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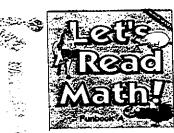
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#### **Doctors** host 11th District candidates

Doctors for Patient Care, a national organization of doctors, will host a lecture discussing the impact of the Affordable Care Act at 7 p.m. tonight at the Novi Public Library.

Democrat Syed Taj and Republican Kerry Bentivolio, both candidates for the 11th District Congressional seat in the Nov. 6 election, have been invited to attend and discuss.



#### Let's Read Math coming

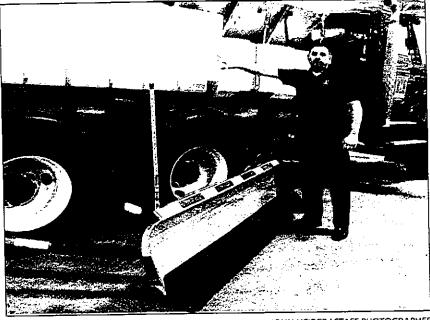
Let's Read Math, an enrichment program that links children's literature to creative math learning for second and third graders, is coming to Novi this fall for the first time, presented by the American Association of University Women Northville-Novi.

AAUW members and high school Honor Society students, trained by Pennsylvania program founder Claire Passantino, Ed.D, launched a hugely successful pilot series for Northville children and parents March 2011 and are now set to offer this opportunity to families.

The Novi Let's Read Math series is set for four 90-minute Saturday workshops: Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 10 and 17 a choice of 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, near Meadowbrook. Space is limited. For more information and an enrollment application, e-mail marcia. horngren@gmail.com.

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Novi Field Operations Senior Manager Matt Wiktoroski stands aside the city's newest piece of equipment to battle the snowfall of the upcoming winter: a tandem axle plow with a new wing plow that allows clearing a section of road at nearly twice the pace of a single plow.

### Communities learn from Novi DPS operation

SEMCOG workshop shows how to empower employees

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Four dozen communities are taking notice of how Novi's

Department of Pub-

lic Services operates after the city host-ed SEMCOG's annual regional winter maintenance workshop on Sept. 27.

Over 200 partici-

pants met at Novi's DPS building off 11 Mile to hear presentations by the Michigan Department of Trans-

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### **Electric cars** gaining respect in Novi

City to increase parking spaces, charging stations

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Write:

Owners of electric cars should soon find more places to plug-in and park their vehicles in Novi.

There are currently two plug-in stations/parking spots - at the Novi Police Department and the Novi

Public Library. At the last Novi City Council meeting, a zoning amendment was introduced that details new standards that will most likely be put in place.

According to Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas, the idea came from the Community Development Department. It has proposed a text amendment to create standards for the installation of plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) charging stations and parking spaces within off-street parking areas in all zoning districts.

Cardenas said this proposed amendment is "consistent with the City of Novi's continuing efforts to encourage sustainable development



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The City of Novi has two electric car recharging sta-tions off 10 Mile Road - this location at the Novi Police Department and one in the parking lot of the Novi Library.

practices."

A PEV would be defined in the amendment as any vehicle licensed and registered for operation on public and private highways, roads, and streets, either partially or exclusively, on electrical energy from the arid, or an

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### 'Picasso at the Lapin Agile'

Talented cast, crew put best foot forward in production

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Steve Martin is wellknown for "Saturday Night Live" and movies, but he also wrote a play - "Picasso at the Lapin Agile.'

"He's written a few, actually. He looks at the 20th century from the lens of what did we accomplish and who were we?" said Heather McKaig, Novi High drama teacher and director of "Picasso at the Lapin

Agile." In the play, presented Oct. 25-27 by Novi High School students, Albert Einstein and Pablo Picas-

#### **DETAILS**

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" will be presented Oct. 25-27 by Novi High School students. Performances will be 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 25-26, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Novi High School Blackbox The-

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors age 65-plus and children under age 12. Tickets are available at the school office, during lunches at the high school and at the door. The high school Drama Department is collecting canned goods for the "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat" at all ticket sales and performances. For details, visit www. schooltheatre.org/society/programs.

so meet at the Lapin Agile ("Nimble Rabbit") in Montmartre, Paris, in 1904. They interact with other characters portrayed by NHS students and are shown with other characters: "It's a nice ensemble kind of cast going on. It's a very smart play; it's a very funny play ... It is a piece that is



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Part of the cast of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" rehearses a scene from their upcoming production. From left is, Albert Einstein (student Connor McDonald), Germaine (Katherine Hamilton), Freddy (Blake Reynolds), Gaston (Alan Metz), and Suzanne (Sarah Campbell). The role of Picasso is played by Daniel Rajkovic.

really fun and thoughtprovoking. It definitely comes home with some points and some rather profound moments. McKaig said about 35 students in ninth through 12th grades are involved, and rehearsals are going "very well".

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#### PLAY

Continued from page A1 Participating develops a sense of teamwork, she has found, even for students who don't pursue theater professionally. "It's an incredibly collaborative art," in which students work toward common goal with others. They must compromise. learning "just how to be

strong as a team. Leaders in the production learn how they are perceived, McKaig said. and the best way to lead. "It's a pretty student-run program. It affords them an opportunity to develop those skills." They auditioned and

started backstage work McKaig, in her 14th year as a theater, language arts and broadcasting teacher at NHS. "We usually do pretty well for the fall play." It's

not unusual to sell out fall

performances, she said.

