs occasionally in our classrooms. Our responsibility is to create a culture that would communicate to any student or adult in our district who wants to engage in bullying in our district that it will not be tolerated.

"Quite honestly, we are a very good district and our students are very well behaved and respect one another — but bullying does occur in our district." STEVE MATTHEWS

Matthews said one of the goals of the updated policy was to have consis tent guidelines and procedures to prevent bullying at all age levels.

The board decided last Thursday to table approving the policy, which must be adopted by June 6 at the latest, to have further discussions about

nue, and the recent stu-

dent count on Feb. 10

shows Novi is holding

steady. Barr did not have

the guidelines and consequences of bullving. Matthews said he plans to have an updated draft to the board in late March or early April. He had no major issue with waiting because the district currently has a policy in

place unlike other dis-

also must be a public

tricts in the state. There

Board president Bruce Bagdady said he doesn't want people to think the board is not taking the

issue seriously because

"I do not want anyone

they want to wait.

hearing for the new pol-

thinking because we're not going to vote on this until March that action is not going to be taken when there's bullying going on," he said. "But for the sake of having a good, complete conversa tion on the board policy, I'm OK with waiting."

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DISTRICT

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same foundation allowance as nine years ago. so I'd ask you if costs are the same as nine years

ago?" he said. exact figures, but said the Increasing enrollment is the main way the district can increase reve-

The count in February, which counts for 10 percent, is blended with the count in October 2012 to determine the funding

"There is no significant movement in terms of big increases or decreases.

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Novi schools shining despite tough economic times

dents were getting ready for

By Steve Matthews **Guest Columnist**

ast week was a good week to be the superintendent in

our school district. I stopped in Mr. Laney's Industrial Tech classroom while I was visiting the middle school and the students were engaged in a variety of tasks. Some students were building wooden and plastic charging stations that would allow up to three electronic devices to be plugged in and charged at once, while others were busy sawing and sanding carbon diox-

ide cars. Students, safety goggles on, were in various stages of completing their projects.

impressed me as they used the available in the classroom to craft their

Super Talk

dents who were working on the carbon dioxide cars what they needed to do. Not surprisingly, they knew

they had done and what they needed to do to finish. I also sat in the audience as our high school students performed their one act play "Freedom of the City." The stu-

the one act play regional competition, and it was a powerful play with great performances. I thought about those students, and the many others that

I stopped and asked the stu-

exactly. They told me what

I have seen this year in Novi, as I heard Gov. Rick Synder's state and school budget presen tation last week. Times have been tough here in Michigan, and money for

schools has been tight. This year in our district we are receiving exactly \$19 more than we received in 2002-2003. Even though costs have increased, rather dramatically in some cases, our district continues to produce a quality educational experience for our stu-

The students I saw last week are just the latest evidence that we are doing a great job. I have been on the job for just seven months so I cannot take credit for the positive and profound experiences that our students are having. I came to a district that clearly had a vision of who

that they can stand on as they move forward in their lives. It would be nice if the time that we spend worrying about budgets could be replaced with other concerns. But that is not where we currently find our-

and what it wanted to be. As a

students with experiences that

are building them a foundation

result, despite funding chal-

lenges, we are providing our

However, even in the midst of these budget concerns the people in our district — students. staff, parents, and community members — focus on providing quality educational experiences everyday for our students.

Last week once again reinforced to me that our district is providing our students with the experiences they need to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be a positive contributor to our society.

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uate of the University of

of The Novi News.

O'Connor appointed to county school board organization

Dennis O'Connor, vice president of the Novi Board of Education, was appointed as a trustee on the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Board of Directors on Jan. 25. O'Connor replaces Marc Katz, a 22year Berkley school board member, who retired in December, The OCSBA is the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Association of School Boards.



of local

ly-elected boards of education. The OCSBA also promotes high standards in providing educational programs and services to meet the needs of all stuon the Novi School Board. O'Connor also serves as a trustee on the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF). He received a fellowship from the Michigan Political Leadership Program in 2010. He became a Certified Board Member in 2009, and earned the Award of Merit in 2010, from the Michigan Association of School

Boards (MASB). O'Connor, a 20-year resident in the Novi School

Novi Board of Education in 2008. Prior to that, he served on numerous school district committees and organizations including: 2004-2010 Member. Boosters

Novi Community Educa tion Advisory Council • 2007 Member, School Bond Proposal Citizens' Committee 2006 Member, School

Utilization & Redistricting Committee • 2004-2005 Member, Long Range Planning

• 1998-2004 Vice President and Publicity Director, Novi Athletic Boosters • 1998-2004 Member, Novi High School Band

O'Connor owns a marketing/training consulting agency in Novi. Prior to that, he was a divisional vice president for Maritz Communications Compa ny in Detroit. He began his career in the newspa-

Michigan-Ann Arbor where he earned secondary teaching certification in journalism and mathematics O'Connor earned a master's in business administration from Wayne State University, majoring in marketing and management. He has two daughters who gradu-

ated from Novi High School per industry as a reporter and editor for the Observ-

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Loyola University Novi's Katherine (Kaley) Mullins was named to the College

The purpose of the OCS-

BA is to advance the qual-

of Arts and Sciences' Dean's List for the first semester of the 2011-12 academic year.



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It's all for the family at Outdoorama this week

For nearly four decades, Outdoorama has served the state's 1.4 million licensed anglers, 750,000 licensed hunters, and 1.4 million wildlife watchers. For many of these conservationists and their families, Outdoorama provides wallto-wall fun and educa-

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) launched Outdoorama at the old state fairgrounds in 1974. This year's 39th edition, Feb. 23-26 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. remains true to its

There is a Pellet Shooting Range with certified instructors offering free lessons and a Trout Pond with frisky rainbows for kids. The nominal donation for that activity, as well as the popular Virtual Fishing Simulator, goes to non-profit or charitable causes.

The family-favorite Ultimate Air Dogs feature with Milt Wilcox is free every day as is the Howell Nature Center's Wildlife Encounters program where kids can get up close and personal with hawks, owls and other native Michigan

Big Buck Night, an annual family staple on Michigan Out-of-Doors television show, will be filmed on Thursday starting at 7 p.m. It. too

draw crowds all day

is free with admission. More than 100 scheduled seminars on mushroom hunting, fishing, hunting for big and smali game, dog training, growing food plots for wildlife, and other subjects are free with admission. Other inbooth demonstrations



The Howell Nature Center will have an educational exhibit of live Michigan birds and mammals at Outdoorama Feb. 23-26 at the Suburban Collectio

Mackinac Island fudge, long. A favorite is traditional skills expert Jim Miller who shows kids of all ages how Native Americans made fire, built canoes from birch bark, and tanned animal hides without chemicals fries at an affordable Non-scheduled fun

events are always popping up at Outdoorama. In past years, Cogs the Robot and Smokey the Bear have strolled the aisles. Premiere Animal Attractions in Ortonville will bring several exotic animals, including a baby tiger, to the show.

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family price. More than four acres big. Outdoorama is crammed with new fishing and hunting boats ready to go, along with hunting gear, fishing tackle and other outdoor products, including camping equipment There is bottom-line value, especially on fish-

boats, pontoons and pleasure boats, in addition to boat docks, lifts and other accessories

Outfitters Expo provides the public with nearly unlimited family vacation and adventure travel, including hunting and fishing destinations, throughout North America and beyond. You can even book a fishing trip to Alaska, an elk hunt in Idaho, a family houseboat adventure in Kentucky, or a safari in Afri-

Kids are among those who enjoy collecting the

le spoons that Eppinger Manufacturing Co. in Dearborn hands out each year on Thursday and Friday to the first 500 show patrons. On both Saturday and Sunday, K & E Tackle in Hastings will provide free fishing

> 250 attendees. Adding to the show's broad appeal is the 5th Annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, which runs concurrently at Suburban Collection Showplace and offers sion to Outdoorama

tackle packs to the first

DETAILS

Event: Outdoorama Location: Suburban Collection Showplace (Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads, Novi) Times: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10-9 Saturday; and 10-5 Sun

Cost: \$10 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6-12; free for children ages 5 and under. Phone: 800-328-6550 Web: www.Outdoora-

Exhibitors bring it all to one place for Cottage & Lakefront Living Show

Cottage, lakefront property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent will find everything they need on display at the pre-season fifth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show Feb. 23- 26 the Suburban Collection Showplace in

Vacation and retirement

akefront custom homebuilder will showcase difstruction. Architects will exhibit their custom residential architectural services and explain how the home's function is conidered during the planning process along with and state and local regulations. The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include how a cabin is put ogether, floor plans, profiles, roof options, log spe-cies, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and lo-it-yourself or contracor built home packages. Builders, contractors and architects will be available for scheduled private consultations through the

show's website. Mexican thatch and pamboo Tiki bars and rent will be displayed. The Tiki bars setup and oreakdown in minutes for winter storage and range in size from fourperson pub table to seating for 12.

Enclosed and sit-ontop kayaks, aluminum rolling, floating and stationary docks with vinyl decking, polyethylene floating docks and swim rafts, aluminum hydraulic boat and pontoon lifts, roll-in, floating and portable docks, paddlebcats, rafts, water toys and aluminum vinyl, steel, wood, boulder, sheet piling and bulkhead materials for seawalls, along with easyto-use weed removal rollDETAILS Event: Cottage & Lake-

front Living Show Location: Suburban Collection Showplace (Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck Times: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10-9

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ers and tools to create a sandy beach and remove the weeds from the lake shorelines and bottoms and natural shoreline restoration will be displayed Tropical and traditional color patio furniture made from recycled milk

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Handcrafted building techniques of a stand up paddleboard will be dem onstrated and other handcrafted lightweight, high performance wood-covered fiberglass custom boats will be exhibited

Decorative and functional accessories will be available for purchase at the Lakefront Marketplace from aerial photographs of over 1,500 Michigan lakes to Northern Michigan cher ry products, spice dips, chocolate candy, fudge, peanut brittle, roasted nuts, pasta sauces, salsas

Michigan artists at the Cottage Fine Art Show will present wildlife photography, Great Lakes and Michigan inland lakes steel silhouettes. Petoskey stone art, jewelry and custom woodcarvings for sale.

Also featured will be

Petoskey stone inlaid rustic night stands and various table furniture made from American chestnut, walnut, oak and ash elm wood legs, desk items from clocks to business card holders, lamps, household items and carved animals. Custom chainsaw/carved oak and white pine wood mantels, coffee tables, cigar store Indian, bald and American eagles, sport memorabilia, boat slip signs, TV surround and other wood products will be

exhibited.

Sharing and keeping the cottage in the family for use currently and for future generations will be one of the seminars offered by experts at the Cottage Living Stage. Challenges and opportunities of "Waterfront Design," "Buying & Selling Waterfront Property in Michigan," "Nature Photography at Your Cottage." and "Birds of Prey: What You Probably Didn't Know about Your Neighbors" will be among the other Cottage Living Stage seminars. Cottage Living Center

will provide the opportunity to relax and work on a community puzzle put a pin in an oversized Michigan map to show where cottages are located or read a book selected from the 2012 Essential Cottage Reading List provided by Horizon Books of Traverse City. Patrons are able to post a cottage for sale or rent on the Community Cottage Available Board.

Fischer makes Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 list

ber Justin Fischer, 29, was named one of Oakland County Executive L Brooks Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 at the State of the County Address

Chosen from nearly 400 nominees, every one of the Elite 40 Under 40 is excelling in his or her field while giving back to the community. Fischer was nominated for the award by Novi resident and volunteer Tim Shroyer.

"The members of my Elite 40 Under 40 represent where Oakland County is headed tomorrow: harging into the knowledge-based economy, providing strong leadership, and engaged in improv ing the quality of life in our region," said Patterlv make a statement

about the talent that abounds in Oakland County and, as far as I'm concerned, confirm a bright future for our region and our country," Patterson said. Along with his role as an

elected representative for the people of Novi. Fischer is employed by Ford Motor Company, overseeing Stockholders' Equity and Share-based Compensation accounting.

