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• Saturday April 14; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wixom Department of Public Works; 2057 Charms Road

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Bullard in clerk race

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds-Bill Bullard Jr. announced he will seek election to the office



held since his selection by the judges of the Oakland County Circuit Court in

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January 2011. Bullard was appointed to fill the vacancy left in the county-wide office when then-Clerk Ruth Johnson was elected Michigan Secretary of State.

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Novi business owner Gary Weinstein tells why he got involved in filmmaker Shawne Duperon's 'Project: Forgive' effort. Weinstein's wife and two sons were killed by an alcohol-impaired driver in 2005.

Novi jeweler catalyst for film on forgiveness

Weinstein believes his reaction to loss can give others hope

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Forgiveness. It is a word one man earned for and anothe man knew right away he would grant.

And while it doesn't make sense to many, it makes perfect sense to Gary Weinstein.

Weinstein, who owns Weinstein Jewelers of Novi, is the one who offered up forgiveness. and Thomas Wellinger was the man who need-

Tragedy brought these two men together in 2005 when Wellinger got behind the wheel of his vehicle drunk and crashed into the car containing Weinstein's wife Judy and two sons, Alex and Sam.

At the hospital, the doctor gave Weinstein the news they died, and he said in that moment he



Gary Weinstein stands with filmmaker Shawne Duperon at Weinstein Jewelers on Grand River Avenue last week. Weinstein is the poster child of Duperon's film 'Project: Forgive.'

realized he was alone. But it was also in that moment that he realized he had an opportunity.

"When this happened and they were gone, in that instant I realized I was still here ... and there was no reason for me to disappear or run away. he said. "I had an oppor-

PROJECT: **FORGIVE**

Hear Gary Weinstein's story and read about 'Project: Forgive' at www. projectforgive.com.

tunity in that moment to say I still am strong. "Even right away for

me, forgiveness was present."

Weinstein even told Wellinger — who was sentenced to 19-30 years for three counts of second-degree murder - as much the only time they met at the Oakland County Jail. He even posed the question back, asking Wellinger if he could ever forgive himself.

"He was remorseful. and doesn't know how to be," Weinstein said. When asked why he for-

gave him, Weinstein said

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Mission trip a life-changer

Farooq family honors son by dedicating Guatemalan home

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Bill Nick and many of the other members of First Presbyterian Church in Novi who have been on mission trips before said each experience gives them new perspective.

And for Nick, seeing the emotion on the faces of the women they built homes for in Guatemala last month is something that is going to stick

"Living here in this country you don't realize what you have until you go there," he said, noting the lack of running water and electricity among other things. "It was something I will never forget.'

The church sent 15 members to Agua Escondida in the highlands of western Guatemala to build two 16-

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Iskander Farooq (left) and his wife Susan (right) stand with Guatemala residents Christina and her son Oskar outside of the Guatemalan home that the Faroogs dedicated to their son Nathan, who died in a car accident over a year ago. The Farooqs were in Guatemala with members of First Presbyterian Church in Novi as part of a mission trip.

Fitness feature added to Memorial Day Parade

Organizer encourages people to be active

By Nathan Mueller

A Novi resident is putting a new twist on the annual Memorial Day Parade this year with the addition of a series of running events prior to the parade and cere-

mony. Nas Dastmalchi, has been attending the parade for several years with his three children, often getting to the site early to get a spot along the parade route. Now, instead of just sitting and waiting, Dastmalchi wants people to participate in one of three running events - a one-mile family run/walk, a 5K run/walk and a 10K run.

"People can do this and

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COSTS

family run/walk is \$12, even on race day, and that includes a cotton T-shirt. Those who want to participate but not receive a T-shirt can run for free. Cost for the SK, which includes a Dri-Fit shirt, is \$24 until April 30, and \$29 from then until race day. The 10K, Dri-Fit shirt included, will cost \$29 until April 30, and \$34 from then until race day.

People also can get \$5 off their registration fees by bringing items to donate to charity.

For more information about the race or to register, visit www.novimemorialdayrun.com.



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FORGIVE

Continued from page A1 there was "no power" in blaming him. He said he is a person who lives in the moment and doesn't hold on to things, much

"My expression of love and care for them was complete," he said. "It can be a tough road for loss if it was not com-

Now Weinstein hopes to help others on that road to forgiveness. And when talking about happiness, Weinstein said it has never been something he has searched out; he comes

"Now I have an opportunity to be the poster child for this conversation," he said.

'Project: Forgive' That is where filmmaker and Michigan resident Shawne Duperon comes

Duperon has a unique connection to the story as her children used to baby-sit Weinstein's children and Judy was her husband's business coach. On the other side of the equation. Wellinger was a close family friend.

"I knew in that moment something miraculous was going to come of this." she said.

Now nearly seven years later that miracle is taking shape through the creation of a movie on forgiveness called "Project: Forgive. Duperon said Wein-

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Novi jeweler Gary Weinstein keeps this framed photo of he and his two sons Sam, left, and Alex, at his Grand River Avenue business. The photo is from a musical the three were involved in just months before the two boys and his wife were killed by a drunk driver.

stein was the catalyst for the film, which she said will explore and explain forgiveness on a variety of levels. Scott Rosenfelt, who executive produced "Home Alone," has signed on to be the coproducer.

A trailer for the film can be found at www. projectforgive.com, and Duperon said they need to raise \$100,000 to

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fund the campaign. As of Tuesday, \$63,692 had been raised, with 12 days

The budget for the film is \$1 million, and the goal is to have it completed by the end of the year with a release in the fall of 2013. "It's my dream come true and my life mission,' Duperon said.

For Weinstein, it's all about honoring Judy, Alex and Sam. "What my family has given me, even in this horrific loss, is to have a voice and make a difference in this world," he

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foot by 22-foot homes for mothers and their children who were abandoned, as well as provide some medical services. The workers ranged in age from 16 years old to 70 vears old, and included the mother and father of Nathan Faroog, a Novi High School student who was killed in a car accident just over a year ago. The Faroog's donated

money to build one of the homes and brought over a plaque with Nathan's name on it to place on the

"There were a lot of tears shed on both sides," Nick said.

Tom Anan, a fami ly physician at Provilence Park Hospital, and his wife, Ruth, worked in the clinic throughout the week, providing basic medical care and supplies from the 10 suitcases they brought with them. Anan said it's "amazing the difficult life they lead," and admitted they could have used more doctors. He also said while they are there to help, they also are "blessed" by the people

there too Said Ruth: "When you gave the little kids a toothbrush you would have thought we had given them the moon." Pastor Dick Henderson, who has been on multiple

Melanie Murphy, a junior at Novi High School, was one of

Fifteen members of First Presbyterian Church in Novi made

Guatemala to build two homes for women and their chil-

the trip to Agua Escondida in the highlands of western

the few teenagers on a recent mission trip to Guatemala to build homes for women and their children who were mission trips, said while

it was "intense physical labor" building the homes, it also was "one of the most spiritual experiences I have ever had, too." His wife, Sheila, said

every trip she goes on she

makes new friends. "You come back and your circle is bigger," she

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right after they finish go to the parade," he said. "It adds a lot to the event." Dastmalchi's main reason behind the Novi Memorial Day Run is to promote children's fitness, and he plans

to encourage them by awarding first-time finishers a special medal. The runs will all start

and end at Fuerst Park so people will not have to travel for the parade. There also will be food at the finish line. "I want to encourage

people to be active," he said. "And hopefully we can make this a tradition before the parade." Jason Mangum, director of parks, recreation

and cultural services for the city of Novi, said he sees the event as another way for people to be active while also honor-

ing the service members "We just felt it was a nice addition to the festivities already happening that morning with the parade and ceremony,

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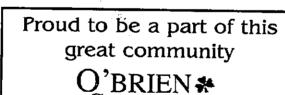
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District making adjustments to finish school year strong

familiar rite of spring began this past weekend as I mowed my yard for the first time this year. While it seemed a bit early, it was clearly time. I pulled out all the tools yard trimmer, blower and lawn mower — and proceeded to get to work.

Each year as I begin the lawn mowing task, I think back to prior years. Then I strategize to identify a better way to attack the yard. Maybe if I started here and went this more quickly. Or maybe I should start in the back and work my way to the front and it would not

While all the strategizing makes me feel better, my job is to get the lawn mowed. I can tweak what I do, change the direction I go, or work back to front or front to back I have learned, though, that regardless of my planning, it still takes me about an hour to get the

But while I was mowing I thought about our schools. We are at that point when we can see the end of the school year. Spring break is over. There are no significant breaks between now and the end of year. The ques-

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our schools, and we take whoever shows up on that first day of the school year. Goal number one for our district is to ensure a year's growth in a year's time for every

As each school year begins we tweak our plans. We think about what we have done in the past and make what we think are appropriate adjustments.

Now as we look back over this school year we look at what has hap-Have our students responded as we thought

they would? Have the lessons we have taught been effective? We have assessment data to guide us. State assessment results are available for students in grades 3-8. But more importantly each of our teachers has a host of in class assessment data

homework - to show us

what our students have

our teachers and princithat we pals take all of that inforcould to mation and determine

what is left to be done this year. If students are

not making progress our teachers and principals think about what they can do between now and end of year to make a difference. If students are progressing as planned, teachers and administrators consider how they can spur those students on just a little bit more. If students have made more progress than expected, the question our staff focuses on is what can be done to help

Now is the time that

their progress. Mowing my yard takes time. It requires that I consider options, but in the end I know what needs to be done. Each school year our teachers and principals consider the job that needs to be done to help each student grow. The goal is help them make a year's growth in a year's time.

those students continue

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools District. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1234; www.twitter. com/docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.