**Cast & Crew** The "Picasso at the Lap-

in Agile" cast and crew includes adult Heather McKaig as director, Katy Gray as student director, and Kevin O'Keefe as

The directing team is Hannah Patterson, student director; Meghan Lorenc, student technical director; Delaney O'Brien, stage manager: Lauren Harrington house manager; and Dan iel Dixon, assistant house

Crew heads are John Hamilton, lighting; Roshni Desai, costumes; Victoria Pedri, hair and makeup; Gabby Picardo, hair and makeup; Katherine Hamilton, props; Meghan Lorenc, publicity and programs; Emily Gray, construction; Elaine Ham ilton, construction; and Justin Jarvis, construc-

Cast members are Blake Reynolds as Freddy; Alan Metz as Gaston; Katherine Hamiltop as Germaine: Connor McDonald as Einstein; Sarah Campbell as Suzanne: David Grougan as Sagot; Dan Rajkovic as Picasso: Caleb Ascencio

technical director.

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Novi High actress Sarah Campbell rehearses a scene from "Picasso at the Lapin

as Schmendiman; Kirsten West as Countess: Meredith Ahrens as Admirer; Jennifer Hartmus as Admirer: Emily Gray as Admirer; and Josh Dil-

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portation and a variety of vendors key to DPS

"We're able to pull together multiple agencies across the region and share different ideas to make winter operations better overall," said Matt Wiktorowski. Novi's field operations senior man

SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) rotates the annual workshop throughout the region and approached Novi to host it. "We wanted to make it

a little more interactive with operators," said Wiktorowski. While vendors talked about automatic vehicle locators and new technology in trucks, his staff took a different approach. "We demonstrat-

ed what you can do by empowering vour employees and involving them. They're the guys in the field making a difference," said Wiktorowski

#### shift'

He said Novi has reduced its overall DPS labor costs per event from \$8,500 to \$4,700 in just four winters "just by implementing ideas operators have come up with and best management practices they wanted to see all along, said Wiktorowski, "It's a paradigm shift."

the City Council's policy developed a few years ago, he said. The city purchased three new trucks with wing plows that increase liquid capacity and reduce the amount of salt scattered on the shoulders and keep it on the road. Computer controls allow the operator to know exactly how much salt comes out and where it's going.

It's all building upon

Wiktorowski explained that there are three functions of the trucks: anti-icing; deicing; and pre-wetting (which keeps the salt from bouncing when it's dry). And it's actually not the it's the liquid brine. One ton of salt makes 1,000 gallons of brine.

Older trucks in Novi's

fleet were outfitted with custom stainless steel shoots which increased liquid capacity from 5,000 gallons to 15,000. That means the trucks can cover more roadway

once they're out before coming back to refill. Last year, Novi's crew went out about 40 times for everything from simple dustings to major accumulations. That's a drop from 63 events in the 2010-11 winter.

The crew is typically 18 who can plow, but can climb to 29 operators if water and sewer employees and mechanics are called in.

If, like last winter, it's

another La Nina season, Wiktorowski said it'll be a lot more economical for the city to deal with. It hasn't snowed yet, but Wiktorowski and three staff members are taking Novi's message to a state workshop in Lansing this week and a national conference in North Carolina next April. He's been contacted by multiple agencies. and not just regionally.

"Everybody left here Wiktorowski.

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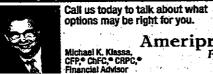
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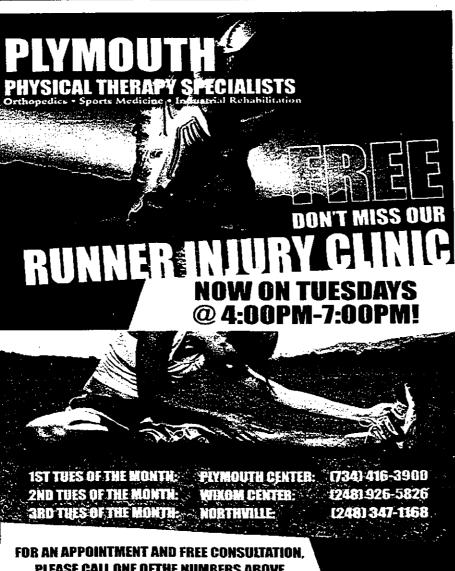
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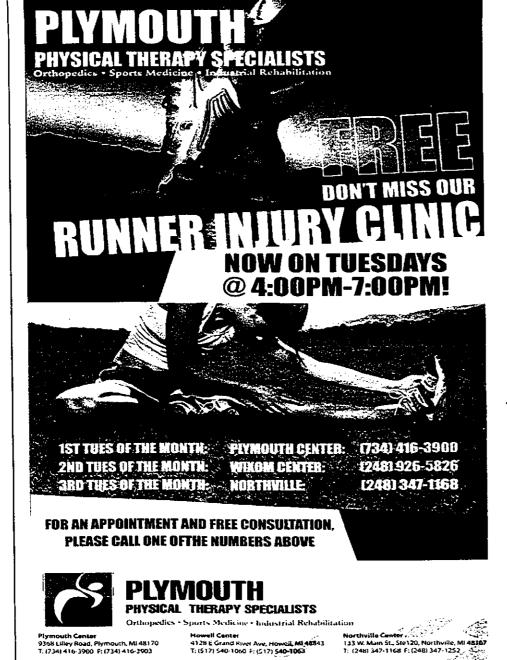


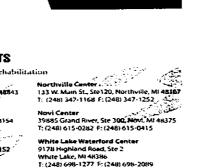
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By Lonnie Huhmai

Home fires killed more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, according to Jeff Johnson. the city of Novi's director of EMS/Fire Operations.

ty throughout the year," he

emergency issues can be

advanced and developing

emergency."
But this doesn't always

alarm to getting more

prevented by simply chang

ing the battery in the smoke

an escape plan in case of an

said. "Many times, fires and

That's why he says it's important to make sure everyone gives the annual Fire Prevention Week some thought. It falls on whichever week includes Oct. 9 to commemorate the Gret Chi cago Fire of 1871. There is a theme each year, and 2012's was Have 2 Ways Out. It's just for one week out of the year, but Johnson said

after Novi's workshop. what can be learned in the week could help for a life-"We want to empha size the practice of safe-

just real excited about things we've done," said



The Novi Fire Dept. suggests changing the batteries in your smoke detectors regularly.