First elected at the age 26, Fischer is one of the youngest people ever electcil, but his service to Novi and southeast Michigan did not start there. Starting at the age of 20, Fischer was appointed to the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals, and subsequently was elected to the Board of Directors of the Novi Parks Foundation a 501(c)3 charitable organization. During college, Fischer also worked in the office of State Senator Nancy Cassis, and interned in the Office of U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers. Fischer earned his

MBA and bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State Universi ty. He and his wife, Melissa, plan to raise their family in Novi, the community they both called home growing up.

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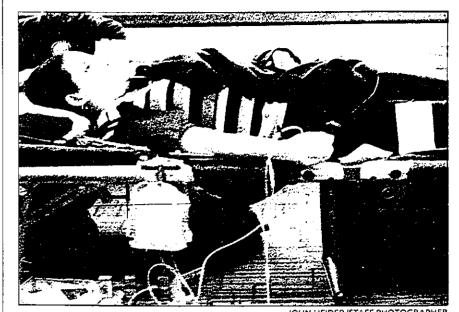
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Artistic accomplishments

National honors possible for two Gold Key portfolio winners

By Nathan Mueller

Laura Luo and Ashley Miller knew art was going to be a part of their future when they started honing their skills in middle school

But they never knew how big

Fast forward to high school, and the two Novi students are now up for recognition from one of the most prestigious programs in the country the Scholastic Art and Writing

Miller and Luo received Gold Key art portfolios, the top honor given, and now are waiting to find out if they will be chosen for national recognition and an appearance at the national exhibit at the World Financial Center.

"It means a lot to me because friends and family always tell you your art is good, but it's nice to be recognized by others," Miller said

Miller entered the program last year and received a few individual awards, but this is the first time she has had a Gold Key portfolio. The portfolio consists of about eight different pieces of art, some paintings, mixed media, colored pencil and more. She also won two individual awards this

Miller said the theme is about life and the journey from start to finish. "A lot of it is from life expe-

riences and friends and fami-Luo, who also racked up five individual awards this year,

said the majority of her art

is pencil sketches, and has

always expressed an interest in mental disorders. She said she was surprised to have her portfolio given a

"It makes me feel like I am making progress with my art and maybe I can make it part of my future," she said.

Nine other students from Novi High School also received individual awards, including Natalie Paul and Alejandro Albuerne who received Gold Keys in the ceramics category. Erin Harbar, an art teacher at the high school, said it's the first time in at least the last 10 years that a Novi student received a Gold Key in

A future in art

Drawing was always just a hobby for Arisa Kambe. Now it looks to be much more than that

The senior planned on going to a regular college like many was something about art that always stuck with her. Finally she acted on it and was one of two Novi students to receive a \$44,000 scholarship to attend the College for Creative Stud-

"I love art," she said. "And when I found out I received the scholarship, I was like, 'Whoa, are you serious?" Kambe said what she loves about art is that it is real and that it shows others character

istics about herself. Art teacher Jennifer Harvey raved about Kambe's development as an artist in such a short period of time.

"She has a bright future

ahead of her," Harvey said. "She's a very hard worker." Yamini Raja also received the scholarship from CCS, and also is in the running for the Walter B. Ford Scholarship, which gives out 10 full-tuition

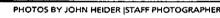
scholarships per year. Her passion for art was always there, but didn't come out until this year.

"I loved art my whole life, but I had only taken a few art classes before (International Baccalaureate) art," she said. "IB art was what convinced me to definitely go into art and go to an art school. She said she is still deciding between CCS and the University of Michigan School of Art

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Novi High art student Laura Lu with a colored pencil drawing from her portfolio.





Novi High's Ashley Miller with a color pencil drawing from her portfolio. Miller is one of two students who received "Gold Key" awards for their



Arisa Kambe works on a pencil in class on Feb. 8. Kambe is one of two students at Novi High \$40,000 competitive schol· arships to Detroit's Center fo Creative



Yamini Řaja on Feb. 8. Raja won a scholarship to attend CCS in De-

Novi events

FAITH COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, (in the Faith Community Church) Details: Meet teachers, explore classrooms and learn more about the high-quality, nurturing preschool programs. Applications for fall enrollment are now being accepted.

Contact: Kim Richmond at (248) 349-7911 or visit www.faithcom munity-novi.org.

WEST OAKLAND DEMOCRATS TO MEET Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

Location: Comfort Suites Inn at 28049 South Wixom Road, Wixom. (Wixom Road and the south side

Description: Garrett Arwa, Michigan director of Organizing for American (President Obama's re-election team), will speak about getting ready for the 2012 election. The discussion is at 7. Doors open at 6 for networking. Free and open to the public. Snacks

BLOOD DRIVES 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.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi (in the Faith Community Church) Details: Meet teachers, explore classrooms and learn more about the high quality, nurturing preschool programs. Applications for fall enrollment are now being

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CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, E

Writing's on the wall



Handwriting Analyst Karen Elly, left, offers an interpretation of the scribblings of Rohin Shrivastava during an after school teen event at the Novi Public Library on Feb. 10. Rohin said that her writing showed that she had "lots of mood swings" and that she was able to concentrate "at home" but not out in public.

and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. The conference rooms are located immediately to the

and Thursdays Thursday, Feb. 23: Controlling

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

Tuesday, March 27: Colorectal **Thursday, April 12:** Health

Tuesday, May 22: Stroke Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent

refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend. Contact: To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the

Details: Sandwiches, salads and

contact information that you would like to supply. **BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS**

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Location: Novi Civic Center (10

Mile between Taft and Novi roads) Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks 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. 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and April 5 and 12 **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 Contact: Novi Senior Center (248)

Business

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NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSO-

'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.

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online

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

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKING group.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 Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured 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 network ing more efficiently. Guests are vited to attend free of charge Continental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@ gmail.com; www.metronovibni

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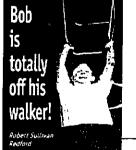
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Democrats disagreed.

Michigan's primary is of

little significance, con-

sidering Romney is the

hands-down favorite, and

because he will arrive as

the nationwide front-run-

chairman of the Michigan

Brewer maintains the

Michigan Republican

Party should have fund-

ed the primary, consider

ing there is no Democrat-

ic contender to Obama on

the primary ballot. The

Democrats asked not to

be on the primary ballot,

he said.

ner, said Mark Brewer,

Democratic Party.

GOP says primary is a big deal

Bv Christopher Behnan Gannett News Service

ASHER, VIRGINIA J.

Age 79, passed away February 13, 2012. She was born on July

16, 1932 in Novi, daughter of the late John and Florence Whitehead. From 1972-2000

Virginia and her late husband J.R. owned and operated Asher

Manufacturing of South Lyon. She is survived by her loving nieces and nephews: Richard

Yenson, Sandra Lopez, Robert

Whitehead Jr., Carol Jackson and

Terry Whitehead. She is also sur-

vived by many great nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her

husband J.R. in 2011, her sister

Helen Gottschalk and her brother

Robert Whitehead, Visitation will

be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15,

from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 16, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS

FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake

will be conducted on Friday, Feb.

17, at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online Guestbook at:

www.phillipstuneral.com

BECKWITH.

ANNABELLE MARIE

Passed peacefully in the arms of

her loving parents on February 11.

on February 10, 2012. During her short time here on Earth she

touched many lives and was loved

leeply by family and friends. She

is survived by her parents Dennis

Pogue and Kelsi Beckwith: mater-

Beckwith; paternal grandparents

Dennis and Rose Pogue; her great grandparents, Wilma Sherwood,

Christopher and Janice Bell; her

uncles. David Beckwith and Desmen Pogue; and her aunt

grandparents, Winners, Weatherwax,

New Hudson.

. South Lyon, Funeral services

Despite GOP candidate Mitt Romney's lead, Michigan's upcoming presidential primary

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still matters very much. according to state Republican Party officials.

Passages

more than one candidate can leave here with delegates as well as momen-Because of the format of Michigan's primary — in which delegates will be divided up propor-

tum heading into Super "Michigan is really the

tionately to the vote —

most competitive state. It's a state that campaigns can come to," said Matt Frendewey, spokesman for the Michigan Republican Party. "They can use our resources

HAMMOND, STEPHEN

on Feb. 13 at Phillips Funeral

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ORZECHOWSKI,

GERALDINE

Passed away February 13, 2012.

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POTRYKUS, HIRAM

Age 91, Feb. 10, 2012. Visitation

Funeral Home, Funeral Feb. 16,

10am at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online guestbook:

www.phillipstuneral.com

SULIMAN, ANTHONY

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VERHEY, KAREN

LEIGH

Passed away February 1, 2012 at her home in South Lyon, ML:

Karen was 59. Karen's mother

Robert were at her side with fam

Allene Crossman and her husband

members en route from San

Karen enjoyed working with he

friends from Wildernest in

Brighton, MI and was past presi-dent of the Huron Valley Audubon

Society for five years. Karen was

devoted to the reintroduction of osprey to southeastern Michigan

and regularly co-presented educa-

tional programs to school and nature groups. A private service is

planned. Contributions to Hospic

of Michigan and the CJD Foundation will be appreciated in

WILDE.

ELIZABETH JANE

Age 81, of Plymouth, Mi, former

ly of Lake Placid, FL and Clarklake, MI, passed away February 2, 2012, Jane was pre-

place of flowers.

CA and Pittsburgh, PA.

96, passed away Feb. 9 2012. A funeral service was held

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widely and come out with delegates.' A total of 11 Republican candidates will appear on the Feb. 28 primary ballot, although only Newt U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-

> The primary also will have a Democratic ballot, though only incumbent

Michigan has 42 GOP

"Romney should certainly be a heavy, heavy favorite here with all the support he has from the Republican electorate. We're not early, we're at least 10th in the process, so I don't think Michigan is particularly relevant in the process at this point,' Brewer said.

Michigan's primary was set up to be a "nonevent" considering Romney is faring extremely well in state polling and has raised so much money in the state, said Bill Ballenger, publisher of Inside Michigan Politics.

Ballenger said Michigan will be a battleground for the nomination only if Romney loses all of the party elections between now and Feb. 28.

The Nevada caucus was held Saturday, and the Missouri, Minnesota and Colorado elections were scheduled to take place Tuesday, Frendewey said. He said it's been

onward and upward after Florida" for Romney, and he doesn't see Gingrich - who won the South Carolina contest picking up steam in the Great Lakes state.

"Most people think right now that Romney is on an inexorable path to the nomination, so the Michigan primary, where he's already way ahead in every category, is an afterthought," Ballenger said.

Michiganders will benefit from having more candidates visiting and meeting with residents, said Jim Holcomb, spokesman for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Holcomb said more vis its from candidates will lead to informed voters. "The general citizenry wants to hear a debate on issues, and the more we can get the candidates in here, the more we can get them talking, the better it

CALENDAR Continued from page A7 **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 **Details:** Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasdiverse 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 communications and men toring toward professional and personal excellence.

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delegates, and 14 at-large GOP delegates to be split proportionally among the top vote-getters, explained Frendewey. Primary delegates

attend the national party convention, where the party officially names its candidate for president. Arizona also will hold its primary Feb. 28, but that state will send delegates to the GOP convention on a winner-take-all basis. Frendewey said. That means more can-

didates can leave Michigan with delegates, as opposed to one, he added, even though Michigan native Romney is heavily favored here. Romney is a former governor of Massachusetts and the son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney.

That also means more candidates will spend time in Michigan interacting with voters. Santorum is slated to speak at the Oakland County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner, for example, Frendewey said.

Michigan's primary will be the final contest before March 6, also known as Super Tuesday, when 11 primaries and caucuses will be held across the country.

The Feb. 28 election is a closed primary, which means both absentee voters and those voting in person must request in writing either the Demo cratic or Republican ballot in order to vote.