Fun and tasty, too



Novi Woods teacher Meredith Ben (above) reads a story to some pajama-clad kids on March 16 during the school's "Milk and Cookies Night." The night, kicking off some of its March is Reading Month activities, gave the mom and dad and kid visitors featured guests readers all around the school, and then later - milk and cookies. Novi Woods Principal David Ascher (below left) reads from his favorite boyhood book "Robert the Rose Horse." Quinn O'Connell, 5, enjoys a perch on his dad





First place



Novi High School was awarded first place in Percussion Scholastic A MCGC State Finals Competition 2012 at Saginaw Valley State University under director Brian Woodcox. The drill instructor is Jon Thomann and the techs include Pat Kochyan, Rebekah Moeller, Jackson Landry, Tiffany Baker and Timon Sherman. The percussionists are Billy Brady, Austin Brandenstein, Alex Brusher, Lauren Carroll, Dominic Felice, Ryan Fernandes, Garrett Flowers, Nathan Flowers, Geoff Gamm, Callum Gibbs, Robbie Hadley, Jordan Horan, Stevie Jecman, Akshay Kariakar, Dan Larson, Evan Leffert, Parker Maynard, Narayan Manivannan, Taylor DesOrmeau, Katie Popp, Vicki Qiao, Evan Thomas, Zack Turek, Steffan Werth and Michael Werth. Congratulations

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Novi's Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place in each elementary building at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Contact the building principal for more

Deerfield Elementary; Kimberly Warren, principal; kwarren@novi.k12.mi.us; (248)449-1700

Novi Woods Elementary; David Ascher, principal; dasche mi.us; (248) 449-1230

Orchard Hills Elementary; Pam Quitiquit, principal; pquitiquit@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1400

Parkview Elementary; Jenifer Michos, principal; jmichos@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1220

Village Oaks Elementary; Sue Burnham, principal; sburnham mi.us; (248) 449-1300 For additional information, call the Educational Services Building at (248)

Coffee with the Super

The Novi Community School District's Coffee with the Superintendent event continues with this month's topic, Surveying Our Community at the Novi Public Library's Board Room.

These next two sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 18. Please refer to the Novi News and the Novi Community School District website www.novi. k12.mi.us for additional dates, times and topics of discussion.

Appetite for learning





Novi High students Marissa Moore (left) and Justin Forkey (right) contemplate a bowl of ramen noodles during the school's Japanese Club's March 20 Ramen Noodle Eating Contest. The winner slurped down two bowls of noodles in about 15 seconds.

Novi, Northville teaming up for Relay

Organizers still looking for teams for June 2-3 event

James Gietzen got his first taste of Relay for Life as a student at Northville High School eight

And now Gietzen, who is in his second year as the chair, is spearheading a change to the event as Northville and Novi will be combining forces for the June 2-3 Relay for Life at Ford Field in Northville. Gietzen said each com-

munity's event was struggling in different ways, and believes bringing the two together is going to make a big difference. The two communities did have a combined event in the past, but that was several vears ago.

"We are really excited about this, especially the Ford Field move," he said. "It's a more conducive place to hold a Relay

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Co-chair Natalie Try ciecky is ir chair James Gietzen has vear in that beer, involved with starting as a team cap for eight

Novi held its event at Fuerst Park last year, but the hilly terrain is not as ideal as that of Ford Field. The combined event

already is off to a promising start as 25 teams are signed up, just nine shy of the goal

and has a lot more open

Gietzen, who started as a team captain at his first Relay, got his start in the

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participate in the June 2-3 Relay for Life event can get more information on forming a team which usually consists of about 15 members, by visit www.relayforlife. org/novimi or by contacting James Gietzen at (248) 863-7043. An informational meeting is being held from 7-8 p.m. tonight at the Novi Civic Center for those interested as well.

event because he wanted to be part of something. But then it transformed into something much larger as he knew a lot of people who had dealt with

"There isn't a single person in this country who hasn't been touched

Vice chair Natalie Tryciecky, who has been involved as long as Gietzen said her reason for being involved is that she "wanted to make a difference." The Novi/Northville Relay for Life in June is a 24-hour event that features a Survivor Lap to celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors, a Luminaria Ceremony to remember those lost to the disease and the Fight Back Ceremony that

> camp-out also features several other games and "The Luminaria Ceremony really brings the emotional part out of why people get involved,'

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James Gietzen and Natalie Tryciecky will chair and co-chair, respectively, the June 2-3 Relay for Life fundraiser at Northville's Ford Field. The 24-hour cancer research marathon effort will feature teams from both Northville and Novi's for the first time in several years.

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

100th Anniversary of Japan's Gift of Trees celebrated in Novi

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tries. In celebration of this 100th anniversary of the Gift of Trees the Embassy of Japan has been working with several partner organizations to reinforce this symbolism of friendship. Together with the Japanese Consulates in the U.S. the Embassy has taken the ini-

ing of flowering cherry trees in a number of cities across the United States, with the hope that these plantings of beautiful cherry blossoms will further

deepen Japan-U.S. friendship. The City of Novi will be taking part in this initiative with an event-filled week of plantings and programming celebrating the Japanese culture beginning May 12. The celebration will culminate with an official plant ing ceremony at the Novi Civic Center on May 19, which will include entertainment by such local Japanese groups as the White Pine Glee Club, Trillium Women's Choir and Raion Taiko.

Additional plantings and events will take place at St. John Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Public Library and Novi Meadows Middle School/Ringo Kai

Japanese Saturday School. As the city with the largest population of Japanese residents in the state of Michigan. and host of an annual Japan Festival, the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is delight ed Novi is among the initial 36 cities in the US where plantings have been planned.

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Cook eKitchen stirs love of cooking in young chefs

Taima Ezzeddine could be the next Paula Deen. Rachel Ray or Martha Stewart

At just 9 years old, the Farmington foodie is a whiz in the kitchen.

From scrumptious Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites to rich and savory Spinach Stuffed Shells she's perfectly at ease cooking all by herself. And, her mother, Col-

leen McGowan Ezzeddine

is fine with that, too. This pint-sized chef has all the tools she needs. right on her computer screen, as she watch es cooking videos — by kids for kids - on Cook eKitchen, a new program offered by Health Alli-

'This is something that I trust - I have no reservations," said her mom. Taima, who collects cookbooks and loves to try

new recipes — just like her mom — started out with the no-bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites. "They were so good and easy to make. I love peanut butter cups and these

were just as good, only healthier," said Taima. The best part was that they were no-bake. They were a little time-consuming to make, but so totally worth it." Colleen said they dis-

covered Cook eKitchen after tuning in to the many healthy programs offered by HAP. She took advantage of HAP's part-

DeAnté Lipscombe, 13, of Farmington Hills, is quite good at making cheese quesadillas by ollowing the recipe and how-to video on the Cook eKitchen website

Watchers about five years ago, for example and the results were nothing short of awesome "I got down to a healthy

(body mass index) and it just changed my life," she said. The Cook eKitchen reinforces her family's

quest for healthy meals and instills healthy habits in her three children. "I'm just so grateful to HAP," she said. "They have great partnerships and they're always offering free opportunities to

Her family was among the first to try out the Cook eKitchen. Colleen, a busy mother who home schools her children, and also teaches public speaking at

Wayne State University. quickly realized that the Cook eKitchen could be a

time-saver for her. "It's easy to get in the habit to plan and prepare meals for your family, but this allows you to get your children involved," she said. "You're giving them such a great skill. It can make a parent's life

Her son Hassan, 7, also enjoys cooking. "He made pancakes this morning," said Colleen. "My husband is always cooking, and he would always watch his father

Young chefs Another family, the Lip-

DeAndre Lipscombe, who is HAP's vice president of community outreach, introduced his three sons, DeAndre II, 16, DeAnté, 13, and DeMarius, 11, to it. "I love that the website is very easy to navi-

Hills, are making good

use of Cook eKitchen.

gate," he said. "It is colorful and kid-friendly. My sons, especially my 13-year-old DeAnté, love the videos. DeAnté wants to be a chef and watches the Food Network all the time. Cook eKitchen has been a great way for him to find recipes that are quick and easy make. He loves watching the videos of the chefs preparing the



Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine, of Farmington, and her 9-year-old daughter Taima Ezzeddine, show off some brownies Taima made through the Cook eKitchen online

the recipes include nutrition information, so it's never a secret what you or your kids are eating. His sons love to make

the cheese quesadillas and the cinnamon muffins. He also recognizes that Cook eKitchen can help kids make healthy food

"Cook eKitchen is a great resource for working parents who want to make sure that their preteens and teenagers are eating healthy when they are not around to encourage them to make healthy choices," he said. "In my family, the junk or processed food that is quick and easy to prepare was always the first choice for my sons. Cook eKitchen provides a nice balance for my family between food choices that are nutritious, fun to make and will not leave

my sons feeling like they

Healthy focus

HAP encourages families with children ages 8-14 to take advantage of Cook eKitchen's educational and entertaining content to help them cultivate healthy eating hab-

"Childhood obesity is threatening the health and well-being of our communities, and we're excited to introduce this wonderful, engaging resource to our youngest community members." said Terri Kachadurian director, worksite health

and wellness programs. Cook eKitchen is not only for HAP members, it's free and available to anyone at hap.org/ cookekitchen. Launched just over one month ago, the site already has near ly 11,000 page views and more than 1,580 unique

Barefoot brings to the stage one-woman show

Barefoot Productions presents "Annie Speaks" for a limited-engagement, special performance 8 p.m. Saturday. April 14, at the Barefoot the-

"Annie Speaks" is an engaging one-woman show detailing the work of Helen Keller's teacher,

Annie Sullivan whose birthday

also happens to be April 14. Barefoot officials said this delightful blend of humor and drama" stars Dearborn actress Collette Cullen. As a veteran educator herself, the lifechanging work of Annie Sullivan resonates with Cullen.

For 40 years, Cullen taught special needs students and also served as a supervisor of student teachers for Wayne State University. One highlight of Cullen's inspiring career was teaching in the agrarian village of the poorest region of Georgia, Europe (formerly the Soviet Union). In Tskaltsminda, Cullen worked with first-through sixth-graders in the most dire of learning conditions.