#### LEARN MORE

For more information, contact the department at (248) 349-2162 or visit http://www.cityofnovi. org/Services/Fire/Fire-Overview.asp. And for helpful tips check the department out on Face-

often less, Johnson said. Novi Fire Marshal Joe Shelton said many when investigating a fire the department discovers the smoke detectors weren't working or had no batteries. He said this is the first place to start because working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home

According to Novi's Fire Prevention Week proclamation, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, and almost three-quarters do have an escape plan. However, less than half have actually practiced it. In addition. one-third of households who made one estimate they thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening - but the time available is

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ing classes, the NFD also has a new program aimed at reducing the threat of injury and fire. The Fire and Fall Prevention for Older Adults Program is designed to educate residents of the hazards within their own homes that could cause harm by leading to a fire or causing injury. John son said slips and falls are the main source of injury for older people in the home. This program helps

prevent these accidents. Research by the nonprof it National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) shows that fire departments in the U.S. responded to more than 369,000 home fires last year. Make sure you're prepared to keep that number

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Roland decided that if I wasn't

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Everyone but one friend.

By Steve Matthews

never understood what a sacrifice was until the sixth

At the beginning of sixth grade I had to wear a metal and plastic leg brace on my right leg and a shoe with a four-inch sole on my left leg. The goal was to keep all the weight off my right leg so a

had with my hip could heal I wore that brace for 21

ride a bike. or participate in the activi-In the past several years ties that I had grown accus-

tomed to par-ticipating in. I didn't think life was very fair at that point. One of the favorite games at school was football. I just knew that I would be excluded because who would want a

teammate who could not run. However, a funny thing happened. My friends decided that I could be all-time quarterback when we played. Not just for one side but for both I felt great! My friends had found a way to include me.

However, my joy was shot-I was told by some of my friends that I could only play when the games didn't count. That is, I could be all-time quarterback when the games

were not part of the intra-

mural competition that the

school organized. Everyone it

play either. That was a big deal because Roland was very good. I told him he did not have to do that but he said that it wasn't fair that I was not So we stood together watch-

ing the others play. In the big picture it was not that big of a sacrifice. It doesn't rise to the level of sacrifice that parents do for their children or soldiers do for

their country. But it meant a lot to me. Sometimes a sacrifice seems small but the impact is great. Other times both the sacrifice and the impact are large.

public school employees have been asked to sacrifice. Some might say that it is about time. Some might argue that it should have been done long ago. I am not one of those people. I understand that sacrifice is needed but it is not because it is deserved.

Public school employees

care about kids. They work hard to meet needs and shape lives and provide a quality experience for every student. Do we always get it right? No, there is room for improvement. (In fact, our district goal four talks about improving organizational quality and customer service.) I know that there are areas that we need

to get better at and improve. But as I think about the employees that work here in Novi, it is not easy to ask and to expect people to sacri-

because I see the quality work that our employees do. I walk into classrooms and lunch rooms and offices and see the tremendous work that the employees of the Novi Community Schools provide every day. I am confident that our employees are people of integrity who care deeply for chil-

Yet over the past sever-al years, including this year, we have asked out employees to sacrifice. Pay more for your health care. Forgo raises. Pay 3 percent to fund retiree health care. Change your schedule. Give up team time and planning time. Take pay concessions. The list of sacrifices is rather long and the cuts at times have been pain-

These are not unusual experiences for many people in our community. The same economic forces that have impacted others have impacted those in education. Looking forward it is possible that more sacrifice may be needed. Roland taught me many

years ago about sacrifice. It is a lesson that I have long cher-This year, I wanted to

extend my appreciation to our employees for the sacrifices that they have made so that we can continue to provide a quality educational experience for every student in our

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1204; www.twitter.com/ docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

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over 50, years, Survived by his

over 50 years. Survived by his children David (Dawn) Danner. Jeff (Kris) Danner, and Leigh-ann (John Goodchild) Danner: grandchildren Samantha, Heath-er, Jennifer, Karen, Stephen, Li-la, and Ian; also extended family and friends. Memorial services were held privately. Contribu-tions encouraged to: Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, 40550 Grand River Ave., Novi. M1 48375. For further informa-tion, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248,684,6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DAVES, RUBY D. Age 94, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully October 14, 2012. She was born July 30, 1918 in Blue Ridge, Georgia to Jonah and Maebelle (nee Turner) Pittman. She was united in marriage to Bryan A. Daves on October 24, 1936; and they spent 43 loving years together until his death in 1980. Ruby was a very tions. She also enjoyed quilting. She was an amazing southern cook; some of the favorites were she enjoyed playing the guitar and banjo and was and excellent harmony singer. She is survived by her loving children, Barbara (the late Richard) Workman, (the late Richard) Workman, Douglas (Jean) Daves, David (Hanna) Daves, Doris (Lowell) Doepker, Joseph (Trish) Daves, and Randall Daves; her sister Ruth Jones; 20 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and 19 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents her husband, ber infant her husband, her infan daughter Margaret Ann Daves, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. A funeral service was held Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Brighton Nazarene Church. She was laid to rest at New Hudson Cemetery. Aemorial contributions wou be appreciated to the Brighton Nazarene Church, 7669 Brighton Road, Brighton, MI 48116 or the South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab Center, 700 Reynold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, MI 48178. Arrangements entrusted



to Casterline Funeral Home.