The early date of Michigan's primary goes against GOP rules, and has resulted in Michigan losing 26 of its 56 delegates. Frendewey said multiple other states. including Arizona and Florida, also have been

dealt the handicap. "That brings the bar down to everyone. It's not like we're the only one," he said, adding the remaining candidates each has an opportunity to make gains in Michigan and leave with dele-

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and 12:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7 p.m. Monday-Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30

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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Book of Revelation Study** Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays

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Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first

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Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men

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Single Place Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

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February 18, 2012 at 3pm, with
visitation beginning at 2:30pm at
New Hudson United Methodist in technical sales before founding his own Engineering Sales com-pany, TEMCO (Tennis Every Monday Company) in 1977 where he was President and still Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., active up until his death. He was top sales performer www.casterlinefuneralhome.com he represented. Dan is sur by Marilyn, his loving wife of 59 years as well as five children: Joe BEHRMAN, EDNA H. Age 91, of Northville, passed (Lynn), Kathy, John (Lisa), Margie (Brian) and Dan Jr. peacefully February 8, Cherished wife, mother Marie (Scott), David, Garrett (Maria), Janelle, Brad, Dan Megan, Kate (Kevin), Mallie, Anna-Kate and MacKenzie; one

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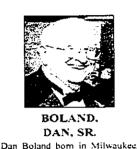
found great joy and pride in being Age 76, of Northville, pass a father, grandfather and great grandfather. Services will be at Our Lady of Victory Church in away Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at her home following an extended illness. She is survived by he Northville, MI on Saturday lifetime partner and best friend, Charles Zakrajsek, her two loving children: Jeff (Lorena) Beyers February 18, 2012. Gathering is 9 am with a funeral mass at 10am. followed by lunch in the Fathe and Len (Alice) Beyers; her cher-ished grandchildren: Morgan and Emie Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Jesse Burke-Beyers, Nate and Clay Beyers; three sisters:
Florence (Bill - Deceased)
Hagen, Rosalie (Rick) Stoner,
Jackie (Gary) Londo and sisterin-law Geri Turnbull and 26
nieces and nephews. Marge Lady of Victory Church or the American Cancer Society
Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. o worked at Veterans Hospital for 30 years and was a member of the SAC club in Melvindale. August 23, 1943 - February 8. Visitation was held on Feb. 11, and Feb. 12. A Funeral service was held on Feb. 13, Monday, at 2012. Online condolences www 11:00 a.m.at PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon, In lieu

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always enjoyed his morning cot

tee/breakfast meetings with his

Northville buddies solving world problems. He was a founding

member and president of Northville Swim Club and a long-time member of Walnut Creek

and Lakeland Country Clubs. He

Series held at Northville high school fields for many years. He

Chalmers and Eaton Corporation

great-grandchild, Brody; and one

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LAWRENCE F.

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Passed away February 13, 2012

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Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

CICERO, BARBARA K. Age 69, longtime resident of Wisconsin on October 9, 1928 lost his battle with cancer on hville, passed away peacefully February 11, 2012. She was born on April 5, 1942 in Alpena. February 10th, 2012 at 83 years of age. Dan was a brilliant, very accomplished student who MI to Louis and Katherine (nee McVicar) Konczak, Barbara was united marriage to Robert D. excelled throughout his entire academic and professional career. He graduated from Michigan Cicero on August 31, 1963, and they spent 42 loving years together until his death in 2006. She was Technological University with a double major in Mechanical and member of the Northville Garden Club. She was a world Engineering expertise was further exemplified through achieving traveler, recently taking a cruise to Alaska and seeing much of Europe. Following a heart trans-plant in 2000. Barbara embraced tification. Growing up he excelled in athletics playing baseball, bas-ketball and tennis, continuing and truly enjoyed her life. She was very social; enjoying spending time and going to lunch with her friends, as well as shopping, basketball and tennis during college. Dan and his wife, Marilyn and family moved to Northville in Barbara loved her family, and especially adored her grandchil-dren. She is survived by her lov-1958 where he became an active ing daughter, Kendra (Chris) Polack: her grandchildren, Meghan, Max. Caleb, Hope. friends, sports, music/arts and nterests. He was an avid Faith, and Charity; her mother Katherine Konezak; and her sister. tennis player competing in many tournaments and along with Marilyn, hosted numerous tennis parties at their home combining Louanne (Mike) Chambers, She was also loved by many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was competition with fun. He attended high school sporting events and was a regular presence at his kids preceded in death by her husband and her father. A time of gathering will be held Saturday. February and grandkids activities. Dan coached Our Lady of Victory bas-ketball and recreational teams. He 18, 2012 from 10 a.m. until Noon

with a memorial service at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, The family would appreciate memori-Transplant Social Work Fund, c/o Ruth Halben, U of M Hospital, D2202 MPB, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109. COCHRAN, PAULA Age 68, passed away Feb. 6, 2012.

Lvon, www.phillipstuneral.com DAVIO, RAYMOND

A private family service was held.

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Passed away February 13, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home for arrangements. Online guest-book: www.phillipstuneral.com DONOVAN, MICKEY Passed away February 13, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home

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GREYERBIEHL,

DON H.

from 1961 until retiring from First of America Bank in 1984, as

Assistant Vice President and

Comptroller. Don was a member of Saint Mary's Church, the

D.A.V., the American Legion and V.F.W. On September 3, 1949, he

married Margaret M. Elliott in

Ubly. Following retirement, they made their home in several places, settling in East Jordan from 1997 until 2005, and then moving to

Charlevoix. Don is survived by his wife, Margaret M.; sons, Mark (Vicky) of Charlevoix, Scott

(Diane) of Birmingham, Paul of Highland; daughters, Donna of Ann Arbor, Erin (Joshua) Leach

of Fowlerville; daughter-in-law,

Shelly Greyerbiehl of Petoskey; grandchildren, Katie, Troy, Michael, Kevin, Danielle, Kelly,

Dalton, Cody, Lacey, and Sara; brother, Richard (Maryanne)

Greyerbiehl of Saginaw. Don's son Eric, preceded him in death in 2005. Don and Margaret also fos-

tered thirteen children. In lieu of

flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior

Project, www.woundedwarrior-

project.org; or the Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org

Don was born February :

loving wife, mother, grandmothe and great-grandmother will be friends. Jane is survived by h daughters, Janet (Bill) Folts, of Clarklake and Teresa (Tim) Swartout, of Northville. Five grundchildren, Jessica (Jeremy) Adams, Ben Folts, Lauren Folts, Patrick Swartout and Eri-Swartout. Three great-grandchil-dren, Emma, Allison and Rachel Adams. Jane was an incredible woman with many talents - paint-ing, cooking, pottery, antiques, shelling and gardening. Jane and her husband Chuck shared a love for archaeology, discoverin numerous Native American art 1927, in Pontiac to Harry and Maude (Armstead) facts while in Florida. She had a profound impact on all her fami-lies' lives and will be greatly Greverbiehl. He attended Pontiac St. Michael High School, and entered the US Navy at age 15. Don served in the US Navy during missed. A memorial service t honor the lives of Elizabeth Jane and Charles Robert Wilde was WWII and was a "plank owner" of the USS Franklin, having served held at the Hampton-Kurtz Funeral Home in Hanover on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. In lieu of on its first commissioned voyage. Following the war, Don earned a G.E.D. and graduated from Detroit Business University. He flowers contributions can be madto the American Cancer Society. worked at Wayne Oakland Bank

ZELENOCK. MICHAEL J. etober 12, 1945 - February 10 2012. Online condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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is for everybody," he said.

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Feb.

Service Groups

LUNCHEON Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 Location: Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, 17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia Details: Speaker will be Tim Green from the Referra Institute. Come learn how to take vour business to the next level by creating a constant stream of referrals; \$20 pre-registration required

BREAKFAST Time/Date: 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29

OUR VIEWS

Japanese businesses

They invest in Novi

The total number of Japanese nationals residing in our state has increased 40 percent over the past decade to 10,360 - and nearly 2,500 of them live in Novi.

Now, that may or may not seem like a lot but it's higher than any other city in Michigan. (The closest is Ann Arbor with 1,485.) What we find even more impressive, however, is the number of Japanese companies located in Novi: 67.

"Word travels fast in the Japanese business community that Novi is a welcoming city to locate, and I feel this is a positive testament to our overall economic strength," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development

Statewide, Japanese facilities provide over 33,000 jobs in our state - and 95 percent of those are held by Michiganders.

We learned all of this last week when the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit released the results of its annual Japanese Investment Survey. Despite a slight decline in the number of Japanese facilities, 932 more local residents were employed in Michigan.

Not surprisingly, our automotive sector is where Japanese investment is heavily concentrated, with manufacturing jobs accounting for 44 percent of total employment at these facilities (which created 843 new manufacturing jobs in Michigan, a 6-percent increase in the past year).

"Japanese automakers and their suppliers are ramping up production and, as a result, have created jobs in Michigan as the business climate continues to strengthen," said Consul General Kuninori Matsuda, Japan's chief diplomat in Detroit.

The 394 facilities in southeast Michigan are primarily R&D, engineering, and sales offices, and the other 86 facilities in Michigan are mostly manufacturing facilities. Japanese investment is particularly concentrated in southeast (Novi and Farmington Hills) and southwest (Battle Creek) Michigan.

The relationship goes back to the 1970s, which marked the first phase of major Japanese investment in Michigan and Ohio. But it wasn't until 1993 that the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit was established to support over 18,000 Japanese residents in its two-state jurisdiction, promoting trade and business development between Japan and the U.S., and nurturing strong bilateral relations through various educational and cultural activ-

And this long-term commitment of capital and human resources has proven to be a winwin over the years both economically and culturally. These companies benefit from Novi's dynamic economy, fine educational institutions. convenient workplaces, plethora of retail and restaurants, and attractive residential communities. In turn, Japanese companies boost our economy through job creation, capital investment and tax contributions while adding to the cultural diversity of the greater Novi area.

JAPANESE COMPANIES IN NOVI

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you OK with the lack of winter weather so far this year?



"No because I like the cold and I'm a hockey player so I am used to



"It doesn't bother me either way. I just don't like when it snows and then gets warm and Lizzy Malear everything is gross." Eric Mann



"It's weird because last year there was a lot of snow and this year not so much. But I like it because I like to ski.'

Mayuko Iwata



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the lives of our readers, nurture the

hometowns we serve and contribute to

the business success of our customers

so I'm happy. Plus I run track, and the less snow, the better I think our season will be."

Janee Hood

LETTERS

Seven Mile park plan an albatross

Something is amiss. In 2009, Northville Township bonded \$21.5 million for the purchase of the property along Seven Mile Road. The intent of this property was to be used as a park.

It is now 2012. At its Jan. 26 special meeting, the township presented the Master Plan for the property with an estimated total cost of \$82 million. But there is one thing missing: The 20 dilapidated, abandoned, condemned buildings still stand, and with all their ugliness welcome the visitor to Northville. With each passing day, this site becomes more unsightly and more dangerous. The intent is to demolish the buildings and clean up the site, but this is estimated to cost an additional \$7-10 million!

Let's see: \$21.5 million plus \$82 million plus \$10 million equals \$113.2 million — for a park. A wise investment?

Before any portion of the Master Plan is initiated, the site must be environmentally correct; thus, the \$10 million has to be spent. The question is when will this be accomplished and how is it funded. The answer given is "as

soon as we can." What? The township received a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which must be matched with \$40,000 from the township. The township states that this \$240,000 will then be used this summer to demolish and clean up the power house, and if there are sufficient funds, the maintenance building as well.

Let's see: 20 buildings minus 2 buildings equals 18 buildings left standing. Now what?

The entire site has been designated a "brownfield," a clever governmental term that means the property is blighted, functionally obsolete and has abandoned buildings. With this designation, the township has the authority to "capture" the taxes on any redevelopment on the property. The township's plan is to capture these taxes and use them to cover the cost to demolish the remaining 18 buildings!

Let's see: \$10 million minus \$240,000 EPA grant equals \$9,760,000 of captured taxes. Are you kidding me? How does the township expect to capture taxes on a site that is predominantly public (non-taxable) land?

It is obvious that this site will remain as is for a long time, only it will get worse and worse. I wonder, if this site was privately owned, how long would it take before the township would demand that these buildings be removed? The reality of a park — it's a joke. Perhaps my grandchildren's children will enjoy it.

The simple fact of the matter is that this entire property acquisition and current situation is nothing more than the proverbial albatross, only this albatross is around each and every one of our

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necks.