In an effort to continue the language program that she worked with in Georgia. Europe, a portion of the proceeds from "Annie Speaks" will be used to send much needed school supplies to the teacher and students in Tskaltsminda Barefoot Productions is locat-

ed at 240 N. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased by visiting justgobarefoot.com or by call-

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability penefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Socia ecurity taxes to ensure that they would receive they could no longer government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and ennifer Alfonsi have 42 years representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign nexperi-enced attorneys to you case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi ence at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is ever

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many represented by attorneys win a appeals. And attorneys who pecialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

erviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also dio programs and

represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of

Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social

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PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Novi Senior center hosted a Tiger's opening day luncheon on April 5. About 90 fans got a traditional ballpark fare, enjoyed a trivia contest and sang songs as they awaited

Fox Run debuts The Vegetarian Prince to welcome new Detroit Tigers slugger

pared The Vegetarian Prince sandwich at an **April 5 Detroit Tigers** Opening Day rally with nearly 1,000 residents to welcome new slugger Prince Fielder to their

online at hometownlife.com

beloved hometown team The Vegetarian Prince reflects Fielder's reported vegetarian lifestyle and is a beguiling blend of grilled portobello on focaccia bread with smoked gouda, roasted red peppers and basil aoli. (It is rumored be perfect to eat while watching Fielder hit 430foot home runs during the upcoming season.)

The Fox Run rally included pre-game enter tainment by The Frank-lin Road Christian School Jazz Band; a rousing rento the Ballgame" sung by attendees and led by the resident-run Hot Stove League, an origi-

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Surrounded by Bengal gear and the Detroit Olde English 'D' Fred Sause smiles as he takes in the April 5 Nov Senior Center Tiger's opening day luncheon.

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nal song written by resident Neil Trainor; and the ceremonial first pitch of the new baseball season thrown by resident pitcher Al Davis to catcher Fred Moschetta, the community's sales director who once worked at former Tigers Stadium and

whose office is filled with Tigers memorabilia that would make Hall of Famer Al Kaline proud. A highlight of the day

was the reading by resident Ozzie Ostrander of "The Voice of the Turtle" as a tribute to Ernie Harwell, the late Tigers sportscaster who was a resident of Fox Run. Harwell would read this passage from Song of Solomon 2:11-12 prior to the start of the first Tigers game of the each new haseball season: "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone: the flowers appear on

singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." Residents then watched the Opening Day game between the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Red Sox on a large screen in the Ascot Living Room

and cheered the Tigers on

the earth; the time of the

in Detroit as well, are always looking for new venues to do shows and the theater upstairs at

Glitz and glamour of Vegas coming to Andiamo Novi

By Nathan Muelle:

A taste of Las Vegas s coming to Novi as the Andiamo Novi Theatre will be hosting a variety of tribute shows over the

Bobby Valli kicks off the series on April 29 with a tribute to his brother Frankie Valli and The Jersey Boys with special guest Kathy Thompson as Bette Midler. The other tribute shows

include Billy Joel and Elton John in May, The Rat Pack and Liza Minnelli in July and Barbra Streisand and Cher in

Ray Kurmas, director of operations at Andiamo Novi, said there was a point where the restaurant was going to stop hosting shows, but felt this line-up fit their

demographic perfectly. "If we were going to do shows again they had to be shows that worked for both parties involved. he said. "People want to interact and be entertained and these shows

do that. "It brings in a good energy that starts in the dining room and goes upstairs."

Joel Bogorad, director/agent for Top Quality Shows, approached Kurmas with the idea for the tribute shows after having dinner at the restaurant one night.

He said the performon stage at MGM Grand Andiamo's is "drop dead



IOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRA Ray Kurmas, left, director of operations at Andiamo's Novi, and promoter Joel Bogorad are planning a number of high-quality tribute singers for the Grand River Avenue restaurant's 300-seat, second-level banquet room. The first act will be Bobby Valli on April 29.

LAS VEGAS TRIBUTE SERIES

Bobby Valli — April 29 Billy Joel and Elton John — May 3-4, 11-13, 25-27 The Rat Pack and Liza Minnelli — July 12-15, 19-20, 22,

Barbra Streisand and Cher — Sept. 7-9, 14-16 Show tickets available at www.andiamonovitheatre.com

The theater underwent a slight renovation recently, and on April 18, is being relaunched as the Andiamo Banquet and Event Center of Novi. Kurmas said thev want to get away from

cater to various types of In terms of the Las Vegas tribute shows, the theater will seat roughly 300 people who will have a chance to interact with the performers as well as talk and take pictures

the nightclub scene and

with them afterwards. Show tickets on their own are \$20, but Kurmas said the best deal is the dinner package for \$69.95, which includes two dinners and two tick-

"People get to go to an upscale restaurant and get quality entertainment," he said. "I don't think this really works without the dinner pack-

Bogorad said all the performers look and sound like the stars they impersonate, and they study their roles constantly.

"When it goes perfectly you have never seen any thing more spectacular,' For more information

about the shows or to purchase tickets, visit www. andiamonovitheatre.com or call (248) 348-3838.

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John Skouberdis and the late Irene Skouberdis of

The bride-to-be graduated in 2006 from Novi High

master's degree in human nutrition and dietetics from Central Michigan University. She works as a regis-

tered dietitian at the Children's Hospital of Michigan

Her fiance graduated in 2006 from Novi High School

and in 2010 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in finance. He earned his

master's degree in accounting from the University of

These high school sweethearts met their freshman year in high school during baseball season. Christine

was the catcher for the Novi softball team, number 18,

and Derek was the catcher for the Novi baseball team,

A June 2012 wedding is planned at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

number 18. The couple was introduced by a mutual

at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Detroit.

Michigan in 2011. He works as an assurance associate

Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Derek Smith, son of David and Sylvia

School and in 2009 from Madonna University with

a bachelor's degree in dietetics. She is pursuing her



Chelsea residents Kendall Kuryn Ziegler and Kevin Patrick Cislo were engaged to be married in 2010. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Kim Ziegler, of Novi. She is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School; earned a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and gender and health studies from University of Michigan in 2010; and a master's of public health from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010. She is a

researcher on the National Children's Study at Michigan State University. The groom-elect is the son of Chuck and Marilyn Cislo, of Novi. He is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School, and he earned a bachelor's degree in education (with certifica-

tions in history and psychology) from University of Michigan in 2009. He is a teacher for Adrian Public Schools. A wedding is planned for May 5, 2012, at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.

The bride's attendants will include Valerie Ziegler, Taylor Ziegler, Jaymie Ziegler, Katie Mulvaney, Nicole Melendez and Lauren Vrane The groom's attendants will include Brandon Cislo,

Anthony Toth, Kenny Fellows, Tim Kalczynski, Nick

Urban and Eric Royston A reception will be held at Mytic Creek and the couple plan to honeymoon with an eastern Caribbean cruise May 6-13 and residing in their new home in Chelsea.

Wish You Were Here



Novi's Brian and Lori Burke recently took their daughter. Allison, to London for her senior high school trip and had her senior pictures shot in Edinburgh.

NEWSMAKERS

Jeff Duneske

Jeff Duneske, associate broker with Remerica United Realty in Novi, was awarded for having the Top Listing and Selling Team in 2011 for the office. He ended up closing on 59 real estate transactions last year, and this is his third year of achieving this award.



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(From left) Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Board Member Equilla Wainwright of Detroit, Cathy McIntosh of Rochester Hills. Donna Meyers of Novi and Diana Napoleon of Southfield taste-tested the Thank You Berry Much entry created by the Atheneum Suite Hotel in Detroit. At the Fourth Annual Cookie Gala last week, 13 of the area's top restaurants created decadent desserts usina Girl Scouts'; signature cook-

ies and then competed for top awards. The Atheneum Suite Hotel won the Judge's Choice Award, Girls Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. If you missed oùt on purchasing cookies, visit www. gssem.org





las Schunck of West Bloomfield and (left front) Taylor Shepard of Novi Troop 71035 and R'Ciera Batts of Harper Woods Troop 43095 were part of the 400-plus Girl Scouts supporters at the 4th Annual Cookie Gala held at the Atheneum Suite Hotel in Detroit last week Shepard is a 2011 Top Cookie Seller (4,002 boxes) and Batts is also a 2011 Top Cookie Seller (1,000 boxes). The event raised over \$85,000 for he Girl Scouts

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi events

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Times/Dates: 6:30 p.m.Monday. April 16; 10:15 a.m. Wednesday April 18

Location: Novi Public Library's Board Room **Details:** Surveying Our Community will be discussed on

DEMOCRATS MEETING

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 Location: Comfort Suites Inn (southwest corner of Wixom

CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

Road and 196, Wixom) Details: Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, will address the meeting of the West Oakland Democrats club. Participants also may register to be precinct delegates. Free and open to the public. Snacks provided;

pizza may be purchased. Contact: www.mydems.info

Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B 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 left.) Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Tuesday, May 22: Stroke

Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent Exercise Details: Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no

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 contact information that you would like to supply.

MUFFLERS & MORE CAR CARE FAIR

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21 Location: Mufflers and More, 490 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled

Details: Open to the public, free of charge - bring your car in for a glance from the pros. Secret giveaways will offer visitors coupons and other great deals. All visitors will receive a free driveway inspection with a detailed evaluation. Contact: (248) 668-1200)

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING WORKSHOP Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 5

Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CFP as they present What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income. Contact: Reservations are free, but seating is limited. Call Sigma Financial toll free at (877) 557-4462 or visit www.123 RetirementPlanning.com.

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23 Location: Holy Family Parish- 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi Details: Workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. Bob La Croix, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www. goodmourningministry.net or call the Holy Family Parish

Contact: Holy Family (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.ora

THIRD ANNUAL 5K EMERGENCY **RUN AND 1-MILE STROKE WALK**

Location: Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck and Grand River Avenue, Novi) Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12

Details: Everyone is invited to participate - please share this information with your family and friends! The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at http://citvofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRec/Programs/ SenseOfCommunity.asp#EmergencyRun. The event will be

staged in the driveway to the Assarian Cancer Center. PROSTATE CANCER PRESENTATION

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12 Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Av-

Contact: (248) 735-8100 or log on to the web site

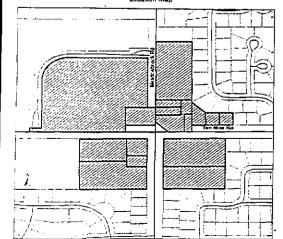
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Location Map below.