(NEE BROWN) 63. November 16, 1948 -ber 12, 2012. Wife of the ate Thomas, Beloved mother of Schoenbeck (Rick) and Charles (Susie). Aunt of five nieces and til time of service at 6 PM at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, 248-348-1800, Memorial donations may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

EGAN, SUSAN Nov. 16, 1948-Oct. 12, 2012 Online condolences



Age 75, passed away October 15, 2012. He was born on June 12, 1937, in Detroit, to the late Emanuel and Antanina (Valenti) Emanuel and Antanina (Valenti)
Russo. He married Jacqueline
Powers on June 21, 1958 in Detroit. He loved to golf and coached hockey when his children
were young He retired in 1999
from J.H. Bennett Co. of Novi as
President/CEO. He moved to
South Lyon in 2004 and was a
marries of St. Lames Catholic Age 84 and a long time residen family at Town Commons in Ho-well on October 14, 2012. He was preceded in death by Trudy, his beloved wife of over forty-three years on December 12, 1997, and is survived by sons, Stephen (the late Lana) Hester of Pontiac, Thomas (Dorothy) Hester of NC, and John (Kris) Hester of South Lyon, his daughter, Marie (Mike) Anderson of Brighton, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mr. Hester taught Art and coached football in the Walled Lake School District for over thirty was preceded in death by Trudy, member of St. James Catholi member of St. James Catholic Church. John is survived by his loving wife, Jacqueline; his 3 sons: John Russo Jr., Daniel Russo, and Christopher Russo; 5 grandchildren: Nicole, Michelle, Amber, Nicholas, Ryan; 2 broth-ers: Paul Russo, Joe Russo; 2 sis-ters: Toni Molinari, Lena Sand-ers: and many nicess nephews School District for over thirty years, before his retirement in 1984. He was an active member of the Karls Family YMCA, the will be held on October 17.
Wednesday, from 5:00 to 9:00
p.m. and October 18, Thursday,
from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Phillips
Funeral Home, 122 West Lake
Street, South Lyon. A funeral
mass will be held on October 19,
Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. James
Catholic Church, 46325 Ten
Mile Road, Novi. Memorial conributions, may be made to Great Milford Historical Society, and was a fixture in his favorite booth at Dimitri's Coney Island in Milford, where his art adoms in Miltord, where his art adoms
the walls. A Funeral Service
washeld at the White Lake Presbyterian Church, White Lake, on
Wednesday, October 17, 2012.
Burial followed in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Visitation
washeld at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home Milford, on Tuesday.

SALENIK, CYNTHIA MAE shone 248-684-6645 or visit Age 73, died October 3, 2012. Phillip's Funeral Home, South Lyon, www.phillipsfuneral.com

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HOUGHTON, GLADYS L. Age 76, died Oct. 12, 2012. Phillips Funeral Home, South

Marjorie Morgan Sept. 21, 1932-October 9, 2012 Online condolences:

MIELKE, CAROL Age 78, died Oct. 15, 2012. Visitation Oct. 17, 3-9 p.m. Funeral neral Home, phillipstuneral.com

RICARD, PETER Jan. 20, 1952-Oct. 9, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Age 88 of Highland Township and Avon Park, Florida, died on October 12, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dor na Jean in 2009, and a grandsor Rex. He is survived by children ZAYTI. JEFFREY P. Pamela (Kim) Troyer, Cheryl (Doug) Phillips, Brian Wood; and Debra Steen; eight grand-Age 45, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away October 14, 2012. He was born in De-troit, MI on March 14, 1967, son (Doug) Philips, Brian wood, and Debra Steern, eight grandsons, two granddaughters, thirteen great grandchildren, bistorthers and sisters, and many nicees, nephews and dear friends, Mr. Wood was a graduate of Alma College. U of M. of Julius and Inge (nee Sch Zavti. Jeffrev was a 1986 gradu ate of Northville High School. He was instrumental in the daily operations of Zuyti Trucking for ate of Alma College, U of M, and Michigan State University and Michigan State University where he earned his Doctorate in Education. He taught in Edmore from 1948-53, served as Superintendent in Ellsworth from 1953-55 and in Weidman from 1955-59, lectured at MSU from many years. Jeffrey loved spending time with his family. His true passions in life were fly-ing helicopters and motocross ing. Jeffrey was very handy h tools; he could always fix 1955-59, lectured at MSU from what was broken and was a very creative builder. He is survived by his son, Justin Zayti-Rush; his 1959-60, and served as Deputy Superintendent of Oakland Superintendent of Oakland School from 1960 until his re-tirement in 1983. He was a proud member of Edmore Mas-sonic Lodge #360. Memorial Services were held at Highland United Methodist Church, High-land, on Monday, October 15, 2012, with the Rev. James mother, Inge Zayti, his siblings, Christina Zayti, Mark (Tonia) Zayti, Mike (Lori) Zayti, and Sherry (Dan) Roark; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his tather, Julius J. Zayti and his brother Jimmy Zayti. Private family services will be held. The family would appreciate memorial con-tributions to his son, Justin Rush,

to be used for his college educa-

tion. Contributions may be mailed c/o Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunalp, Northville, MI 48167.

Kummer officiating. Memorials may be made in his name to the National Parkinson Foundation, Odyssey Hospice, or Highland United Methodist Church. phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### Making friends while breaking a sweat

Fitness class for Novi seniors is all fun and play

By Lonnie Huhman

The stretching and strength fitness class at the Novi Senior Center packs a whole a lot into a one-hour session "I just love this class," said Connie Cronin, a longtime participant. "It keeps you healthy while also letting you have a

chance to socialize. Cronin found out about the class while volunteering at the senior center. She went to it and liked it so much because of the new friends she made, like Audrey Cartwright.