James M. Koster

Looking for a Model T I am reaching out to you be-

cause you are involved in retaining the history of the early Ford automobile. I represent Friends of Nankin Mills.

One of the first in the Ford Mo-

tor Company Village Industry, the building has been restored and is in operation in a multiple services. The mill is an interpretive center, we have thousands of school children that enter the building every year. We have a speaker program that is growing. We even have a program to restore Thomas Edison's generator in the building so that kids can see how electricity was distributed in the area back in the '20s.

We feel that one thing that is lacking is an opportunity for children to be able to climb in and touch an early model car, specifically a Model T. We feel that having a car in the building that helped build parts for both the Model T and Model A that kids could climb in and feel the joy and excitement of what we all feel when we climb into our old cars. This would help spark interest in the next generation and

help keep the history flowing. What I am asking is that each of you help us by keeping your eyes and ears open for a car. We don't require a working engine, or even a perfect body and tires. This car will be cleaned up and painted and used as a hands on display in the museum. We do have some money, but we are also a 501(c)3 and are happy to accept dona-

either via e-mail at don@donnicholson.net. Have a great day motoring and preserving the

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Please feel free to contact me

Support fuel standards

From the threat of more extreme weather fueled by global warming, to the billions of dollars we spend at the gas pump each year, our addiction to oil has real consequences for our environment and our economy

Fortunately, the Obama administration is working to tackle this problem by proposing strong new pollution and fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks sold in 2017 through 2025. The standards, also supported by UAW and 13 major auto manufacturers, would cut gasoline use by as much as 23 billion gallons per year nationally. These standards will be the largest step the U.S. has ever taken to get off oil — and tackle global warming

The Obama administration wants to know what citizens think about the new standards, and they're holding a public comment period through Feb. 13 to find out. I urge citizens to make their voices heard by submitting a public comment to a-andr-Docket@epa.gov (include "Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799" in the subject line) in support of strong clean

Sheelagh McCarthy **Environment Michigan**

Better use of money

Right to Life-LIFESPAN is encouraged by the Susan G. Komen Foundation's recent announcement that they have ceased their financial partnership with Planned Parenthood. Some Komen affiliates have been sending dollars donated by individuals and participants in area Race for the Cure events to

that organization. Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortion in the United States and while the scientific link between early abortion and breast cancer is debated, the inconsistency of an organization dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer - Komen - donating to an organization determined to ignore this possible link - Planned Parenthood – is profound.

Komen has indicated that their sharing of donations with Planned Parenthood will cease because Planned Parenthood is under federal investigation for a number of issues and Komen's new partnering criteria prohibits donations to organizations under such investigation. Last year, such donations amounted to \$680,000.

We are hopeful that such monies can now be used for finding the cause, and the cure, for breast cancer. This is a day of victory for women and their health.

Diane Trombley media relations director Right to Life-LIFESPAN

ANNOUNCEMENT

Brazen & Wright Nick Brazen and Angie Wright, both of Royal Oak, are engaged to be married. The groom-elect is the son of Ed and Cindi Brazen, of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School (2001) and Western Michigan University, and he works for Astellas Pharmaceu-

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gaby Wright, of Clinton Township, and Tony and Kathleen Wright, of Fremont, Ohio. She is also a graduate of WMU and is employed at Brose in Auburn

A June 3 wedding is planned at Mill Race in Northville with a reception at The Inn at St. John in Plymouth.

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Driving America

(From left) Novi residents Rita and Lance Leonelli and Kate and Dennis Parrott check out the 1951 Studebaker Champior Starlight coupe now on display with 130 cars as part of the new Driving America exhibit at The Henry Ford. Over 750 guests attended the Exhibition Preview Party on Jan. 28. The permanent exhibit spans 80,000 square feet and features 60 artifact cases and 18 42-inch interactive touch screens. In addition to Driving America, The Henry Ford is celebrat ing Black History with musical and dramatic performances throughout February.





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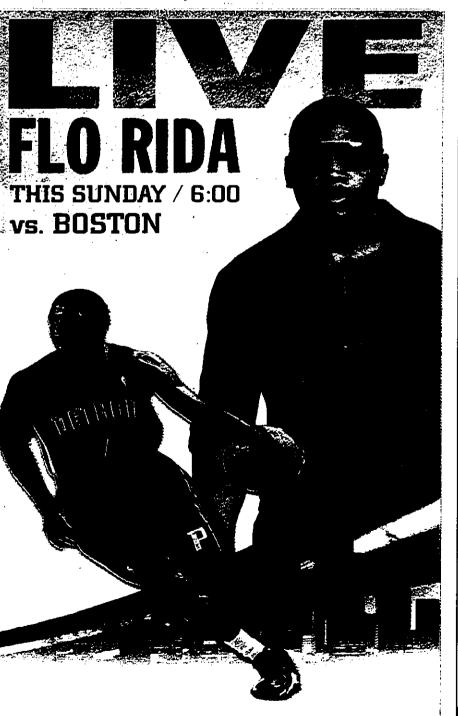
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imes. Shacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share, Ice cream social follows: crionation please.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. Details: Dick Egli's discussion on two to find more time to do the

things we want by using better

time management and goal set-

োন: Social follows; \$5 donation

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 205 East Lake Street orner of Wells and 10 Mile

Road), South Lyon Contact: (248) 437-2875

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: Meditative - Held in the Chapel

Sa.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m.

Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary 11 a.m. Sunday School:

Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs

GOOD SHEPHERD **LUTHERAN CHURCH** Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road,

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship HOLY CROSS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

Sunday School and Nursery Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Location: 15431 Merriman Road,

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit

www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine

Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth

Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays **NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Chil-

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center: children's super church on the second level

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m.: (cafe©) Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes:

iunior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednes-days Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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

NOVI UNITED METHODIST Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit

Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m

Healing Service and Holy Com-Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. **Advent Service**

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday OAK POINTE CHURCH Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road,

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Details: Overseen by TrueNorth

Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care)

Contact: (248) 912-0043; http:// www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html.

Women's Life Groups Minis-

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248)

Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Details: For ages three to six: ongoing event; no need to pre-

register; all are welcome. **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH** Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 **OUR LADY OF VICTORY** CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. **OUR SHEPHERD**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI Contact: (248) 697-8158 or visit

www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org PLYMOUTH-ST. JOHN'S **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 45000 N. Territorial

Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 748-3898 ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road,

Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL **CHURCH**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org. Weekend of Centennial Celebration

Gala Dinner Dance Time/Date: 6 p.m. Feb. 18 Location: Summit in Canton The Centennial Festival Eucharist Time/Date: 10 a.m. Details: Service to celebrate official centennial anniversary with

Bishop Wendell Gibbs joining for

a combined service. Staff is busy

ing special music and it will be the first use of the banners created by the women and men of the parish. After the service, join the celebration reception and enjoy fellowship with the people of St.

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Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit

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Sunday School

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Farmington Hills

CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

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followed by a brief participa-

follow, such as an art project.

music, dance, game or theater

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in the day. He admitted to smoking the drug and had some under the driver's seat. There also was a pipe and

grinder in the car. The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

Woman has wallet snatched

A woman shopping at ∠David's Bridal in West Oaks had her wallet stolen on Feb. 11 while she was helping her cousin with her wedding dress.

According to the police report, the woman had her purse on a chair and walked away from it when she went to help her cousin. The unknown suspect took the Coach wal-let from inside, but not the entire purse. The wallet contained two credit cards and other miscella-

Cameras did not catch the suspect, and the cred-

police report, the suspect was seen going items and leaving with them concealed under his clothes. He tried to leave the store, and According to the police report, the suspect drove

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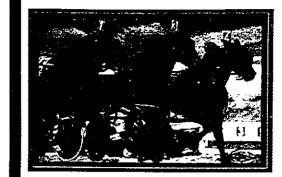
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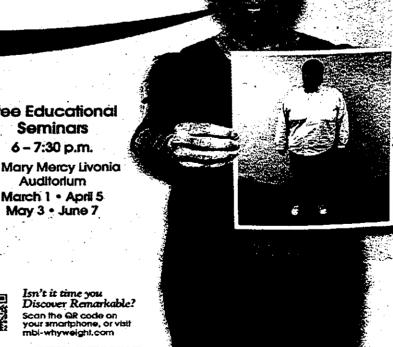


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Party crashers Novi spoils Spartans' title hopes

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

The old saying, "It's not how you start, but how you finish" held true Friday night for the Novi girls basketball team. The Wildcats fell into a 13-1 hole during the second quarter, only to roar back and outscore visiting Livonia Stevenson 37-

13 over the final 21 minutes the

game and claim their third consecutive KLAA Central Division title.

Point guard Kerri McMahan was the catalyst in the victory, scoring eight of her game-high 12 points in the third quarter as

Novi bounced back from a 15-12 halftime deficit with a 14-3 run. The Wildcats, now 13-3 overall, capture the KLAA Central outright at 8-2, while Stevenson

McMahan didn't start because of Senior Night, but the 5-foot-9 guard made an immediate presence when she was inserted into the game during the opening

falls to 11-4 and 7-3.

She made the Wildcats' first field goal with 3:45 remaining in the first half after Novi had

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Jocz dominates boards, but 'Cats unable to win

Novi finishes season sixth in division, prepares for post-season play

By Chris Jackett

With Novi's cagers losing both contests last week, it was the individual feats that stood out

The Wildcats (4-11, 4-6 KLAA Central) dropped a 62-51 decision at home Feb. 7 against the Central Division champion Rocks from Plymouth Salem (14-2, 8-2 Central) and visited Livonia Stevenson (9-5, 5-5 Central) last Friday, but came home with a 49-38 loss.

Novi senior Michael Jocz was again consistently impressive for the Wildcats, pulling in 25 rebounds over the course of the two games. He also added six points against Salem and three points and three steals against Stevenson in a hearty defensive

"Mike Jocz is playing his best basketball and is our most effective player right now," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "His hard work and attitude have allowed him to get better every day:"

Both losses occurred despite the Wildcats' efforts to win the rebound battles. Novi held a 33-23 advantage over Salem and

29-28 edge on Stevenson. However, the squad continued to struggle on offense, hitting 29 of 98 shots (29.6 percent) last week. Against Salem, the 'Cats actually shot better for three (8for-20, 40 percent) than inside

the arch (8-for-32, 25 percent). Against Salem, the bulk of the long-range performance was from senior Kyle Clernmons (15 points on 5-for-10 threepoint shooting) and sophomore Nelson Cagle (11 points, five rebounds, 3-for-4 for three). The

Rocks led 34-21 at halftime. "Clemmons was getting open off of a couple screens and had a hot hand. He and Cagle were shooting well," Tass said. "We played a pretty good game against Salem, just not enough critical stops on defense and a few untimely turnovers that

Also chipping in against

ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball squad (4-11, 4-6 KLAA Central) was scheduled to host Wayne Memorial (6-7, 4-6 South) two nights ago before KLAA consolidation games bring Livonia Churchill (6-9, 3-7 South) to town Friday and send the 'Cats to Livonia Franklin (2-13, 1-9 South) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m.

"We did not make the KLAA tournament, so we play against other non-qualifiers," Novi coach Brian Tass said.

the Rocks was senior Alex King (eight points), junior Charles McKinney (six points on 2-for-11 shooting, seven rebounds), junior Tre Cadwell (three points) and senior Gannon Mathis (two points, four rebounds).

"McKinney had a tough night shooting, but made up for it defensively and showed a few good attacks to the basket that we wanted to see," Tass said.

Things didn't fall so readily against the Spartans. Cagle led Novi with eight points, shooting 2-for-17 (11.8 percent) from

"We didn't shoot it well at Ste venson," Tass said. "Cagle was getting to the rim but not finish-

Novi only trailed 21-20 at halftime, but the Spartans pulled away with a 28-18 second-half

Eight more Wildcats scored. but none had more than five points. Chipping in were senior Scott Kempa (five points), four points apiece each for McKinney, Clemmons, King and Mathis, as well as three points apiece for Cadwell and senior Ignas Bernotas.