Details: Gary Lalonde, motivational speaker and prostate cancer survivor shares his story on how he is beating his cancer - naturally - in this free seminar.

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, April 25, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to NOVI CIVIC CENTER, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to
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RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL. The
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

Novi Planning Commission

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Passages

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Remembrances

AMBLER. RICHARD "DICK" WILLIAM Age 89, of Northville, passed away on April 8, 2012. He was the

Sarah Ambler, Rachael Ambler

Commission, was elected as City

retired from Chrysler Corporation

Friday, April 13 at 11am, with vis-

itation beginning at 10am, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 with a

ancheon to follow. He will be laid

to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery fol-lowing the luncheon. Memorial

tributions to the First United

Methodist Church.

HUBBARD. MARY REED

ge 89, of Venice, FL, and Rapid Age 89, of Venice, FL, and Rapid City, MI, passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter on April 7, 2012. She was surrounded by her family who were blessed to care for her in her final days. She was preceded in death by her son, John Hubbard, brothbeloved husband of Jeanne for 67 beloved husband of Jeanne for 67 years; and is also survived by daughters, Diane (Bob) Smeed and Nancy (Jim) Worthley; son, Rick (Kathy) Ambler; grandchildren, Rob Smeed, Metta (Dustin) Dwyer, Mark (Tara) Worthley, Matt Worthley, Marie Ambler, Sarah Ambler, Boahad Ambler, Sarah Ambl er, John Reed, and grandson, Jacob Hubbard, Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Ralph Cullen nusband of 69 years, Raiph Cullen Hubbard; children, Pam (Tim) Minick, of Ann Arbor, Cheryl (Larry) Grajewski, of Ann Arbor, Marc (Deb) Hubbard of Granger, IN, Ron Hubbard of Holly, Mary Hubbard (Fred Jensen) of Ada, Maggie (Rick) Groggel, of Kentwood, Julie (Don) Orsini, of White Lake, and Tim (fill) and great-granddaughter Irene Dwyer. He was devoted to his entire family and will be greatly missed. A lifelong resident of Northville, he served on the City of Northville Planning White Lake, and Tim (Jill)
Hubbard of Grand Rapids; grandchildren. Chris Hubbard (Tina Councilman and was on the Northville School Board. He served on the Northville Township Board and at the Methodist Miller), Dan Hubbard, Krystal Church as Steward of Finance. He continued to serve as trustee on the Langfield Committee supporting the Northville High School Band. He enjoyed serving the community and the church. He was on the board of Lakelands Hubbard, Stacey Franklin (Jason Allen), Todd Franklin, Lindsay (Alex) Beros, Stephen Grajewski, Kylene (Ben) Broadwater, Katie Orsini, Anna Jensen, Alicia Hubbard, Megan Hubbard, Peter Groggel, Andy Groggel, & Leann was on the board of Lakelands Golf and Country Club while they built and expanded the clubhouse and was the originator of the Northville Oldtimers Meeting and the Chrysler Retiree Annual (Jacob) Lahmann; great grand-children, Madeline Hubbard, Lily Hubbard, Stella Hubbard, Carter Beros, Zoey Beros, 'Baby Boy' Broadwater: Brother William (Hilda) Reed of Grand Rapids, and six nieces and nephews. Mary devoted her life to raising nine children and joyfully spent time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. During her early fifties she returned to college for a liberal arts degree. Meeting, both started at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville, He as an executive with worldwide responsibility in Wage and Salary Administration. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 12 from 5-8 liberal arts degree. She also enjoyed water color and pastel painting, playing piano, reading, cross word puzzles, classical music and was the family scrabble p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A memorial service will be held champion. Retirement years were spent between Venice, FL, and Torch Lake, MI. The lake held a special place in her heart with constant family gatherings, boat rides, fishing, swimming, lake gazing and smores at the camp-fire. Mary will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her family. The family is grateful for

ramily. The lamily is grateful for the care and support provided by Tidewell Hospice (Venice, FL) and Hospice of Michigan. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Hospice Michigan. A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Flk Papide MI, with BLATY, EDWARD A. June 20, 1923- March 31, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BOYCHUK, JOANNA Age 88, passed away April 2, 2012. A graveside service was 2012. A graveside service was neld on April 10 at Fort Custer National Cemetery, www.phillipsfuneral.com

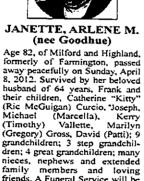
CLARK, PHILIP SR. December 28, 1944-April 2, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

GORDY, WILLIAM C. Age 49, passed away April 5, 2012. He was born on April 16, 1962, in Ypsilanti, son of William and Anna Gordy. Will worked for Ford Motor Co. for 19 years and was a former Lieutenant with the Lyon Township Fire Dept. Will was also a former Golden Glove Boxing champion. He was a devoted family man and was an excellent provider to his wife and children. He will always be remembered for the warmth of his personality, his great sense of humor, his love of music and for always being a great husband and always being a great husband and father. He is survived by his beloved wife Colleen; his children: Crystal, Kaitlyn, Haley and Noah; his mother, Anna Gordy and his siblings: Ann (Glen) Hysell and Rose (Donald) Cogar. He is also survived by his nieces. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews and many loving friends. He was preceded in death by his son Charles Gordy in 2011 and his father in 2008. Visitation

was held on Monday, April 9 at

was neid on Monday, April 9 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral service wasbe conducted on Tuesday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Online Guestbook

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Church of Elk Rapids, MI with

visitation one hour prior to the service. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, 4291 Cascade Rd SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Age 82, of Milford and Highland, formerly of Farmington, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 8, 2012. Survived by her beloved husband of 64 years, Frank and their children, Catherine "Kitty" (Ric McGuigan) Curcio, Joseph, Michael (Marcella), Kerry (Timothy) Vallette, Marilyn (Gregory) Gross, David (Parti); 9 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and extended family members and loving friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Hends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, April 12 at 10 AM. Burial Highland Cemetery, Friends may visit at the Funeral Home on Wednesday 2-8 PM and Thursday morning one hour prior Thursday morning one hour prior to service. Rosary Wednesday 7 pm. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MORGAN, HENRY E.

KOWALSKI. RONALD D. Age 55, of Commerce; passed away on April 2, 2012. Mr. Kowalski was the founder and owner of Premier Refrigeration in Waterford for 31 years. He was a member of the MCA Contractors member of the MCA Contractors, His passions included spending time with his family, contributing to the Boy Scouts of America (most recent, Troop 42), camping and woodworking. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 31 years Patricia "Pat" Kowalski; dear sons Anthony Kowalski, Jon Kowalski, Nicholas Kowalski; and Ben Kowalski; sish Kowalski; sind Ben Kowalski; sish Kowalski, and Ben Kowalski; siblings Kenneth Kowalski, the late Chuck Kowalski, and Noli Kowalski, Mr. Kowalski was pre-ceded in death by his parents William and Frances Kowalski. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Memorial donations were to Boy Scouts of America c/o Patricia Kowalski, St. Mary's-Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com St. Vincent De Paul Society an Gleaner's Food Bank; please visit www.eltonblackandsc

LAFAYETTE, LILA E. Age 89, passed away April 3, 2012 She was born on January 6, 1923, in Detroit, to the late George and Ethel Haskel. In April 1948, she married Edward Lafayette, Lila served in the U.S. Coast Guard during, WWII as a pharmacier's during WWII as a pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class "Spars" She was a member of the Seniors Study Club of South Lyon, and Secretary of the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Lila is survived by her daughter Lorraine (Timothy) Fairbanks, her grandchildren: Collin (Lisa) Kwolek, Nathan (Myria) Fairbanks; great-grand-children: Justin Kwolek, Angelica Barich-Kwolek, Willamina and Barich-Kwolek, Willamina and Marlowe Fairbanks and her sister Thelma Belcher, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Lafayette, and her husband of five months Robert C. Haas, and her brother Richard Haskel. Visitation was held on April 29. PHILLIPS INTER A. April 9 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral was held on Tuesday, April 10 at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donation to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 630 Kenmoor Ave S.E.,

om and share a tribute of Ronald Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home,

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LOUCH, LEROY R. November 20, 1930- April 3,



JOHN

Passed away on Tuesday
March 20th 2012 at 8:45
A.M. at Providence Park
Hospital, Novi, Michigan.
Preceded in death by parents
Dominick & Isabella Marafioti. Dominick & Isabella Marafioti. Survived by Loving Wife Helen, Sister Beatrice Manti, Albany, N.Y., Nephew, Vincent (Nancy) Manti, Albany, N.Y., Niece Beatrice (Larry) Iceman, Wirtz, V.A., Special Cousin, Marjoric (Edward), DelVechio, Albany, N.Y. John attended Christian Brother's Academy, Albany, N.Y. N.Y. John atteneded Christian Brother's Academy, Albany N.Y., Sienna College, Albany N.Y. and Allied Military training at the University of Nebraska and Hamilton College. He was a highly decorated member of the Armed Forces attached to the 104th Timberwolf Division. He twiced escaped his German captors during the 1st Army's siege of Cologne. He holds the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for heroic action during the battle for Germany and was cited for gallantry. He was treated for shrapnal injuries at a U.S. General Hospital in France. Upon returining to the U.S., he was employed by the State of New York in the labor dept. He retired to the State of Florida where he met and married his wife Helen. John was an avid golfer and a member of The Silver Springs Shores Golf and Country Club. He was also an avid fan of Notre Dame and the New York Yankees. John was loved by all who knew him. Adored by his step-children and grandchildren and great grandson Brandon He is mored by the silver to the still. ther's Academy, Albany N.Y. grandchildren and great grands Brandon. He is missed by all!