"It's got a girls club feel to it even though we do have some men who really enjoy it as well," Cartwright said before a recent class.

The class is called Stretch and Strength with Jo and instructor Jo Schirtzinger described the class exercises as a bit of aerobics, stretching and weight training. She said it's a fitness class with a lot of emphasis on the individual and a lot of godd music to exer-

"You go at your own pace," said Schirtzinger, who has been teaching in Novi the last 19 years. "These exercises are intended for anyone 40 years or older, so I understand the different challenges and needs a participant may have. It's all about being active while staying comfortable." She said it's important that all the

exercises be adaptable and capable of being performed at a low impact. Some of her students are 90 years old and others have health issues. Jean Hoerle has rheumatoid arthritis, but that doesn't stop her from staying active. "This class keeps me moving and

that's key. When I'm a little tired I can take a break, but then pick right up again," said Hoerle. "I really love Jo because she keeps an eye on all of us. She's a big reason why we keep coming back every week." Rachel Zagaroli, Novi's Older Adult

Services manager, said this class is one among many the City of Novi offers at the senior and civic centers.



Al Henry works out in the Oct. 15 Stretch

#### **JOIN IN**

The classes take place at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the senior center at 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information call (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org.

and through the Parks and Recreation department. She said the classes many seniors are taking have really become a big part of their weekly schedule.

"It's a focus on fitness, but like this group working with Jo it's really dynamic because of the friendships that have developed over the years," Zagaroli said. "Like many things at the senior center...you almost become like fami-

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Jo Shirtzinger, fourth from right, leads an Oct. 15 Stretch and Strength class at the Novi Senior Center. The popular class often draws about 20 participants per session.

#### **UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY**

**Atrium Gallery** showcases the work of the Colored Pencil **Society of America** 

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has been selected to host the exceptional artwork of the Colored Pencil Society of America in the Civic Center Atrium Gallery

through Oct. 30. The Colored Pencil Society was established in 1990 and is an international organization with more than 1,700 members in 11 countries. The society promotes the stature and awareness of colored pencil art as a viable art form and to provide a forum for the education of, communication with, and recogni tion of colored pencil art-

The next and final exhibit of 2012 in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery will be in November with ArtsNovi showcasing art by local Novi artists. Other opportunities for viewing public art displays in Novi include sculptures at Fuerst Park and ITC Community Sports Park and multiple installations at the Novi Public Library.

The Parks, Recreation

and Cultural Services

Department is currently seeking artists for Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery shows in 2013. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 5, 2013. Many of the Sustain-Please contact Stephanie Schuetzler at sschuetable Community Recogzler@citvofnovi.org or vis-

SEMCOG awards Novi for sustainable activities

it cityofnovi.org to obtain

an application form.

Novi has been recognized by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments with a Sustainable Community Recognitions Program Award. The honor was presented to Mayor Bob Gatt and the Novi City Council on Sept. 24 at the Novi City Council Meeting. SEMCOG, is a region-

al planning partnership of governmental units that serve 4.7 million people in the seven counties of southeast Michigan. The Sustainable Community Recognition Pro-

gram acknowledges member communities that have integrated sustainable activities into their practices. The actions SEMCOG supports helps local governments achieve and maintain sus-

tainability through achieving economic prosperity while protecting the environment, in addition to providing a high quality of

nition Program's eligible activities have been completed by the City of Novi, Developing the green infrastructure program and protection ordinance

for woodland and wetland Conducting annual safety audits of street intersections to identify the type and frequency of

traffic crashes; Using SEMCOG data to make the case for a variety of development and master planning deci-· Implementing a side-

walk prioritization plan that annually inventories sidewalk needs: · Implementing low impact development, spe-

cifically two bioswales at two municipal locations to improve the quality of stormwater; and, Surveying Novi residents in a National Citizen Survey every two years.

"Novi is proud to be rec-

sustainable activity," said

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appoints Riddering

Gov. Rick Snyder announced 16 appointments to the Michigan

Council for Rehabilitation Services, including Novi resident Anne Riddering. Housed within the Michigan Department of Human Services, the 17member Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services reviews and evaluates Michigan's rehabilitation programs and services, and advises the department director and governor. This is in partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Ser-

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Bureau of Services for Blind Persons. Sixteen of the 17 members are appointed by the governor and one appointment is made by the Superintendent of Public Instruc-

Riddering is a rehabilitation supervisor and staff occupational therapist at Henry Ford Health System's Center for Vision Rehabilitation and Research. She will represent business, industry or labor for a term that expires Dec. 31, 2015.

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### Church's annual Bizarre Bazaar to help women in Third World thrive, survive

The First United Methodist Church of Northville will hold its fifth annual Bizarre Bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church. located at Eight Mile and

Taft roads. Women in the congregation, from Northville, Novi and neighboring communities, are using the event to reach out to Third World women, helping them to support

their families. "It's just part of our mission group," said Kwek of Novi, who's heading up the event for the first time this

year. Women from nearby South Lyon and Livonia are also among those involved.

ey for the Foundation for International Communitv Assistance (www.finca.org), which has existed for 25 years. "Their premise is cred-

it not charity is the way to bring people out of poverty," said Kwek, who's retired from Comerica securities.

The organization provides micro loans, mostly to women. The loans buy such things as seeds or fabric, which the recipients use in business.

Village Banking opens micro banks in Third

World countries so that

ey to start their own business. Families who receive these loans can then afford health care. The event raises monnutritious food, better housing and are able to send their children to

> The Northville congregation has raised to date more than \$60,000 for FINCA, funding 12 banks, three in Afghanistan, one each in El Salvador, Malawi, and Tajikistan, two in Zambia and four in Haiti

The organization usually asks for help where the need's greatest, Kwek said, with the church women choosing recipients and getting reports on the banks.