"We also played fairly well at Stevenson. They shot well in the first half, we didn't," Tass said. Clemmons went down early in the fourth quarter and we turned it over a lot after that. He really controls our offense."

Shamrocks continue wrestling dominance

Squad wins team district, advances 13 in individual tournament

By Sam Eggleston

The Shamrocks wrestling team, as expected, isn't having any trouble making their presence felt in both the individual and the team wrestling state tournaments.

The team, coached by Mitch Hancock, collected a team district title with wins over Novi and Walled Lake Western last week and advanced 13 individuals to the regional tournament A large part of the Shamrocks' suc-

cess has to do with the programs' decision to focus four years ago on creating one of the best senior classes to ever compete for the school. Fast forward to today and the Catholic Central grapplers have more than 15 wrestlers in the senior class and they know both the bitter taste of defeat-having lost in 2009 to Lake Orion in the team quarterfinals-and the sweetness of victory--earning a 2010 state title over Rockford, their first team title in 22 years. Last year, the team was upset by Oxford by one point in the state championship.

This year, the seniors are looking to end their careers with a title. "This senior class is amazing," said

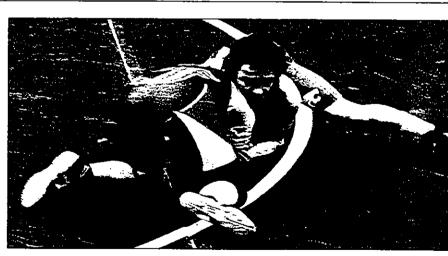
Hancock. "These guys have been through a lot. They have reached the ultimate high of winning a title and suffered the ultimate low of losing by one point in the finals. Our seniors continue to contribute every weekend, whether they're with the white or blue, and that says something about the level of commitment and dedication these guys have for CC. They're not done

The seniors on this year's team are: Alec Mooradian, TJ Fagan, Kevin Bea-zley, Nick Mason, Andrew Thompson, Casey Hagan, Zack Colone, Joey Vollmer, Steve Schmitt, Alex Goings, Nick Trojniak, Beau Bloomfield, Anthony Jabbour, Palmer Pawlusiak, Jay Edillo, Josh Carolyn, Tony Roosen and Clayton Dewitt.

Their successes can be easily seen this year. Last week, the team had 13 wrestlers earn a trip to the individual regional tournament. Nine of them, it so happens, are No. 1 seeds after winning their district titles in their respective weight classes.

Seniors Fagan, Mooradian and Beazsley all earned individual district titles, as did Trevor Zdebski, Ken Bade, Logan Marcicki, Nick Mason,

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Novi junior Dan DeNova grapples with Livonia Franklin's Jack Newa during a 14-3 major decision in the 103 pound weight class. DeNova won Feb. 1 at the KLAA team meet and

Four Wildcats advance to wrestling Regionals

By Chris Jackett

Although Detroit Catholic Central ended Novi's shot at Regionals by winning a Feb. 9 team district meet, the Wildcats qualified four individuals for Regionals during last Saturday's individual dis-

Novi's grapplers (16-10) headed south to Canton last weekend with hopes of getting several wrestlers into the top

Although the team competitions are done, four Wildcat wrestlers will head to Saline Saturday for regional action against qualifiers from the Temperance-Bedford district. Those with a shot to advance to the state championship March 1-3 at the Palace of Auburn Hills are seniors Jimi Keller (heavyweight), Jake Dobras (171 pounds) and juniors Dan DeNova (103) and Zach Rousch

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Lady bowlers earn program's all-time best record

Plymouth gets revenge on fellow Wildcats

The final week of the regular season was not a highlight for much of the Novi bowling program, but there was one bright

The boys team were outscored 58-2 in two matches to fall to 4-13 (3-9 KLAA Central), while the girls had their fivematch winning streak snapped, but recovered to close out the season with a win to finish 10-7 (7-5 Central), the best record in the girls programs hissixth and the girls fourth in their respective seven-

team divisions. The past week began Feb. 6 with both squads dropping matches to Plymouth, who each had defeated just five days

"All bowlers were the same, but the site was different," Novi coach Jon Osborne said. "Last week the match was at Westland Bowl where we usually bowl above average, and yesterday was at Super Bowl, where

ON TAP

Novi's bowling squads (4-13 boys, 10-7 girls) compete 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in the KLAA tournament at 300 Bowl in Waterford before Regionals Feb. 24-25 at Westland Lanes.

home lanes. Last week's win was an upset win for us and a wake-up call for Plymouth.

The boys lost 30-0 to Plymouth (5-9, 4-8 Central), who won the two baker games 174-173 and 250-183, and then both regular games 1.072-881 and 1,040-863. Andrew Thorwall led Novi with games of 200 and 204. "They shoot over a

1,000 per game on a regular basis, where we have only done it twice this year." Osborne said. "Our only chances to score were one-pin losses in two singles matches and

The girls dropped an 18-12 decision to Plymouth (5-8.5-7 Central) after losing both bak er games 157-126 and 169-167, as well as the

game 847-790 behind Callie Wright's 223 and Sara Schulz's 210.

The 'Cats closed out dual meets with Plymouth Salem visiting Novi Bowl the next day, Feb. 7. Salem's boys (10-4, 9-

3 Central) won both bakers 235-179 and 233-184, and both regular games 1.133-789 and 1.037-871. to clinch a 28-2 victory. Thorwall and Kam Mitch ell scored single points with respective games of 238 and 171. Novi's girls earned the

program's all-time best record with a 20-10 win over Salem (8-6, 8-4 Central). The 'Cats won the first baker game 128-106 and lost the second 153-107, then had to overcome Salem's Kristin Larkins two games of 258 to win both regular games 829-784 and 818-697. Megan Engels (184, 199) and Jessie Snider (133, 177) scored two points each for Novi and Schulz had high game of 207.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News

GIRLS

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missed its first 14 attempts. "She's the leader on the court, no question about that," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "She makes a lot of things happen. She can score, but can also make all of her teammates better. It's like the Energizer Bunny went out there. That's

hat she does." After Novi took a 26-17 idvantage after three quar ters, McMahan controlled the ball much of the fourth quarter and the Wildcats were able to close out the

A couple of key rebound put-backs from senior Anna ausch during the final 2:34

Those came after Stevenson had closed the gap to five on two different occasions, 28-23 and 30-25 (on a rebound basket by Katelyn Foster with 2:05 to go). Another sophomore, 5-7 guard Taylor Pavilka, chipped in with nine points

percent) and 13-of-17 from the free-throw line (76.4 Despite the quick start. Stevenson ended up shoot ing only 9-of-37 from the field (24.3 percent) and committed 17 turnovers (to

Novi's 12). Senior guards Molly Knoph and Jorden York tallied 10 and nine points respectively, to pace the Spartans.

'They (Stevenson) are a great team," Kelp said. The point guard (Molly Knoph), I'm a great fan of, and the (Jorden) York girl. "Hopefully a part of it was wearing them down and do it as the game wore on. We wanted to be patient in that zone (defense) and look for the weak side dump-down, but they (Stevenson) came out in 'man'

the second half." The Spartans, meanwhile, simply couldn't control McMahan defensively. "Everything goes through her and every team that plays against them knows

that," Stevenson coach Jen



Wildcat Jade Antolec, right, has a shot blocked by a Livonia Stevenson Spartan during the teams' Feb. 10 meeting at Novi High. Novi scored only 1 point in the first quarter, but woke up offensively after that.

WILDCATS **ALSO TOP PLYMOUTH** SALEM

After falling behind 25-16 at halftime on the road at Pivmouth Salem (3-13, 2-8 KLAA Central) Feb. 7, Novi (13-3, 8-2 Central) used a 17-3 third-quarter run to final quarter en route to a 42-37 victory. Sophomore Kerri McMahan led the Wildcats with 15 points and four assists, as senior Sam Pavlika added 13

Also chipping in for the Wildcats were senior Anna Lausch (eight points, three blocks), junior Jade Antolec (six points, five rebounds, four steals) and

Knoph said, "Shut her down and their offense isn't going to be as strong. We tried to go 'man' and she broke that down a little bit. We went back into the zone. I don't know what to say. We were keying in on her at practice all week.'

The Spartans started out well, but just couldn't "One of our favorite sayings is that 'It's a game of runs,' but that's

not going to be it the

entire game," Knoph said.

"They (Novi) are a good

sophomore Taylor Pavlika (five rebounds). Senior Bri Berberet had a game-high 18 points for

ON TAP

After clinching the Central Division crown with a victory over runner-up Livonia Stevenson Friday, to start their KLAA Tournament title run at Wayne Memorial (5-11, 4-6 South) two nights ago before facing the winner of Northville (10-6, 6-4 Central) and Canton (13-3, 8-2 South) 7 p.m. tonight at home and a hopeful Kensington Conference championship contest Monday.

- Chris Jackett

team and they are going to keep pushing back. We knew that was going to

"I think the biggest thing in the third quarter was coming out flat the way we did. We talked to the girls after the game so many chances, so many

We had turnovers that weren't even under the bas ket. They were around halfcourt line - stuff like that, that we can't let happen. We'd just kind of panic and throw an errant pass."

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Continued from page B1 Drew Garcia and Bob

Coe. Malik Amine finished second, Riley Hanson was third and Myles Amine finished fourth. Mooradian's performance at the individual district earned him not only his fourth district

title, but also his 200th career victory, putting his total at 201-3. The last Shamrock to earn so many wins in his career was Trevor Stewart, a three-time state title winner for Catholic Central that graduated in 2005 with a 200-4 record.

The Shamrocks also

defeated Novi and

Walled Lake West-

tricts to advance in the state tournament. They competed Wednesday against Livonia Franklin in the regional (after the sports section went to

ern in the team dis-

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

Wildcats ski to sixth in division

Novi shreds Hartland, splits with Milford in doubleheader finale

By Chris Jackett

It was a quick season for Novi's ski program. Due to the warmer weather and minimal snow, their first meet wasn't until Jan. 18 and Regionals are already scheduled to take place

Novi's boys finished 3-6 in duals over five non-consecutive days of competition and then landed seventh at the Alpine Valley Divisional Championships last week. The girls ended up 4-5 and lost a fifthplace tiebreaker with Hartland at the division

The Wildcats capped last week at the 10-team Alpine Valley Divisional Championships in White Lake. The boys finished seventh with 16 points, while the girls initially tied Hartland for fifth with 19.

The two teams combined to finish sixth in three of the four races, while the girls managed to finish fourth in the slalom category with 82 points. Senior Calla Spillane battled through a knee injury to lead the way with a 12th-place finish, while senior captain Lucia Li finished 17th, Also, Ashley Sawa va landed 23rd and Nina Li 30th for Novi among a field of 73 girls.

Finishing sixth in the boys slalom with

ON TAP

Novi's ski squad (3-6 boys, 4-5 girls) was scheduled to compete in the KLAA Championships Monday and Regionals today at Alpine Valley in White Lake. Next is the Milford Round-up Monday, followed by a hopeful shot at the state meet Feb. 27, although the 'Cats would have to have individual skiers qualify for either of those. Regionals and the Round-up are at Alpine Valley in White Lake. while States are at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs.

97.5 points, half a point behind West Bloomfield Novi was led by juniors Alex Arne (11th), Harrison Halley (15th) and Zach Johnson (25th), showing promise for next season. Jean Hadrich was the fourth Wildcat scorer, finishing 46th among the field of 80

All meets start at 4 p.m.

Senior captain Josh Feight returned from injury to help the guys finish sixth in the giant slalom with 119.5 points. Feight finished 36th. while Halley led at 16th, Arne was 33rd and Johnson was 34th.

The girls team also took sixth in the giant slalom behind 115.5 points with junior Miranda Hanby lead-



Novi Wildcat Lucia Li competes in a ski meet at

ing the way at 27th, although senior captain Paige Morris (28th Lucia Li (29th) and Spill ane (31rd) were all very close behind.

division meet, the Wildcats wrapped up dual meet competition with a doubleheader against Hartland and Milford where the Novi program combined to go 3-1 Both teams successful-

with the boys winning 18-19 and the girls taking a 14-25 victory. Although Hartland's top skier won the

in 42.83), Johnson (fifth



Alpine Valley on Feb. 2.