Age 72, passed away April 5, 2012. He was born on August 22, 1939 to the late Leonard and Avis (Swan) Morgan. He graduated from Cheyboygan High School and served in the U.S. Army for 2 years. He retired after 30 years of service to Ford Motor Company n Wixom. He enjoyed huntin fishing. Genealogy, and loved spending time with his grandchil-dren and friends. Henry is sur-vived by his wife of 48 years. Phyllis Morgan; children: Dorrin Morgan, Peggy Hellwedge Rebbeca Carter; siblings: Beatrice Larson, Janet (Don)Conner. Helen Bouce, Jack Morgan, Rita Morgan, Doris (Denny) Friend, Rose (Lou) Linn, Leonard (Barb) Morgan, Richard (Pam) Morgan Gary Morgan, Vicki (Andy) Gilbert. Tom (Maureen) Morgan, Ruth (Rich) Bos, Carole Elton. Karen (Chris)Vandewaterringer Lisa Race; grandchildren; Charlie (Katie) Morgan, Paul Hellwedge Harley Hellwedge; and 3 great-grandsons. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Joseph Morgan and James Morgan. A memorial serv-ice will be held at a later date in butions may be made to the fam ly of Henry Morgan. Arrange-ments entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

SACKETT.

TIMOTHY MARTIN Of Fenton, age 48, died une pectedly Thursday, April 5, 2012 at his residence. Funeral service will be held 5 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2012 at the Swartz Funer Home, 1225 West Hill Road Flint, Pastor James McGuire offi-ciating. Cremation will take place following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. Visitation 12 noon Monday until the time of the service at th (Lofton) Sackett. On October 13 2001, he married Jennifer Trotter in Swartz Creek. Timothy love listening to music and watchin movies. Surviving are wife Jennifer (Trotter); father, Bill and wife Marylyn; sisters, Karen and husband Todd Woods and Amy and husband Larry New; nieces and nephews, Chase, Taylor, Trinity and Nick; step-children, Andy and Tamara; mother and father-in-law, Ronald Sr. and Karyn Trotter; brother-in-law, Ronald Trotter Jr.; and beloved family pets, Stormy, Korben and Konner. He was preceded death by his mother, Donna.

lence may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

WHEELING, EDITH Age 74, passed away April 3rd, 2012. Burial took place in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

WILBER, DONALD JAMES Age 89 of Northville. Born on November 20, 1922. Survived by his

wife Phylis, four chil-dren, 16 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. A World War great grandchildren. A work II veteran that served in the Army Toch Set. In lieu o Air Corps as Tech Sgt. In lieu of flowers, please make of to Henry Ford Hospice.

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com WORKMAN, RICHARD W.

Age 78, of Brighton, passed away April 8, 2012. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 3:00pm-9:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services will be coned on Friday, April 13 at 11:00an at Brighton Nazarene Church, 7669 Brighton Road, Brighton, Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Lenten events

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a.m. Traditional worship service.

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Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group Have a New Kid by Friday! Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednes-

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OUR VIEWS

Be alert Make sure you know

rules for tornado safety

When fast moving severe storms sweep through our area, they quickly and pack strong winds. Trees are uprooted and homes damaged. Power lines are knocked downed and utility poles snap like toothpicks, leaving residents in the dark.

Severe weather is a given in Michigan, so knowing what to do is a requirement, not an option.

Early warning systems alert residents to severe weather. Television and radio stations also issue alerts based on information gleaned from the National Weather Service and Doppler radar.

That's all well and good, but if you don't know what to do or what those alerts mean, the information is all for naught.

We may not experience the volume and severity of storms, especially tornadoes, that other parts of the country do. but they do happen here. We need only look at what happened in Dexter last month. Severe storms spawned tornadoes that destroyed or damaged at least 100 homes. April 15-21, is Severe Weather

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to be safe. Next week is a good week to do that. Do you know the difference between a

watch and warning? A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide you with an enough time to make plans. A warning is issued when a hazardous weather event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurring. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

In the case of a tornado, the warning usually comes with orders to seek cover immediately. There are those who grab their camcorder and head out to get video of the storm. Photographing a tornado may be cool, but it's foolhardy. The time spent watching it is time that should be spent moving to a safe location.

Among the recommendations provided by Roger Edwards of the Storm Prediction Center, which issues tornado and severe thunderstorm watches, people living in a house with a basement should avoid windows and get in the basement, under some kind of sturdy protection like a heavy table or work bench, or cover themselves with a mattress or sleeping

In the case of a house with no basement, his recommendation is to go to the lowest floor, a small center room, like a bathroom or closet, under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. A bath tub may offer partial protection.

If you live in a mobile home, Edwards has just two words to say: Get out. Even if the home is tied down, it is not as safe as an underground shelter or permanent, sturdy building.

Weather forecasting science is not perfect and some tornadoes do occur without a tornado warning. We urge readers to use Severe Weather Awareness Week to learn what needs to be done when a warning is issued. And when the city issues an emergency warning, don't ignore it. Stop, listen and take the appro-

We've had our fair share of sever weather over the years and there's more to come. The season is just starting. While we may think we know what to do, there's no substitute for staying alert.



Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **COMMUNITY VOICE**

OPINION

How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this season?



"I'm really excited with the addition of Prince Fielder. I think they've got a winner.

Fred Sause



"One hundred wins because they've got offense and pitching." **Eric Nogas**



"Eighty-seven wins. Poor "They're going to go all the way. With Fielder relief pitching. Cheryl Newhard and Verlander, they're Farmington Hills good."

Jean Radke

LETTERS

Visiting the common folks

See where Barack Obama is coming to town to visit and break bread with his supporters? Yep, the prez will be here on Wednesday the 18th to meet and spend some time with the 99 percenters and various other friends. You know, the poor folks, the underprivileged and the other people that those rich Republicans are always taking advantage of and using for their own selfish gains. And just to assure his followers that he hasn't lost touch with the people who elected him, you can join in the fun. However, there are a few little details that could rain on your parade

First of all, the festivities are by invitation only and the invites have already been sent out. So if you haven't already received one, you're outta luck. Probably just as well though because the prices are a little on the steep side. For instance, the first affair at Henry Ford Museum costs \$250 just to get in the building. For a mere \$5,000 more, you can actually have a bite to eat and get a photo of the big

guy himself The evening event, well that's another story. Denise Ilitch is hosting a little affair at her Bingham Farms home that will set you back \$40,000 if you want the full treatment that includes cocktails, dinner and a "formal photo." I can't even imagine what they could possibly serve that could be worth that kind of money. It has to be more than Little Caesars Pizza, regardless of

the toppings. Think about it, you Obama lovers — for a measly \$45,000 you can have two meals, cocktails and a "formal photo" of your man. Plus you get to spend a good part of the day with him. Anyone dumb enough to spend that kind of money deserves to suffer through that. And for those of you who consider \$45,000 a little excessive for one day's entertainment, think about this: The average per capita income for the State of Michigan for the year 2011 was \$36,533. Sort of puts things in perspective, doesn't it? And by the way, this kind of fundraising isn't anything new for this "man of the people." In the 2008 election, Obama spent \$746 million and that old rich guy from Arizona, John McCain, spent \$383 million Go figure!

Dave Shingler

Kudos, Cutter

Thank you to Northville Pizza Cutter for your continued, generous support of our students during March is Reading Month!

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Questions for McCotter

I keep hearing our politicians say that the American people want Canaress to get rid of entitlements. I wonder how they know what we Congresses in NACO train auto 10

constituent weeks a year to taik to us and discuss his votes. He has not

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called his three offices and been told that he is busy and has nothing scheduled. I know he voted to make Medicare a voucher system. I want more information about how changing Medicare is going to affect me. I want to know if the voucher will rise with inflation or will it rise with medical costs? What I'm looking for are facts about his votes. It is in the interest of both Republicans and Democrats to expect our elected officials to speak to us and answer our questions on a regular basis. Otherwise the 18 weeks that Congress is not in session is just vacation time.

Livonia

GOP war on women

The Republican National Committee's chairman, Reince Priebus, is pushing the falsehood that a Republican war on women doesn't exist. He recently asserted that legislative attacks on women's rights are pure fiction and are comparable to a war on caterpillars. If the chairman thinks this remark is humorous, women are not laughing. Comparing women to insects is not only degrading, but also outrageous. Many of the Republicans' recent

words and deeds reveal that the war on women is thriving. Republicans in the U.S. Congress have voted numerous times to shut down Planned Parenthood. Mitt Romney has indicated that one of his goals is to defund this organization, denying millions of low-income women breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests and birth control. Republicans have also created legislation designed with the intention of forcing women to undergo invasive transvaginal ultrasounds. Although it's difficult to fathom, all Republican senators in the U.S. Senate voted against the Anti-Rape Amendment. In addition, every Republican U.S.

Senator voted no on the Equal Pay Votuen Act Proper Scott Let 10% over Just by repealing Wisconsin's Equal Pay Enforcement

instances, passed by Republicans, is inexhaustible.

America's women won't tolerate being stripped of their autonomy. These women declared their independence many years ago and will continue to fight to preserve and Jill Farber-Bramson

West Bloomfield

Energy vs. air

Yes, I love my clean air. But, I also like my cheap electricity that allows me to turn on my light, charge my cell phone, power my radio, recharge my laptop or heat my electric oven.

Coal-burning power plants emit toxins, as do humans and animals, in the environment. Plants also produce 46 percent of our electrical needs. Alternative energy (wind, solar) only produce 3.6 percent and cannot provide base load power to help fuel the American economy. Plus, each takes up a much bigger footprint than a power plant.

Not only that, but before regulations and costs that are ultimately passed on to all of the consumers both rich and poor. Coal burning power plants had a 48 percent reduction in pollutants in the Great Lakes region, while global emission increased by 17 percent.

The Obama administration's attempt to reduce mercury pollution by 90 percent is economically unfeasible without power companies shutting down plants and cutting jobs in our much-needed state. Now it is letting the EPA go after low consequent pollution emitters like schools, hospitals, apartment complexes and churches, adding regulation and cost for everyone.

The March 15 Environment Michigan Lansing letter failed to mention one volcanic eruption emits seven tons of mercury vs. the 2,253 pounds that power plants did in 2010. One ton equals 2,000 pounds. That's almost seven times the amount of mercury, a natural element found on the periodic chart. There were 56 volcanic eruptions in 2011 and 69 eruption in 2010 in nature that produced mercury poisoning. No matter how hard we try to be safe, we will all get sick and die some day. Safety is the opposite of freedom. Freedom is not safe and never free. You have to be bold and brave to be free.