Members of the First United Methodist Church of Northville's annual Bizarre Bazaar committee include (back row from left) Judy Poole, Lee Green, Beth Bentley, Sandy Steffke, (front row from left) Connie Qualman, Jan Hotkiss, Norma Kwek, and Karen Demeo.

of that," she said of the local total. "We get great support from the community and our parish-

The church Men's Club will again serve breakfast on Oct. 20 for donations. There will be a tasty lunch including homemade chili and piz

The event will feature more than 50 vendors, along with attic treavendor drawings. "We have a variety of

diverse vendors," said Kwek, adding you can check out the event by where it has a page. "We have a great group," she said, noting the lunch, bake sale

and other elements have gotten easier each year.

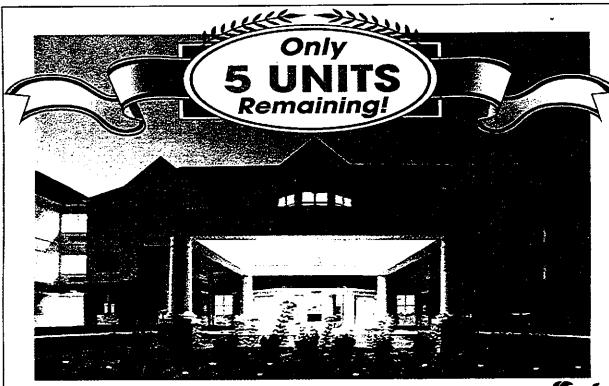
"It's a yearlong pro-

Planning begins in Jan-

cess," Kwek said of the core group of about 12

There's also more information on the church website, www fumcnorthville.org. It has a link to the Bizarre

"The church and the community have just been very supportive in our efforts to help these people," she concluded. "It's just a great feel-



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Pianist Matthew Ball plays some "boogie woogie" tunes at the Novi Library on Sept. 27. Ball is part of the occasional morning lecture and music series the library is putting on through the fall months. For more information, visit the library's website at novilibrary.org.

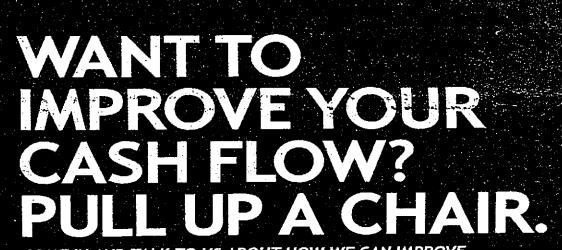
> Debbie Viraj and her son Jacob, 2, enjoy Matthew Ball's Sept. 27 boogieplaying visit to the Novi



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As the Detroit Tigers clinched the American League Central division last week and third baseman Miguel Cabrara captured baseball's coveted triple crown, Patricia Gibson sat glued to her Apple TV, more than 2,000 miles away, not missing a second of the drama. With the help of the digital media receiver connected to her personal computer, she has not missed a Tigers game all season from Silver Springs, Md. She lives in Riderwood, a retirement community managed by Erickson Living, which also manages Novi's Fox Run.



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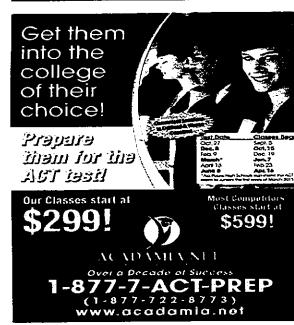
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Credit unions are also embedded in the communities they serve and have a social mission of improving their members' quality of life. Through financial education and a wide variety of charity work, credit unions are active in supporting and starting community initia-



tives to bring assistance to those in need, while helping people learn to support themselves financially.

Credit unions do these things not because they are mandated to do so by law, but because it's the right thing to do — an inherent part of their existence. Community involvement is a perfect fit with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People."

The credit union community is also working to push the Michigan and national economies forward through programs like "Invest in America," which offers discounts for credit union members on American-made products. "Invest in America" has been rolled out nationwide and helped facilitate the sale of more than 250,000 vehicles produced by GM and Chrysler.

Visit www.lovemycreditunion. org to find a credit union in your area and learn more about what credit unions are doing to help consumers, as well as the "Invest in America" program. Credit union members enjoy better value and superior service, as well as the opportunity to participate in the governance of the credit union as a member-owner, and do business with a socially and fiscally responsible institution that is embedded in its community.

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Sound money management skills are a big part of a safe and successful financial future. Part of the credit union mission is to educate people of all ages on the basics of saving, budgeting and borrowing, so that consumers are well-prepared for each stage of their lives.

There is no better time to learn these lessons than during early development, which is why credit unions have made a large investment in classroom outreach. According to data from the National Youth Involvement Board, Michigan credit unions reached more than 48,000 students with 1,800 financial education presentations over the past year, capping a complete decade that Michigan has led the country in school involvement. Some of these were cooperative efforts through the Michigan Credit Union League's "Financial Literacy Legislative Challenge," in which lawmakers partnered with credit unions to teach students about important

#### **Credit Unions Offer Members Financial Education Resources**

Michigan credit unions also have more than 350 student-run branches at the elementary, middle and high school level that give youth and young adults hands-on experience with financial transactions. Students are able to open savings accounts and manage the branch's operations themselves. not only learning good money management habits, but also putting their own skills to practice. Giving young people this experience can instill lifelong financial values and a basic understanding

Credit unions take part in financial education outreach yearround, but also celebrate April as Financial Literacy Month. Working closely with the Federal Reserve initiative "Money Smart Week," credit unions offer a flurry of classes, seminars and classroom presentations during the third full week in April, and work to raise awareness of the importance of financial literacy to lawmakers and

Through seminars and oneon-one counseling, credit unions work closely with adults on a number of important topics vital for financial well-being. Credit

unions often partner with other nonprofit organizations to offer expertise and assistance to as many consumers as possible including unbanked populations in underserved areas. Most recently, the Michigan Credit Union League and several partners created www.RightAtHomeAnswers. org so that credit unions can work with members on the home buying process and how to avoid foreclosure when times are tight.