Two days before the

ly defeated the Eagles,

meet in 42.67 seconds. Novi's girls took second through sixth place to win the match with ease. Spillane led in second at



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Novi ski team's Harrison Halley competes at Alpine Valley on Feb. 2.

43.14 seconds, followed by Lucia Li (third in 44.67), Morris (fourth in 45.01) and Hanby (fifth in 45.9). Sawaya's sixthplace finish in 46.79 seconds pushed the Eagle's score up despite not contributing as a top-four

score for the Wildcats. The guys had a much tougher road to victory, managing to win without having all four scoring skiers in the top eight. Halley won the meet in 40.42 seconds, followed by Tim Lu (third

in 43.21) and Hadrich (ninth in 48.73). Hartland took second, fourth, and sixth through

The second match of the night, against Milford, was a case of opposites. Novi's girls won by 19 points, but the boys team lost by 16.

Novi's top five girls all finished in the top six during a 11-30 win over the Mavericks. Spillane led again in 44.52 seconds, followed by Morris (second in 44.97), Lucia Li (third in 45.18) and

Sawaya (fifth in 46.83). Novi's depth resulted in Milford finishing fourth, seventh, eighth and 11th in the dual meet.

In a reversed role, Milford's boys had four skiers finish in the top four to defeat Novi 12-28. The Wildcats were led by Feight (third in 41.15), Lu (sixth in 42.25), Johnson (seventh in 42.38) and Hadrich (12th in 48.71).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and forme staff writer for the Nov

ALL-AREA SWIMMING

South Lyon's Bonin leads talented team

ALT-AREA **SWIMMING**

Swimmer of the Year Chanel Bonin, South Lyon FIST TEAM

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Northville — Leann Dimitroff (Sr), Maria Gutowski (So), Emily Ifverson (Jr), Shelby Mroz (Jr), Maeve Nichols (Jr), Madison Schulz (Jr), Erin Aquinto (So), Megan Conner (Jr), Sarah Garrity (Sr), Lauren Jarzembowski (So), Grace Lafreniere (Jr), Susan Morris (Sr), Claire Ostrowski (So), Jessica Yan (Fr) Milford — Morgan McGinnis, Jolene Little, Kiyomi Irvine Lakeland — Grace Collins (Fr), Mollie Vivian, Valerie Morelli (Jr), Kelsev Danley (Sr), Devyn Cope (Jr), Hannah Porter (Fr) South Lyon --- Caitlyn Theler (Jr), Kaitlyn Wagner (Jr), Emily Harris (Sr), Meg Darrow (So), Lucy Ciaramitaro (Sr), Emma Bauer (Fr), Monica Houck (So), Heidi Surdyk (Fr), Rachel Smith (So), Sara Phohetski (Fr), Alyssa Sawyer (Fr), Alyssa Stark (Sr), Andrea Monk (Sr), Kayla Marquardt (Jr) Madison Canadi (Fr) By Jeff Theisen

South Lyon sophomore swimmer Chanel Bonin entered the State Finals in four events and came home with four All-State medals. Bonin finished third individu-

ally in the butterfly, seventh in the 100 backstroke, fifth on the 400 freestyle relay and eighth as part of the medley relay. She was also KLAA Conference champ in the 100 fly and 400

free relay. Bonin earned All-American consideration in both relays and the 100 fly.

competitive kids I have ever Burch. "Chanel would spend extra time after practice working on her turns and dolphin kicks. Anvone who has that dedication to improving is going to do well, and she certainly did well this year."

FIRST TEAM

Rachel Green, South Lyon The South Lyon United junior swimmer earned All-State honors in three events. She placed sixth in the 100 freestyle, fifth on the 200 free relay and fifth again on the 400 free relay. Green also placed 13th in the 50 reestyle, scoring in all four of

Green was the KLAA Conference champ in the 100 freestyle, 200 free relay and 400

free relay. 'We tried something new with Rachel this year, having her swim the 50 instead of the 200 at state," said Burch. "With the state meet being one of the fastest meets ever, I believe that we made the right call. It was great to see her willing to embrace swimming a new event this vear. We will have a tough decision to make next year because she is very good at both of the events.

Corinne Caldwell, South The senior swimmer also earned All-State in three

events, all relays. Caldwell was part of the freestyle relays to claim fifth and the medley relay in eighth at the State Finals a 15th-place finish in the 50

"A new Corinn**e c**ame to swim this year," said Burch. "She has always been a very good swimmer. This year she really took it to the next level in both practice and meets. It was great to see her score in an individual event for the first time ever this year."

Dee Gerke, South Lyon Another All-Stater in three events for South Lyon, and also in all three relays. Gerke, just a sophomore, also qualified for the 500 free-

"Dee had one of the best taper swims I have ever seen when she dropped five seconds to smash the state cut in the 200 freestyle at the con-Erin McCurry, South Lyon The senior swimmer earned

style and placed 19th.

All-State honors as part of the medley relay. She also competed in the 100 breaststroke (22nd) and the 200 IM (25th). "Erin was one of our captains this year, and her leadership is one of the reasons we were able to win the conference meet this year," said Burch. She brought the right mix of competitiveness, expe

Stormy Malarik, South Lyon The sophomore helped propel the 200 free relay to All-State honors. She also competed in the 50 free (29th) and 100 free (24th) at the State Finals.

"Stormy is a very compet

rience and dedication to the

itive swimmer and a great relay anchor," said Burch. " look forward to seeing what she can do next season. Andrea VanderMey, Novi The junior Novi swimmer made a huge push for Swimmer of the Year with a strong showing at the State Finals. She earned All-State in the

a three-year Oakland County champ in the 100 back. "Team leader and committed athlete — exemplifies what the sport requires to be successful riding out all of the ups and downs with a smile and determination and a positive attitude," said coach Annette VanderMey.'

200 IM and 100 back. She is

Maranda Buha, Novi Buha earned All-State honors in the 50 freestyle. "Maranda's sprint power

scores points at all levels and is a huge benefit to any relay she is on," said coach Vander-Mey. "Maranda is an incredible team member, making sacrifices above and beyond

expectations. Mallory Buha, Novi The freshman made quite a splash with an All-State performance in the 100 backstroke.

"As a freshman impacted immediately with her backstroke and all-around ability to score in any event where needed," said coach Vander-

Catherine Cui, Northville The junior showed incredible versatility for the Mustangs this year. She broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke, set the conference record in the 200 IM (2:10.28) and the 100 breast (1:06.25). She finished All-State in the 200 IM with an eight-place finish. Cui was also part of the 200 free relay to finish 13th and the 400 free relay which placed 14th at

"She was someone that I could always count on to not only win a race, but always give us her best effort," said coach Brian McNeff, "She was the anchor on both of the free relays and the ultimate teammate. Even though she was our fastest breaststroker, she never complained about not being on the medley relay. She knew that we needed her on the others, even though it meant giving up more medals and breaking

a school record.' Mattison Boucha, Northville The sophomore diver set a new school record in the sixdive event with 239.55. Boucha finished fourth at the KLAA Conference meet and went on to place 12th at the State Finals

"She made huge improvements considering she did not even make it to regionals last year," said McNeff.

Maddy Kipke, Northville The junior helped set the school record in the medley relay and also helped the relay finish second at the KLAA Conference meet. She also placed fourth in the 100 back and sixth in the 200 free at the conference meet.

Kinke went on to place 11th as part of the medley relay and 11th in the 100 back at

the State Finals. "Maddy proved again that ed backstrokers in the state,' said McNeff. "She is a very hard worker and is very driv-

en to be the best."

Shannon Lohman, North-The senior finished 11th as part of the medley relay, 15th in the 100 butterfly and qualified for the 100 backstroke at the State Finals. At the KLAA Conference meet, the medley relay finished second. she was second in the 100 fly, sixth in the 100 back and

third as part of the 200 free relay. "Shannon scored at the state meet for the fourth year in a row which is a huge accomplishment that has not been done in Northville since 1980," said McNeff, "She served as captain of the team this year and was a huge part of the success that we have

had for the last four years. Andrea Meister, Northville The senior diver set an 11dive team record with 434.10 and also won the KLAA Conference meet. Meister went on to place 11th at the State

finals. "Andrea is a great diver and a great person to have on our team," said McNeff. "It was a real plus knowing that we were going to win diving every meet we went into.

Lia Nagata, Northville The junior swimmer scored points on the 200 free relay (13th) and 400 free relay (14th) at the State Finals. She also qualified individu ally in the 200 free and 100 fly for state. At the confer ence meet, she placed third on both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, claimed fifth in the 200 free and 10th in the 100 flv.

"She was someone that I could rely on all year long for any relay and to score us points in a meet," said McNeff. "She is probably the toughest swimmer on our team and works extremely hard in practice."

Briana Schoenek, Northville

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By Chris Jackett

Pompon finishes

second at EMU

A three-peat of state championships wasn't in the cards for Novi's pompon squad last weekend at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

After winning the state title during their past two trips to the Mid-American Pompon-sponsored event. the Wildcats finished second of 12 teams in Class A Division I with 499.5 points, just a few behind new champion Garden City's 508 points.

"States went well," Novi coach Erin Bartos said. "Unfortunately, varsity had an 'off' day with a dropped pom and a mistake in the routine. But the girls still wowed the crowd with the routine and receive second place. Very proud of our placement."

Although the varsity squad failed to capture another state title, the junior varsity program did so successfully behind 489 points, beating out Heritage's 477.5 points.

"It is the third year in a row that JV has won; however, with JV it is a brand new group of girls each year," Bartos said.

The Novi Middle School team finished sixth of 11 schools in the finals of their division during the team's first-ever trip to the state meet.

Competitive cheer wraps up season

After finishing the season 1-3 and fourth in a five-team KLAA Central Division, Novi's competitive cheer squad finished 16th in the association out of the 21 teams competing. Milford and Walled Lake Central. who both finished 0-5 during the season, did not compete at the association meet.

The 'Cats earned 692.7944 points in the silver pool, which Wayne Memorial won with 722.1288 points to finish 13th overall. The Zebras' score would've landed them sixth in the association had they advanced to the championship pool by not finishing 1-4 in the South Division. Hartland won the KLAA crown with 789,4984 points, nearly 27 points better than runner-up Livonia Stevenson.

Novi's girls got to their final score with 209.9 first-round points, followed by performances of 203.4944 and 279.4 points in the final two rounds.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP



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Novi varsity volleyball players (front row from left to right) Emily Robb, Brooke Laney, Anna Lu, Lesley Harrington, Molly Marzonie, Carrie Subject, (back row) Victoria Rose, Emma Rinck, Katie Enright, Hannah Mouch, Aly Ryan and Belle Glancy pose after coaching several teams of Novi Meadows students and families during the school's Family Volleyball Night Feb. 3.

Wildcat icers win pair

Capping an eight-game winning streak since a Jan. 8 loss in Marquette, Novi's icers (15-6-1, 7-3-1 KLAA Kensington) won both of their games at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase last week at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

Ranked No. 10 in the state, the 'Cats started with a 3-0 victory over No. 17 Howell (14-5-3, 9-1-1 Lakes) Feb. 7 and followed it with a 4-1 victory over No.

23 Lake Orion (11-7-2) Feb. 10. The Wildcats defeated visiting No. 18 South Lyon (10-8-1, 4-6-0 Kensington) 1-0 in overtime Feb. 3.

After a pair of 1-0 victories and five shutouts during a six-game winning streak, Novi hopes to keep it up with week at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase.

The Wildcats looked to wrap up the regular season against No. 21 Livonia Stevenson (11-10-0, 6-3-0-1 Kensington) last night before an undetermined KLAA crossover Saturday to lead into a Feb. 27 regional quarterfinal at Compuware Arena in Plym-

Ten commit on signing day

Last week's national signing day was a big one for Novi student-athletes. Ten signed on to take their athletic skills to the collegiate level during a Feb. 1 gathering at Novi High School. girls from the two-time state champion girls soccer team, including Kelli Timar (Michigan State), Jessica Jarvis (Bowling Green), Samantha Pavlika (IPFW) and Maddie Haustein (Ferris State).