Not only that, but our elected representatives are mandating we now buy CFL lighting that has five milligrams of mercury per bulb. So if you drop and break a CFL light in your home, you have toxic spill. In a typical year the U.S. sends four tons of mercury to landfills, just because Congress wants us to buy CFL lights.

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Doug Klingensmith Milford

CHURCH

Continued from page A11 Single Place

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every

Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up that meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday neetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream

Date: April 12 **Details:** Cards & Games Night. Enjoy playing Euchre, Mexican Train and other games. Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation

Date: April 19 Details: Physical therapist Rebecca Hitch, from Botsford Hospital, to discuss the importance of balance in living a healthy life. Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation requested Date: April 26

Details: Donna Mathias. certified reflexologist, to talk about reflexology as a natural way of healing. single Place social follows; \$5 donation please. Date: May 3

Details: Requesting attendees to give us their ideas for improving the Single Place organization and its activities so we may better

Date: May 10 Details: Walt Strasinski hose discussion topic is "Success or Failure, Your Choice". Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation

Date: May 17 Details: Dr. Tom Gerou, whose topic is The Importance of Maintaining Good Health As We 'Age to Perfection'. Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation requested. Date: May 24

Details: First cookout of the season. Burgers and brats form the grill accompanied by the usual picnic food of baked bean potato salad, etc. If bad weather, we picnic inside tainment will be provided by Idell. Cost is \$12 for or \$7 for dinner and \$5 for

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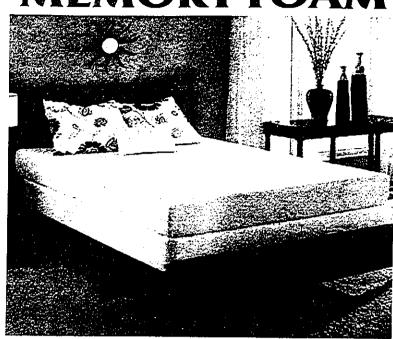
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Woman arrested for drunk

A 23-year-old woman was arrested on April 7 for drunk driving, driving while license suspended and driving an unregistered vehicle after she was initially stopped for reckless driving at Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the officer saw the driver nearly hit people and other vehicles while driving through the parking lot at a high rate of speed. The officer pursued the car and was able to stop the driver in the park-

ing lot of the Hotel Baronette. The woman said she did not have her icense on her and smelled strongly of intoxicants. She said she had just one drink, but she failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test regis-tered a blood alcohol content of .157 per-cent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

She was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued citations on the three charges and released after posting bond and

Novi's overpasses target of

The Novi police are initiating a Community Oriented Policing project after a rash of vandalism to various overpasses throughout the city.

According to police, the most recent complaint came on April 7 when a resident complained about spray paint on the concrete overpasses that intersect with the CSX Railroad crossings. The overpasses at West Park, I-96 and Grand River Avenue have all been targeted, with subjects spray painting an assortment of symbols, phrases and more on the surface. Some of the "tags" have been racial

Man arrested with concealed weapon in car

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for having a concealed weapon in his car and driving while license suspended after initially being stopped for disobeying a "do not enter" sign at Crescent Drive and Novi Road on April 7.

According to the police report, the officer saw the man disobey the sign and the driver said he was lost trying to find Tin Fish. The officer also noticed a box for a handgun on the backseat and that the driver had an empty holster on

He told police the gun was registered and he had it for protection. Police found the unloaded gun in the center console

The driver was arrested on his DWLS charge and turned over to Canton

Wheels stolen off Mercedes'

Two 2012 Mercedes C300 vehicles had their wheels stolen off them while they were parked in the parking lot of the Grand River Avenue business sometime

According to the police report, the service manager noticed the theft when he returned to work on Monday. The vehicles were on cider blocks, and no other evidence was found on the scene. The wheels are valued at \$10,000. Police have no suspects.

Fridge, stove taken from Novi residence

A Novi woman had the refrigerator and gas stove stolen from her residence on Arizona sometime between April 5-7 after she moved out.

According to the police report, the woman moved out but left the doors unlocked. She said she didn't give anyone permission to enter the residence and does not know who may have taken

The case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau for possible follow-

Speeding driver caught with drugs

A 23-year-old Westland man was arrested for marijuana possession and paraphernalia on April 5 after he was stopped for speeding on Novi Road near

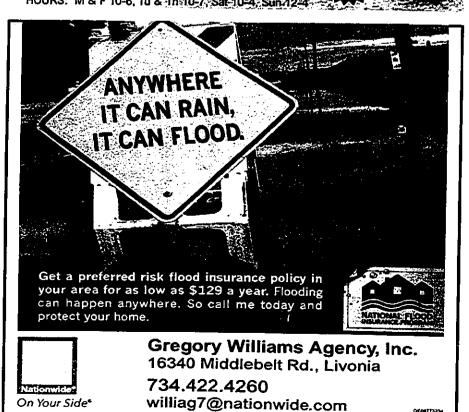
According to the police report, the officer observed the vehicle travel-ing 53 mph in a 40 mph zone before initiating the traffic stop. When he approached the car he could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from

The driver said at first that the last time there was marijuana in the car was a week ago, but eventually admitted to having some in the center console. Police found 3.7 grams of marijuana in

the car, as well as a pipe and grinder. The suspect was arrested, issued a citation and released after posting bond.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller









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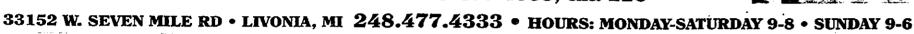
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Mustangs sweep tennis foes

Team remains undefeated with two more victories

By Sam Eggleston

The victories just keep on coming for the Northville Mustangs girls tennis team, which hasn't lost a single match throughout the three contests it has participated in this season.

The girls squad, coached by Brady Crosby, earned 9-0 victories over both Salem and Stevenson last week. Against Salem, the Mustangs had lit-

tle trouble with their foes. At No. 1 singles, senior Erin Doud defeated senior Morgan Spencer, 6-1, 6-0, before Danielle Romano earned a win at No. 2 singles over Ashley Walker, 6-4, 7-5. At No. 3 singles, freshman Paige Baal defeated Salem senior Sushi-

mi Diraviam, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, while soph-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be back on the court when they visit South Lyon at 4 p.m. April 17.

Narges Pourmandi at No. 4 singles.
In the doubles flights, Northville had the same level of suc-

Jeannotte

earned a 6-0.

6-1 win over

cess. The No. 1 doubles team of Mackenzie Powers and Aniki Mukherji defeated Courtney march and Katie Vena, 6-0, 6-1, while Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz earned a 6-0, 6-2 win over Sarah Bellaire and Kathy Kemp at No. 2 doubles.
At the third doubles flight, Valerie Trupiano and Claudia Ma defeat-

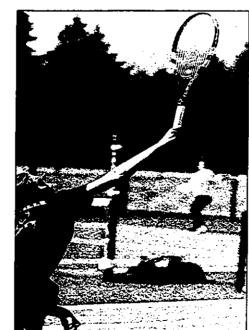
ed Meghan Barry and Monica Topolovec, 6-1, 7-5, while Shannon Williams and Chloe Page beat Abi Collingwood and Kalaya Thomas, 6-0, 6-1. At fifth doubles, the team of Rachel Crittenden and Nicole Khamis defeated Maggie Sneideman and Lily Gonzalez, 6-0, 6-0, and the duo of Alison Kozerski and Libby Quinn won over Kaiia Gav-las and Tiffany Chan, 6-1, 6-1, at sixth

That success carried over to the Mustangs' match against Stevenson. Doud earned a 6-1, 6-2 win over Aimee Moccia while Romano went 6-1, 6-1 over Caroline Hay. Beating Kathryn Malkowski was third singles' Jeannotte, 6-0, 6-3, while Alison Kozerski earned a 6-2, 6-2 win over Taylor Tinham at fourth singles.

In the doubles flights, Powers and Mukherji had little trouble with Lexie Ranski and Laura Shureb, winning 6-1. 6-0, while Sakorafis and Hermiz had a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Sofia Lunch and Seay. At third doubles, Trup no and Ma had a 6-1, 6-1 win over Josie Abdulbaki and Jenny Cami.

At fourth doubles, Williams and Page took home a 7-5, 6-2 win over Sarah Morse and Sam DiGiovanni while Crittenden and Khamis earned a fifth-doubles win over Lauren Shaffer and Mad die Chimento, 6-0, 6-0 while Kozerksi and Quinn took a 6-0, 6-0 win over Julia Grammatico and Chimento.

Northville is 2-0 in dual meets this year and 2-0 in KLAA play. They are 1-0 in tournaments and have won every match this season.



HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHEI Mustang Paige Baal in action against Salem High opponent on April 2.



Mustangs fall to CC lacrosse in overtime

Crosstown rivals put on one heck of a game

By Sam Eggleston

It was one of those games you hate to see end, but someone had to win and when all was said and done that team was top-five-ranked Detroit Catholic

The loss to the Shamrocks marks the second time this season the North ville Mustangs have bowed to a topfive team with their first loss coming against Forest hills Central.

In this contest, the Shamrocks and the Mustangs pushed the game to a tie and into overtime with the Shamrocks coming out ahead at the end, 9-8.

"(This is the) second year in a row we gave CC a run for their money,' said Northville coach Greg Durham "We played fairly well defensively, but

The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team will be back in action when they play at 6:30 p.m. Monday at home against Howell before visiting Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

had some minor issues clearing the ball out of our defensive zone." Thankfully for the Mustangs, they had Joe Kim in goal. He made 13 saves

to keep his squad in the game. "He made big stops when we needed him the most," said Durham. "I am very pleased with his progression in

goal so far this season." Northville did have some highlights in the game despite the heartbreaking

loss. Connor Smith went 9-for-15 on face-offs, including winning the final four to help get his team back in the game. Jakob Kippola had six goals in the game while Nick Melucci had two goals. Joe Chase had two assists in the

"Kip (Kippola) and Mooch (Melucci) played very well," said Durham.
"Kip scoring six of our eight goals and five in the previous game has really showed the team that he wants to win He has really evolved as a captain and as our top offensive player.