Financial education goes handin-hand with the credit union philosophy of "People Helpina People." Credit unions exist not only to provide a trustworthy depository institution that is member-owned, but also to help consumers avoid the financial pitfalls that have many Americans deep in debt or facing the potential loss of their home or

By working to educate their members and other Michigan residents, credit unions are helping to arm consumers with the money management skills they need in a tough economy, from college to a first home to retirement. For financial education resources, visit www.lovemycreditunion.org.

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#### **New Small Business Laws**

In a landmark move for the credit union Industry, the Michigan Commissioner of Financial and Insurance Regulation has signed an order authorizing credit union service organizations (CUSOs) to provide small business equity investments to Michigan credit unions and their

"This is an unprecedented step forward for credit unions," David Adams, CEO of the Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates said. "Business investing authority has tremendous potential benefits to credit unions and to the small business community at large. It is further proof that there is nothing small. to supporting small businesses. MCUL and CUcorp plan to work aggressively with our credit union community on a structure and business plan that will take advantage of this new opportunity. CUcorp is well positioned to facilitate this."

In his ruling, Commissioner R. Keyin Clinton noted that based on a review of applicable laws, and with all consideration of safety and soundness, "It is necessary and proper for CUSOs to offer small business equity and venture capital investment administration and related services to its member credit unions and their respective members."

The new authority allows state chartered credit union investment in CUSO's that provide investment administration and other services related to small business equity or venture capital funding.

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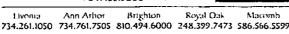
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#### also a potential goldmine of stories that leave the average reader shaking their head in disbelief over the folks we elect to office (like the McCotter fiasco that

lection season is the

bane of a journalist's

existence, but it's

Congressman to resign)

The latest nugget came

digging. I was watching

TV and saw a commercial

promoting the online ser-

vices offered by the Oak-

land County Clerk/Reg-

ister of Deeds office and

included Republican Bill

I didn't think much

more of it until an email

Democrat Lisa Brown.

came across my laptop

the county's new www.

oaklandvotes.com site.

name are prominent.

Again, Bullard's picture

As an Oakland Coun-

She was calling him out

on a mailer that his office

from Bullard's challenger

in the November election,

Bullard's photo and name.

online at hometownlife.com

these mailers. He said 155,000 of the 6"x10.5" cards were mailed two weeks ago (around the same time absentee voter ballots were mailed). Unfortunately, he had no idea what the total cost to taxpavers was for the

I gave Bullard a call

design, printing and mail-

ing but said he'd find out

to find out more about

and let me know. He did a few days later: \$54.550 Bullard said the purpose of the mailer is to let county residents know that they can get all their election information at this new website. I asked him if he had sent similar mailers out prior to the primary election in August, and he said he didn't because this nev website wasn't up and

press release on Sept. 25 I was curious what the

running yet. It was offi-

cially announced via a

ty resident, I couldn't recall getting the mailer (and if I did, I probably immediately trashed it). So I walked down to my apartment complex mailbox and, believe it or not, there was one of the mailers on the ground. One of my fellow tenants obviously had the same idea as myself but missed the trash can.

> ted on the phone. I also went to the clerk's regular website and clicked on the 'Elections' tab on the left rail. I told Bullard that the two appeared very similar "Have we copied some

> ing that the new website's label — Oaklandvotes was a "key." He went on residents do their business online and this web address would simplify the process.

information from different sources." Bullard said. Actually, he's half correct. It is indeed new, but virtually every link on the new site can be found under the 'Elections' link on the clerk's regular site. The links may be named differently, but they are

looked at it while we chat-

to say how much money the county saves when

"This is a new website compiling a lot of different "Track Your Absentee Ballot" link and the clerk's er" link both take you to

the Michigan Secretary of

State's website. There are about two dozen links on the new site and a few less on the clerk's site - but there is nothing you'll find on one that's not on the other. Don't believe me? Take about 20 minutes and go through each: http://www.oaklandvotes

> http://www.oakgov.com/ clerkrod/elections/Pages/ default.aspx

Now here's the really sad part. About halfway down the new site you'll come to the heading "Dis tricts" with five links listed under it for U.S. Congressional Districts: State Senate: State House of Representatives; Oakland Counland County Polling Locations. On Friday, when I

clicked on any of the first four I was redirected to a page that indicated "The Page You Requested Cannot be Found." On Monday. I checked again. Now those links, and the fifth one. each direct you to ... the clerk's old Election link! Is that what's known as "gov ernment efficiency." I don't know who

designed this new website

er so much easier, but it's a

waste. There was, and is,

nothing wrong with going

to the clerk's site for vot-

er information. The new

website just seems like a

name and face in front of

What about those TV

commercials promoting

the clerk's office and fea

"The point is to inform

people of our online ser-

vices and get them to

actually use them," he

said. "We save money

each time online is used

to air the commercials

less than \$1,000 to pro-

duce it. Brown figured

lars that gets Bullard's

voters via the mailer.

turing Bullard?

and Bullard came out with press releases bashing each other. She said: "Unfortunate ly, Bill Bullard has estabthat makes my life as a votlished a pattern of reck-

In 2012, do we need any-

body telling us that the

and that we can do all

Probably not.