From the boys side of the coach Brian O'Leary's two soccer programs, Chase Jabbori (Michigan) and Sean Hazen (Western Michigan) settled on their schools of choice.

Signing on to play collegiate football were Alex King (Northwood) and Derek Cingel (Michigan Tech), while track stars Jasmine Ward (Grand Valley) and Kelly McCloskey (Michigan State) also signed to take their skills to the collegiate level.

Volleyball holds Family Night

Novi Meadows held its annual Family Volleyball Night Feb. 3 with more than 130 participants taking the court for some volleyball action. Fifth and sixth graders, along with their families, played a round robin series of games and finished the night with ice cream sundaes.

Many Novi High School varsity volleyball players served as coaches for the 14 teams of students and families, while also providing a friendly demonstration of competitive volleyball for the enthusiastic patrons.

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

SWIM

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The junior swimmer part of all three point-scoring relays at the State Finals medley (11th), 200 free (13th) and 400 free (14th). At the conference meet, she placed second on the 200 medley relay, fifth in the 50 free, ninth in the 100 free and third on the 400 free relay.

"Briana was our main sprinter all year long, and she really improved in that area from last year," said McNeff. "She ended the season with some amazing times."

SECOND TEAM

Rachel Eckler, South Lyon The senior just missed scoring at the state meet in diving, finishing 17th. She was the KLAA Conference runner up as well. Kallie Krueger, South Lyon

The junior qualified for the State Finals in the 100 breaststroke, finishing 32nd. She was fourth in the conference meet in the same event.

Autumn Smith, South Lyon The sophomore finished a point away from qualifying for the State Finals with a

13th-place finish at regionals. Kara Berg, Novi The Novi junior won the KLAA Confer-

ence title in the 200 freestyle.

Rachel Aepelbacher, Novi The junior diver placed eighth at regionals to advance to the State Finals.

Jessica Porter, Lakeland The Lakeland junior earned All-Conference honors in the 50 free (25.4) and 100 free (55.04). She qualified for the State Finals in the 100 free and placed 15th at the

Oakland County meet in the same event. Reagan Dehnbostel, Lakeland The freshman broke onto the scene with All-Conference honors in the 500 free (5:20.36) and finished top-eight in the 200 free at the Lakes Conference meet. She

qualified for the State Finals in the 500 free. Alicia Stowe, Milford The senior qualified individually for the State Finals in the 50 and 100 free. She was also part of the 400 free relay to qualify for state. Stowe was voted Team MVP.

Leah Erlandson, Northville The senior qualified for state in the 100 backstroke. At the KLAA Conference meet she 10th in the 100 back and 12th in the 200

Sarah Lohman, Northville

The sophomore helped set a school record in the 200 medley relay as well as finishing 11th at the State Finals. She also qualified for state in the 100 breast. At the conference meet, Lohman finished second on the medley relay, second in the 100 breast and Emily Butler, Northville

The junior swimmer finished 13th as part of the 200 free relay and 14th on the 400 free relay at the State Finals. At the conference meet, Butler placed third on the 200 free relay, ninth in the 50 free and 11th in the 100 free.

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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, Fubruary 22, 2012 at 7:00 F.M. in the Novi Givic Center, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Rond, Novi, Mile Ron

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 18.254**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.254 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, DELETE AT ARTICLE 23, OS-2, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT TO ELIMINATE AN UNUSED DISTRICT, AMEND AT ARTICLE 12 OSC. OFFICE SERVICE ARTICLE 12, OSC, OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ADD PERMITTED USES PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED IN ARTICLE 23, AMEND AT ARTICLE 23A, OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT TO ADD USES AND CONDITIONS PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED IN ARTICLE 23, ADD MINOR CHANGES TO PROVIDE CLARITY, AND ADD PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR A SET OF RETAIL SERVICE OVERLAY PROVISIONS FOR THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE; AMEND AT ARTICLE 24 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE OS-2 DISTRICTS AND AMEND AT ARTICLE 2, CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS, ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAPS, TO CORRECT LISTED

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 6, 2012 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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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 COLLEX COLLISION. SITE PLAN NUMBER 12-03. FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 25100 NOVI ROAD IN SECTION 23. ON THE EAST SIDE OF NOVI ROAD NORTH OF TEN MILE ROAD. The applicant is proposing to construct a 21.600 square foot applicant is proposing to construct a 21,600 square foot building to be used for automotive repair along with ciated parking and landscaping.



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

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. The test will be conducted at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Roud, Navi, M 48375. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the

s open to all interested parties. For further contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic

Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 12-005 TJ MAXX 43175 CRESCENT BLVD The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i)a of the City of Novi Sign Code to allow a 162 sq ft oversize wall sign for an existing retail use. The property is located east of Novi Rd and north of Grand

River Ave. in the TC Zoning District.
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i)a allows 1.25 sq ft of signage per linear ft of continuous public or private street frontage up to a maximum of 65 sq ft.

Case No. 12-006 2105 WEST LAKE DR

The applicant is requesting variances from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow addition of a new attached garage and partial second floor area within the required side yards of a parcel with an existing home and to allow the structure to exceed the allowable lot coverage. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of South Lake Dr. in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft and a minimum aggregate of side yard setbacks of at least 25 ft. The same Section of the Ordinance allows a maximum

of 25% lot coverage.

Case No. 12-007 WALMART 26090 INGERSOL DR

The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i)a of the City of Novi Sign Code to allow a 298 sq ft oversize wall sign and 28-5 (3) to allow a 298 sq ft oversize wall sign and 28-5 (3) to allow 4 additional wall signs beyond the sign wall sign permitted for new retail use. The property is located east of Novi Road and south of Crescent Blvd in the TC Zoning District.

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Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i)a allows 1.25 sq ft of signage per linear ft of continuous public or private street frontage up to a maximum of 65 sq ft. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Code Section 28-5(3) permits only one sign for this business.

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Sam Eggleston

Shamrocks win Mt.

Brighton League Heading into the Mt. Brighton League skiing championships, the Detroit Catholic Central

Shamrocks found themselves tied with Okemos for the league title. That all changed by the end of the day last Thursday. With some of the best snow

and racing conditions of the year, the Shamrocks joined 10 other teams in competing in the slalom and giant slalom events. Damon Rottermond led the Shamrocks in the slalom, taking first, while Ian Pierce took third, John Dooley snagged 10th and Joe Talbott was 13thall helping the Shamrocks win the event ahead of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Okemos. In the giant slalom, the Shamrocks again followed Rottermond, who took first, while Pierce was second, Evan Hicks was eighth and Talbott was ninth.

"The skiers are performing with strong fundamentals and focus," said coach Tom Gable. "Rottermond is skiing in the form that won him the state

giant slalom title last year and Pierce is racing with the experience needed to compete at the highest level."

The Shamrocks are slated to ski at the regional tournament today at Alpine Valley. A strong finish will put the Shamrocks in

Hockey team earns three wins

It really doesn't matter where you're from-the Detroit Catholic Central hockey team is likely going to be favored to beat you The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, took wins over teams from Metro Detroit, Toronto and the Upper Peninsula last week as they maintained their No. 1

The Shamrocks defeated Grosse Pointe North, 4-1, before topping Toronto's Hill Academy in their closes game of the week, 4-3. They also took on the Copper Kings of Calumet and walked away with a 3-1 win.

ranking in the state.

Against Grosse Pointe, the Shamrocks led 3-0 before their foes even got on the board in the third period. Catholic Central snagged goals from the sticks of Steven Haydon, Lucas Linville,

Nick Michels and Charlie Green. Assists were picked up by Max Wanko, Brady Jones, Tyler VanNorman, Pete Halash, Michael Babcock, Haydon and

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Michels. The Shamrocks had a tougher time against Hill Academy, even trailing 2-1 in the first period with Green's goal keeping them in the contest in the opening stanza. Halash and

Matt Sorisho assisted. In the second period, the Shamrocks earned goals by Haydon and Sorisho to tie the game, 3-3, with assists going to Green and Halash. The Shamrocks, and the shooting capabilities of Nolan Gluchowski. proved too much for Hill Academy as the Catholic Central skaters tallied their final goal at 6:03 in the third to earn the win. Halash and Green assist-

In their final game of the week, the Shamrocks made short work of the Calumet Copper Kings, scoring three unanswered goals in the first two periods before allowing their Yooper foes on the board in the third. The Catholic Central goals were scored by Danny middleton, Nick Daigneau and Wanko with two assists

ed on the play.

each to Babcock and Daigneau.

Swimmers have strong showing at MISCA meet

The Detroit Catholic Central swimming and diving team. showcased their talent at the annual MISCA meet last

found the Shamrocks traveling to Eastern Michigan University and turning in several outstanding performances. The 200 medley relay team of Jack Walsh, Ryan Newman, Dan Szuba and Tim Szuba took third place while Chris Vela earned a statequalifying time in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.28 seconds.

The non-scored competition

Neil Robsinson also earned a state qualifier, finishing in 56.11 seconds in the 100 backstroke, while Simon Shanks and Charles Roelant had season-best performances in the same event.

Walsh also swam a 53.78second race in the backstroke while the team of Colin Brinkman, Walsh, Dan Szuba and Tim Szuba took fifth in the 400 freestyle relay with a season-best time of 3:17.48.

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Bowlers finish league matches with win, tie for title

> The Detroit Catholic Central Shanrocks bowling team finished up its league conference bowling matches Monday with a win over rival University of Detroit Jesuit High School. The Shamrocks, led by coach Al Bridges, split the Baker series before winning both reg-

ular games. In the first Baker match, the Shamrocks fell, 191-186, before coming back to win the second. 192-171. In the two regular game, Catholic Central had little trouble. securing the victory with an 888 850 showing followed by a convincing 906-836 win.

Bridges said the scoring was lower than normal "due to dry lanes" at Thunderbird Lanes.

High scorers for the Shamrocks were Nick D'Alessandro (210). Jeff Conflitt (203) and Dan Ault (198). Eric Paylov, a senior captain, finished as the conference leader in both average (225) and head-to-head victories (15).

The Shamrocks finished the conference with a 9-1 record, taking the co-championship with DeLaSalle.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi

WRESTLE

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four within their weight classes, which would qualify them for this weekend's regional competition

Senior heavyweight Jimi Keller had the best performance of any Wildcat Saturday. Keller defeated top-seeded Darius Durret from Southfield in the semifinals, but CC's Bob Coe would win he heavyweight title on a 4-2 decision fter Keller failed to secure a pin fall as he final seconds ticked away.

Three other Wildcats fell one victory short of the title matches and battled for bronze instead. Senior Jake Dobras (171 pounds) defeated Dearborn Fordson's Hussan Atteia by pin in the consolation semifi-

nals to move into a battle for third place,

where he defeated Plymouth Salem's Alex Brown in an 8-1 decision. In the 130-poind weight class, senior Alejandro Albuerne made it to the final four by defeating Northville's Sean

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Wagner in "the blood round," but fell to

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Plymouth's Jon Conn in a 11-1 decision during a battle for third place.

Capping off Novi's qualifiers was junior Dan DeNova (103), who had a "blood round" of his own. Advancing into the consolation semifinals. DeNo va defeated Northville's Kevin Charara by pin fall to advance to the consolation finals, but Plymouth's Mohamad Yousseff would take third with an 11-6 decision.

Although only four Wildcats advance to Regionals, several came within another victory or two. Junior Zach Rousch (189) was pinned by Salem's Jake McCabe and senior Justin Michael (215) lost a 5-3 decision to Northville's Andy

Others competing for the Wildcats, but falling short and ending their seasons, were junior Tony Levy (119), senior Giddiani Albuerne (140), sophomore Ben Wright (145), senior Farahman Kian (152) and junior Ben Landry

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To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in The City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012.

The polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All polling places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available at the polling

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 25, 2012

from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration

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Tips for filing your 2011 taxes

f you are in the process of preparing your 2011 Form 1040, here are a couple of tips to help get your through the process. The first thing is keep your eye open for any tax forms sent (or e-mailed) to you and safeguard them. These would be W-2's and 1099's. You must have these when you file your return.