"Nick really worked hard all game for us, picking up important ground balls and playing midfield, making it difficult for the defense to cover both Kip and him when they were on the

Northville is now 0-2 on the season

Four former Novi All-Staters working their way through collegiate soccer programs

Quartet of freshmen cracking lineups at Wisconsin, EMU, MSU

By Chris Jackett

Last spring, Novi's girls soccer team earned All-State honors as the Wildcats won a second-straight Division I title. All four went on to earn their place on well-known collegiate teams

Nikki Greenhalgh plays for University of Wisconsin, Molli Krick for Eastern Michigan University and both Nicki Caruso and Gabby Gauruder are at Michigan State University. Krick saw the most action last fall at

EMU (3-13-2), playing in 17 games and starting two. She recorded nine shots, five which were on target, but didn't

Greenhalgh, 18, also had a lot of success at Wisconsin (10-7-3), playing 14 games while recording one goal and one assist. Two of her three shot attempts were on target as she scored her first collegiate goal Sept. 2, 2011, against Dayton. She then notched an assist Oct. 21 against Purdue. "It was definitely an adjustment

playing with a brand new team, new coach, new environment," Greenhalgh said. "I had to train myself to stick with it. I definitely expected it. When it happened; I wasn't quite ready.'



JACOB SCHWOERER | WISCONSIN ATHLETIC COMMUNICATION Novi alum Nikki Greenhalgh (left) takes on junior Lindsey Johnson during Wisconsin's red and white scrimmage last fall. As a freshman with the Badgers' women's soccer program, Greenhalgh played in 14 games, recording one goal and one assist on three

Being close to her family, Greenhalgh initially expected to be homesick out of state. However, since many of her teammates were also from out of state or even another country, they bonded over that common distance from their hometowns.

"I did not have a problem at all," Greenhalgh said. "I'm very close to

my family and thought it would be tougher than it was. But I bonded with my teammates and basically started a new family.

Gauruder, 18, had the opposite issue at MSU (14-6-1). Although the future teacher or pediatric oncologist didn't

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'Stangs softball off to strong start

By Sam Eggleston

You'll be hard pressed to find a high school softball coach that isn't hapby with winning the first double header of the season and splitting the next

Kary Couchman, the head coach for the Northville Mustangs, sure isn't complaining. Northville started their

season off with a 12-0 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the opening game of a double header before earning a 19-0 victory in the second game. Against Garden City just a few days later, the Mustangs won, 3-2, in the opener and fell, 3-1, in the night-

cap of the twin bill. Against the Pioneers, Northville followed the lead of senior pitcher Laura Pond, who will be continuing her career at Oakland University. She threw a perfect game, retiring all 15 batters she faced with four strikeouts over five innings. Senior second baseman Maggie Stewart preserved the perfect game in the bottom of the fifth as she dove to stop a ball hit into the gap and then firing it to first from her knees to earn the final out of the game, which was ended early due to the MHSAA mercy rule regulations.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs softball team will be back in action when they take to the road against Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. April 18.

Pond also went 3-for-3 at the plate, smacking out a triple and two singles and earning two runs batted-in. Ellie Asher was 2for-2 with two RBIs while Suzanne Hasse had two hits and an RBI.

In the second game against Ann Arbor, junior Nikki Thibodeau threw a three-hit shutout with five strikeouts for the

On offense, freshman Ashley Schiffer had a 3for-4 performance with two runs scored and four RBIs while Jennifer Buckingham went 3-for-3 with a walk and scored four runs. Meredith Williams, a senior, went 2-for-4 while driving in four runs while Asher and Thibodeau each went 2-for-4 with one and two RBIs, respectively.

Garden City proved to be a better match for the Mustangs, bowing in the first game but coming back in the nightcap to split the doubleheader. In the opening game Northville earned a 3-2 win, following Pond's per-

as she outplayed Garden City's all-state pitcher, Kelsev Susalla

The Mustangs took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second as Maggie Stewart hit an RBI single to score Schiffer, followed by a line-drive by senior Rachel Deacon to score

Garden City came back to tie the game with runs in the third and the fourth, but the Mustangs scored the game-winning run in the fifth as Buckingham got on base with a single to left, stole second, advanced to third on a bunt and then found home plate on a suicide squeeze bunt by sophomore catcher Allie Cha-

Asher led the Mustangs in the contest with two

In the second game, Garden City scored three runs in the third inning on two walks and three doubles and the Mustangs weren't able to overcome the deficit. The Northville squad's lone run came in the fifth off a RBI by Williams. Deacon went 3-for-3 in

the game while Northville, as a whole, had only seven hits. Thibodeau took the loss on the mount, throwing over five innings while strik-

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get any playing time a sophomore who were also all goalkeepers, her transition was made easier by both Caruso - who came off the bench to play in three games, but didn't record any points and also four of the other freshmen who had played on the Michigan Hawks premier club team with Gauruder during the high school off-season and

growing up. Those Hawks players included Linden's Mary Kathryn Fiebernitz, Portage Central's Paige Wester, Williamston's Lisa Vogel and Grand Rapids Catholic Central's Alexandra Heffron from Low-

"It's a lot of fun knowing someone preseason and going into the season," Gauruder said. "I found out you don't really have time for friends outside of sports. My favorite part of being a college athlete so far is taking the talent God has given me and being a part of this team. We're not a team, we're a family." Despite not earning play-

ing time in any games, Gauruder said working with Hudsonville Unity Christian's Jill Flietstra, Northville's Elizabeth Watza and Williamston's Courtney Clem have nelped her become an even better one than the one who backstopped the Wildcats to back-to-back state titles in 2010-11. "As a freshman, you

can't really expect too

"I just really took advantage of watching them. I'm a better goalie now after having trained with them. No one can tell the future, but (Clem and I) make each other better. It helped me in practices to just treat every practice like it was my last and

give it my all. Gauruder said she got the mentality to treat every event like it was her last from the same mentality Novi's teams brought into the singleelimination state play-

Both said the collegiate student-athlete is a more intense lifestyle than sim ilar participation was in high school or club ball. "Soccer is definitely

more of a priority in college. It takes more time. It takes more of a mental (drain). It's more competitive and the workouts are more tiring," Greenhalgh said, noting that the extra tutoring services for her biology degree and opportunities helped with the adjustment to living away from home. "You're kind of put on a higher pedestal. You get to travel to different cam puses and see different things. By the end of my sophomore year, I'd have been to all 12 (Big Ten)

campuses. Because they were all freshmen, none of the four Novi girls faced off visited East Lansing Sept. 23 or MSU had an exhibition at Ypsilanti Aug. 13. "Its always awkward

when you play against your best friend,' Gauruder said, "Molli Krick is my best friend. You want her to do well, but you want your team to win." Greenhalgh played in the Badgers' 2-1 win at MSU and Caruso capped

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the final 20 minutes of the Spartans' 1-0 win at EMU. but the two were the lone Novi girls appearing. in each contest despite three being rostered for each game.

"We played Michigan and Michigan State the same weekend," Greenhalgh said. "To play at Michigan State where the state championship was. that was a nice memory. I'm definitely looking forward to the next three years. I just try to get

better every day." Having played premier club soccer her entire life, Greenhalgh said it was the mixing of ages during the high school season that was one of the biggest benefits for her.

That difference in age really helped me Greenhalgh said. "Club I know everyone I was playing against. Most everyone I played through high school I played through club.

"I had two great coaches with Paul Tinnion and (Brian) O'Leary. The competition with the Jags, we were nationally

Although all four collegiate student-athletes will have to wait until the fall to see where they stand among the Spartan, Badger and Eagle rosters, each are enjoying conditioning and training during the off-season with a few scrimmages scattered on the weekends.

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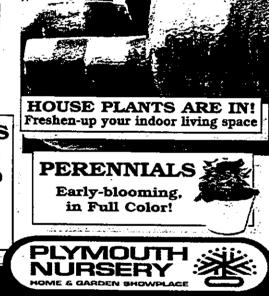


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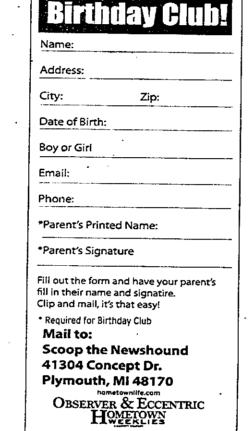
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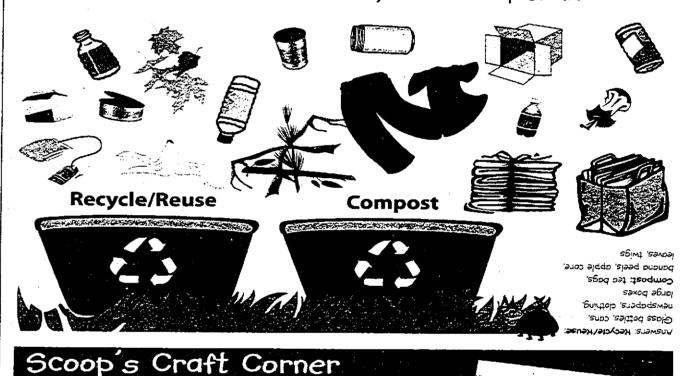




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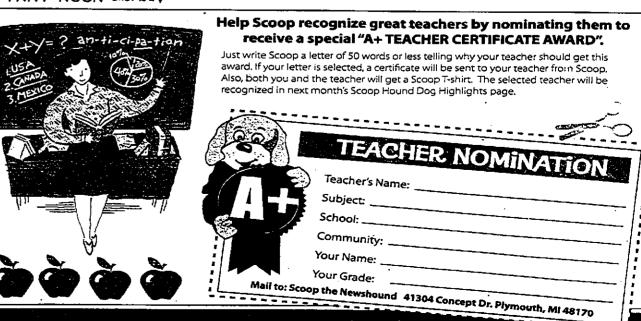
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2) It's a common girl's name that is at the beginning of the alphabet.