Gather all of your bank records, canceled checks and receipts for the year. You may have some 2011 expenditures that are eligible for deductions, such as business or medical expenses, or charitable gifts. But, if you plan to take any of these deductions, you must make sure you can verify those expenditures; so please don't throw anything away. If your return is audited, the burden is on you to prove the deduction was proper.

If you have any questions about your income tax return (and don't want to pay someone work yourself. The IRS has made great strides in its customer service and you should definitely take advantage of these resources .. our tax dollars pay for them. For simple questions, go to the IRS Interactive Tax Assistant at www.irs.gov/ita/index. html?portlet=101 and plug in your questions.

For people that would rather read and study the reasoning for an answer to their tax question, they should go to the search bar at www.irs.gov and

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Another "free" service the IRS provides is tax preparation assistance. If you are computer-savvy with \$57,000 or less in gross income, use the IRS's "Free File" software. This is an online tax preparation program provided by the IRS for individuals at www.irs.gov. If you made more than

\$57,000, you can still take advantage of "E-file" your return. According to the IRS, 98 percent of electronic filers received their refunds with direct deposit within 14 days (if there are no problems). some as quickly as 10 days. For people that are eligible for a refund (and are in a hurry), select direct deposit" when you file your return for a quicker refund. For people looking for

tax assistance, but may not be able to afford a commercial service, consider using a "free" volunteer tax assistance program. The "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program prepares whose income is \$50,000 and below. The Tax Counseling for the Elderly is for individuals aged 60 and older. The IRS has

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Finally, do not rush through your return Mistakes will cause a delay in your refund and maybe even an audit. According to the IRS, the most common errors on returns are math calculations and Social Security numbers.

Good luck getting your return finalized in a timely manner. Remember, if you do not have enough time getting everything ready for April 15, consider filing for an automatic extension. I know filing your tax return is an unpleasant event every year, but staying diligent and focused is the key. Procrastinating or brushing it under the rug until the last minute is not wise, it will only increase the risk of problems in the long run.

Daniel S. Hoops is an associate professor at Walsh Business College teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department. Hoops holds a master of laws degree in estate planning from the University of Miami School of Law. a juris doctorate from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a bachelor of musical arts from the University of Michigan. Hoops, a 1987 graduate of Novi High School, can be reached at Walsh College at (248) 823-1334 or dhoops@ walshcoilege.edu.

Presidential Award



Monroe Bank & Trust (MBT) received for the fourth straight year six President's Volunteer Service Awards from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, recognizing 8,659 hours of corporate and employee volunteerism in 2011. The national awards were presented to MBT's ENLIST (Employees Now Linked In Service Together) membership on Feb. 1 at the group's meeting to kick off its 28th anniversary year. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that achieve a certain standard — measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. MBT was recognized as a leading corporate supporter of volunteerism. Individuals honored for 2011 include Pat Orr (143 hours). Amanda Reeves (174 hours) Karl Hauser (242 hours), Rebecca Roof (458 hours) and Wanita Robinson (460 hours). Shown (from left) are MBT ENLIST Coordinator Erika Hunt; MCOP Executive Director Stephanie Kasprzak; MBT President and CEO Doug Chaffin; First Step Associate Director Theresa Bizoe; and 2011 ENLIST Board Chairperson Amy Strzesinski.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Insurance 2012 and beyond David Mostyn and Wendi Mostyn Zup-

more, principals at the Mostyn Insurance Agency will hold a workshop for small- to mid-sized business owners and corporate HR professionals. It will cover ways business owners can save money and offer innovative and competitive benefits, new trends in employee contributed benefits and case studies of what small- to mid-sized businesses in our region have been doing to begin to prepare for ObamaCare.

The workshop will be held at Shazaaam! Public Relations, 41216 Vincenti Court, Novi from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23.

Bright Futures

Bright House Networks of Michigan's announced the 2012 Bright Futures Campaign, a two-part educational initiative that will recognize educators and students who teach and attend schools

in Bright House Network service areas. The Laptop Scholarship Program recognizes high school seniors for their leadership skills, academic achievements and community service activities with a new laptop.

• The Classroom Grant Program is available to area educators in K-12 programs who demonstrate creative learnng experiences utilizing advanced technology, web based instruction, and/or cable programming.

All applications for the program must be complete and postmarked by March 16. Application forms have been mailed to guidance counselors at every high school in the Bright House Networks service community. Applications are also available at http://www.brighthouse.com/brightfutures.

"The Bright Futures Laptop Scholarship program is designed to recognize young people in our Michigan service area for their contributions to their schools and communities." said Bob McCann, Division President - Bright House Networks. "Our decision to present this opportunity to local high school seniors allows us to continue our commitment to the communities where our customers and employees live and

Bright House Networks also announced the Bight Futures Classroom Grant Program, which is designed to be an ongoing program to assist educa-Teachers must demonstrate their creative use of cable programming, web sites, streaming video and broadband tools in developing creative learning opportunities for students. Teachers are asked to submit an application including a Project Summary and Evaluation Form including support material for the project. There is no deadline associated with the Educator Grant Program as educators will be recognized and grants will be awarded year-round. For more information about Bright

Community Financial holding essay contest

In honor of Presidents Day, Community Financial announced an essay contest for local elementary and middle school students to have a chance to win a cash prize as well as lunch for their class-

House Networks, visit brighthouse.com.

Community Financial is asking area students to answer the following question: Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why? Essays will be accepted between now and Feb.

Essay forms are available at any of the Community Financial branch offices, including Northville and Novi, and online at www.cfcu.org/contest

Essays will be judged by a group of Community Financial team members in two separate categories - fourth and fifth graders and sixth-eighth graders. The top essay author in each cate gory will earn \$100 as well as lunch for their classroom with Community Financial President and CEO Bill Lawton. Each category will also have five finalists who will each receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.oakgov. com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-

Twitter for Business Introduction to Social Media Marketing

This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business. idea and some money to invest in their business. Before you apply for a business loan, the county recommends that you first attend a Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers, and an SBA representative. During the roundtable. we'll debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaran does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. Presented by: Small Business Administration (SBA) Representative, Michigan Small **Business & Technology Development** Center (MI-SBTDC) Consultant, and **Business Banker**

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m.-noon.

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Wednesday, Feb. 22, 9-11 a.m. The fee is \$25 (Please make checks

Building Industry Association lauds leaders in business, government

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presented its annual Industry Leadership Awards to Immediate Past President Adorno Piccinini, Walbridge, Detroit, and the other distinguished awards honorees on Feb. 15 at the Sterling Inn & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, in conjunction with the Builders & Remodelers Trade Show and BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

Award honorees include: Hall of Fame to Al Kligman, Superb Homes · Builder of the Year to

Anthony Lombardo, Lombardo · Young Builder of the Year to Tim Capaldi, CGR, Capaldi

Building Samuel Kreis annual Award for Distinguished Service to the Building Industry to Norman Finkelstein, Norwood Homes,

• Distinguished Service Award to Government to Lannie Young, supervisor, Lyon Township

• Thomas Ricketts Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official to Michael Taylor, deputy director, City of Detroit, Building, Safety Engineering & **Environmental Department** Distinguished Service

Award for Urban Home Building to Mark D. Lewis, Community 1st Development Don Maillho Memori-

al Award in Banking to Huntington Bank, Mike Fezzey and Deborah Herdman

· Distinguished Service to BIA'S Charitable Endeavors to Richard Cherkasky, CAPS, The Richard Group Inc.

· Distinguished Service to the Housing Industry to Forrest M. Wall, CAE, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

 Distinguished Service to the **Building Industry Association** to Lynne Pratt, CGB, CAPS, CSP, Pratt Building Company Outstanding Subcontractor of

the Year to Spencer Roed, Multi Drywall & Partition, LLC Associate of the Year to Pat Baker, Kohler Company Remodeler of the Year to

Gordy Oliva, CGR, CAPS, Gordy

 Distinguished Service to the Remodeling Industry to Bob Veresan, AIA, DTE Energy

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 Professional Women in Building Council Leadership to Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architec-

 Membership Growth Honoree to Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Custom Homes, Inc. Membership Connection

Honoree to Cathy McLeod, The Huttenlocher Group, Inc. Industry awards were given recently at a luncheon featuring David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington D.C., and Edsel Charles, chairman, MarketGraphics Research Group in Franklin, Tenn.







Young Builder of the Year to Tim Capaldi, CGR, Capaldi Building

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 31 to Nov. Register of Deeds office.

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Robert Meisner

court that the purchaser's decreased economic value and

cognizable injuries which could be pursued against the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decreased value and desirability in the developer's actions. they should be able to pursue the matter This is certainly, therefore, worth something to conside: and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic limitations

Q: I am still thinking about buying a condominium n Naples, Fla., and I am wondering if the market has attorned out, in your opinion

A: As of the end of 2011, the market appears to have reached bottom as there has been a lo of activity in sales and not necessarily cavengers attempting to buy out properties at ridiculously low levels. Once again, the beachfront property has remained steady and the exorbitant appreciation which occurred for 10 years is not likely considerable period of

Robert M. Meisner is a lavvyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling, Call (248) 644-4433 or visit brneisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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263 Ravine Rd	\$400,0
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2332 Devonshire Rd	\$176,0
2468 Hickory Glen Dr	\$270,0
1451 Ravineview Ct # C-10	\$128,0
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munication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Monday, March 12. CAPS II, Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Tuesday, March 13. Business Management, the third course required for this designation, will be held on Wednesday, March Each session runs from

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Just because you were a senior manager at one company doesn't mean that your next job won't be a midlevel role. Often, appropriate job titles can get confusing during a job search. "There's no standardization as to how the titles are done," says Jim Begaj, founder of Begaj International, an executive search firm and consultancy.

Not sure which job title you should target when looking for a job? Here's a rough guide to deciphering how to categorize your skills and what to keep in mind:

Entry level

This category is misleading. because it's not just for those new to the workforce. Plenty of people who have been in the workforce for five years or fewer can fall under the entry-level umbrella.

When going after an entry-level job, try to let your personality and enthusiasm shine. "Entry level is all about personality fit ... basic skills of good communication, eye contact and a sign of eagerness and genuineness are key in securing entry-level jobs," Begaj says.

Midlevel

For job seekers who are no longer newbies in the market, a midlevel position has entirely different demands. "A midlevel manager typically directs people, departments, functions or projects as well as budgets," says résumé writer Deborah Schuster, founder of Lettersmith Résumé Service.

"For most companies, this would require a minimum of a bachelor's degree and five to 15 years of experience.

Additionally, conveying to hiring managers how you would fit in with the company hierarchy is key. "Midlevel requires experience in previous jobs, so making sure that vou have the experience and skills sets required is paramount. Your ability to articulate your experiences and how they positively

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Senior-level and executive

are critical," Begaj says.

Just because you were a senior-level employee at one company doesn't mean you should be targeting only senior roles for your next gig.

"There are many definitions for the word 'executive' and 'experienced," Schuster says.

Corporate structures vary and larger companies have few seniorlevel slots. Before applying, use a site like LinkedIn to see where an employee with duties similar to your desired role fits in. "It helps if you know the size of the company and have a description of the qualifications they seek. And be sure your résumé and cover letter is tailored to show that you have those qualifications." Schuster

Match skills not level

requires your skills but is on a lower level. Most companies are happy to consider a more junior person for a job, especially if that means they can get away with

paying a lower salary. Before you apply, consider whether "your natural instincts larel making you feel comfortable or uneasy; trust your senses." Begai says. Many larger companies may also start employees at a lower level. In other words, your seniorlevel role at a technology startup may result in a midlevel position with a Fortune 500 firm.

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Another good test for figuring out which level to target is to gauge your current job responsibility. Whether you're getting the information from a recruiter or through your own personal connections, get a sense of whether you would be managing entry-level employees, other managers, a department, a group of businesses, the entire enterprise or just your own time, says George Bradt, managing director of PrimeGenesis, a company that helps executives become established in their new jobs.

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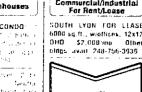
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