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Lights, camera, action! HGTV films

Novi woman strolls into **FAMtastic Fitness business**

FAMtastic Fitness, of Novi, will be offering Stroller Fitness classes throughout the spring, summer and fall, beginning April 23, as well as Family Fitness Adventures starting May 19.

The company's goals include helping parents achieve their fitness goals, providing fun ways for families to exercise together, creating opportunities for families to develop new friendships. and enjoying the freedom that the environment offers to get up, get outside, and get active.

FAMtastic Fitness was created by Maria Tilmos. former resident of Garden City and current resident of Novi, to help families to model healthy living for their children by making family fitness a fun and integral part of their lives.

The mother of 4-yearold Mason and 1-year-old Vavla. Tilmos has been involved in fitness her entire life. Fueled by her desire to get back into her children, she participated in a wide variety of post-natal fitness classes. She enjoyed elements of each of the classes she took but found what really helped her get back into shape was the stroller fitness class she took after the birth of her daughter with friend and mentor, Bernice Robinson of London, Ontario.

"What I liked so much about Bernice's stroller fitness class was not only the creative ways that we used the strollers



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to execute a wide variety of challenging exercises, but also the fact that my children were with me, enioving the outdoors and learning about fitness at the same time," said

In September 2011, Tilmos and her family relocated to Novi from London, Ontario, where they had lived for eight years. Discovering that there were no stroller fitness classes being offered in the immediate area, she decided to start Stroller Fitness class-

es begin at Clara Miller Park in the Village of Wolverine Lake and utilize the Lakes Community Trail. There are playgrounds at each end of the Stroller Fitness route so that children can have some free play time

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halfway point, or at the end of class.

Upon encouragement from her husband. Wayne, to find a way to involve dads as well, Tilmos decided to focus on fitness opportunities for the entire family. As a result, FAMtastic Fitness will be offering Family Fitness Adventures on Saturdays throughout the spring. summer and fall. These adventures will include opportunities for bike riding, hiking and stroller fitness and are for the entire family. The first is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at Island Lake State Rec-

reation Area. For more information about Family Fitness Adventures or Stroller Fitness classes, including rates and class times, please visit www.FAMtasticFitness.com or call (734) 516-7101.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper Standard acquires **EDC Technology**

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. announced its acquisition of the patents and other intellectual property rights and assets of EDC Automotive LC relating to thermal management technologies and related product development and testing capabilities. Terms

of the transaction were not disclosed. "We are investing in key technologies in the thermal management area. We believe this will be a high growth segment for Cooper Standard and this investment helps us strengthen our technology and talent base," said Jim McElya, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. "Our customers will benefit from an expanded product offering, as well as our enhanced capabilities in

developing innovative thermal manage ment solutions that help to improve fuel economy, reduce emissions and enhance vehicle performance.

Already a supplier of thermal management solutions, Cooper Standard provides heating and cooling systems and products for multiple power trains including hybrids, electric vehicles and internal combustion engines. As part of the acquisition, key members of EDC's thermal management technical team will join Cooper Standard and assist in the integration of EDC's technologies into the broad Cooper Standard portfolio of thermal management products and systems, which include metal, rub ber and plastic tubing; superior connection technologies along with electric fluid pumps and 3 and 4 way divert-

Welcome!



MedFresh Café celebrated its new location at 41490 Grand River Avenue in Novi with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, including (from left) Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director; MedFresh's Vincent Sitto and Patrick Kinaya; and Matt Gibb, Oakland County deputy executive. For more information about the family-owned, fast food Mediterranean restaurant, call (248) 374-4900.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops a -e now offered in the evenings on alter-

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at oakgov.com/ peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

Oakland County Venture

This intensive, 11-week program is designed for owners, CEOs and top management team members of businesses with at least two years of operating experience. Focused ness health and growth, attendees gain knowledge to make critical decisions about their business and stratinvestigate next-stage growth and opportunity, plan for strategic growth, build and maintain a competitive advantage and maximize cash flow for profitability.

The class is Fridays, April 13-June 15. 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The fee is \$299 per person. Admission is not automatic - all applicants need to be pre-qualified.

Facebook for Business: Create your Facebook Strategy

In this Intermediate session of Facebook for Business you will establish your social media objectives and goals for Facebook, create your Facebook social media marketing strategy and schedule, and integrate Facebook into your marketing strategy. Prerequisite for this session is Facebook for Business (Beginner).

Tuesday, April 17, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

This workshop is for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on develop ing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is

Wednesday, April 18, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$40 per person. No refunds

Oakland County CRA Association: Small Business Money Smart (Banker's) Forum

This no-charge financial forum, sponsored by the Oakland County Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Association, offers entrepreneurs up to date information on sources of funds and valuable business support resources. Banker member products and services will be displayed. Bank ready entrepreneurs can meet oneon-one with bankers. Presenters: representatives from the City of Pontiac Pontiac Regional Chamber of Commerce, Oakland County CRA Association members (bankers), Oakland County Business Consultants, Oakland County Business Finance Corpo ration Loan Officers, Oakland County CEED Microlender and Detroit Micro-Enterprise Fund lender.

Friday, April 20, 8 a.m.-noon This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

This program provides new and existing Michigan entrepreneurs an understanding of the "key" legal and financial considerations when starting and operating a business in Mich igan. The program addresses "how to" select the best legal entity for your business, "how to" protect your business interests when dealing with customers, suppliers or independent contractors and important information and guidelines for establishing short and long term succession plans for your business. Presented by Witzke Berry & Carter PLLC

Tuesday, April 24, 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Facebook for Business: Create and Launch your Facebook Campaign

In this advanced session of Facebook for Business you will establish objectives and goals for a Facebook campaign, create and launch a Facebook campaign, learn advanced strategies for reaching influencers and building a long-lasting online community, explore ways to take Facebook beyond social media marketing, acquire the tools you need to deputize your employees for organization. wide Facebook engagement, build a complete multi-channel, social mediaenabled marketing strategy, integrate Facebook and traditional marketing channels to deliver a competitive advantage, establish a social media Facebook timeline, grow your base of fans and engage participants, learn how to advertise with Facebook, and how to effectively target your advertisements, learn how to run effective Facebook promotions and/or sweepstakes that meets Facebook's rules and guidelines and ensure a reasonable rate of return on your social media investment. Prerequisites for this session are the beginner and intermediate courses.

Tuesday, April 24, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person.



This is the Plymouth home the couple chose

has always prery "was more interesting than many." They already had their Realtor, Eva Goren, who also Both agreed that happens to be Rob's mother, a Realtor with Hall and Hunter in Birmingham. 'walkable." The decision was to

Eva agreed to do a video which they submitted on line to House Hunters, a program featuring individuals and couples who are planning to purchase a home. "It was an "amateur" video," she said "and not very long." She introduced Rob and Amanda, who stated what they were looking for in a house and why they wanted to be a part of House Hunters. Within a few weeks, HGTV called saying they accepted Rob and Amanda to be on the program. In approximately five weeks, they began "They were a good crew and

liked old homes. Amanda wanted to be sure the old home they very professional," stated Eva. selected would have updates. "It was nice we could be spon-And then they had an idea! taneous. But if we weren't, they helped us get back on track." HGTV." stated Rob. "She intro-The crew consisted of the producer, sound person and the and we decided to apply." They camera man. Filming took thought they had a good chance an entire day from 9 a.m. to at being accepted as their stoapproximately 6 p.m. each day

for each of the three houses vou see in the episode. Goren explained that another day was devoted to filming Rob and Amanda in and around Plymouth to give the feel of the area.

When explaining what the process of filming was like. Rob Goren said, "It was exciting and it was "a journey with its ups and downs." The biggest problem was, he said, as so many buyers find today, a lack of inventory. They had looked online and had been in open houses and kept encountering obstacles. For example, one house was touted to have a halfbath, but in reality it was a commode in the basement. After a lengthy search, they found two houses that fit their criteria. One was at the north end of Plymouth and is an old 1922 farm house completely remodeled in 2005. Amanda described

the master suite as awesome. However, they chose the sec ond house that appears in the episode. It was closer to downtown Plymouth, had many updates and was within their budget. They wasted no time



This house on Junction in Plymouth was one the couple looked at but vetoed.

in making an offer to the sellers the same day they viewed it. Their offer was accepted. "The one we selected has an open floor plan and many

updates," Goren stated. 'A sun room had been added and the kitchen was remodeled. Amanda and I updated the fireplace by replacing the surround with granite and changing it to a gas fireplace." He continued, "That's really all we have had

to do.' The one major problem they encountered was that the sofa they purchased earlier was too large. They had to re-order and it will arrive this spring some time. Rob and Amanda have been happily settled into their Plymouth home since last

Goren said HGTV has filmed other episodes in metro Detroit such as Birmingham and Ferndale. "They like the quaint Mid-

Seniors Real Estate Specialist/Realtor Nancy Austin is with Keller Wil-

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE Beech Daly Rd Breakfast Dr Centralia

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 4-6, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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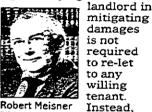
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Re-let standard factor not onerous

By Robert Meisner

O: I am a landlord in a shopping center and a lease provision provided that if the enant defaults, I am under an affirmative duty to mitigate my damages. I have attempted to re-let the premises, posting For Rent signs, circulating a data sheet to brokers and making calls to advise that the premises are available. Several people have inquired, but in one situation, I declined to go forward because of an exclusivity provision in a lease

have a potential problem? A: I would say not necessarily based upon the fact that court's generally agree that a



Instead, requires is reasonable

diligence. Requiring a landlord to enter into a lease that would breach a lease with another existing tenant is unreasonable.

Q: in recent years i have heard of Community Association groups that are asserting a greater role in decision making for development projects. What can you tell me about that?

A: These Community

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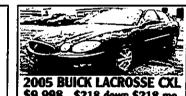
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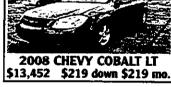
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