Internet can save us time

sorts of things online that

Of course, both Brown

we used to do in person?

less spending on selfserving pet projects.' He said: "Lisa Brown hasn't offered one constructive idea on how to

improve on our award winning office ... Lisa's own literature is touting all the programs we I asked Bullard if he thought it was unfair as well as unethical to

include his photo and name in the commercials and on the mailers. "If it is, then Lisa Brown's mailer is too," he said, adding that incumbents always have an

Will it save taxpayers more money than it Yes, they do, but it's the cost to produce and an this commercial multitrue statesmen who don't ple times? Hard to say abuse it. because Bullard didn't know how much it cost

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#### **CARS**

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off-board source, that is stored on-board via a battery for motive purpose. "Electric vehicles or

plug-ins are becoming more in play in the auto market," Cardenas told

The Community Development report stated by 2015 it is expected that all major automakers will offer plug-in electric vehicles for sale, including both entirely electric vehicles and plugin hybrid vehicles. The report further stated the general consensus among ndustry analysts is that 2 to 5 percent of all new vehicle sales in the United States will be plug-in electric vehicles ( ing plug-in hybrids) by

The report stated it was logical to conclude that at least 2 percent of the parking spaces in a parking area should be electric-vehicle ready in the near future.

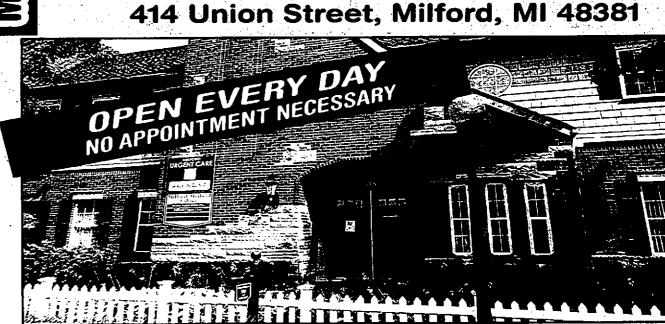
According to Community Development Planner David Campbell, PEV charging stations and spaces are typically located along the perimeter of a parking area, most often in close proximity to the building served by the parking area to minimize the distance covered by the electric infrastructure connecting the building's electrical ser-

Campbell said the amendment's intent is to provide reasonable reguations for the citing and design of PEV charging stations and spaces, such that the stations are located where they will not impede pedestrian access or encroach on a setback

Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, Troy, Dearborn, Warren, and Farmington adopted a similar PEV ordinance or are in the process of doing so.

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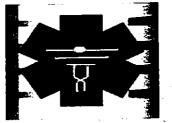
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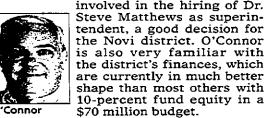
#### **OUR VIEWS**

### Excellent education O'Connor, Cadwell

### are solid choices for school board

Two open seats on the Novi Community Schools Board of Education are being sought by three individuals - incumbent Dennis O'Connor, Tracey Cadwell and Brad Leidal — and the winners will begin in January. President Bruce Bagdady is not seeking re-election.

O'Connor was elected to the board in 2008, when terms were four years; they were changed to six this summer. He was involved in the hiring of Dr.





He supports review of a five-year attrition program "so we don't have to talk about serious cuts" and not replacing teachers at the secondary level. That's where he says the district needs to focus on doing more with less, explore teaching via cyber programs or a collegetype lecture atmosphere.

"My vision for Novi, and a pilot for the rest of the state, is to get out of the factory model of schools at that higher level," he said. "Part of that agenda is working on our finances, but also focusing on 14- to 18-year-olds' learning. If they're learning in a different way, it's not a bad thing."

O'Connor is also committed to closing the district's academic gap and the goal of "one year's growth in one year's time." He sees state mandates for teacher evaluations as personal development tools, just like the private sector, but realizes the big hurdle will be getting teachers to view it as a positive.

The two other challengers are similar in that they've both lived here for seven years and both have two children in the district. Both have shown a commitment to education just by seeking a seat on the board, and for that we commend them.

Cadwell also ran in the last election and earned 24 percent of the vote. She has worked in education since 1999 and has a degree in business administration.

Cadwell offers a perspective that many parents and students can relate to. She's a minority (African American) who relocated here from a district that performs well under Novi's level. Her son, now 17, faced challenges that she sees many others face as they try to get up to Novi's standards. Closing that "academic gap" is one of the district's main focuses, and Cadwell's voice would be valuable on the board.

She's in favor of an entrance exam for transfer students to test their academic proficiency to assist with their education. Cadwell says she'd also "implement quarterly standardized testing and provide workshops to address identified problem areas."

She would like to see the Response To Intervention program fully implemented in the district to ensure students are receiving the necessary educational services to be successful learners.

Cadwell understands the challenge of meeting the diverse cultural needs of all students and families as the minority population in Novi steadily increases. She's in favor of providing surveys to families to adequately address their needs and provide resources to assist them with education of themselves and their families.

Exploring partnerships with local businesses is also part of Cadwell's agenda, whether it's donations of goods or services or sponsorships.

Novi schools are ranked highly and on the right track because of board members like Dennis O'Connor. Tracey Cadwell will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the board. We recommend O'Connor and Cadwell for Novi schools Nov. 6.

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### **OPINION**

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

The City of Novi is planning two pedestrian crossings over I-96, including one on Meadowbrook Road. Do you think the other should go on Beck Road or Novi Road?



'Novi (Road) is too congested, so probably Beck because it seems less busy.'



"Beck Road seems a more natural spot because Novi (Road) is busy and has a lot of Mary Fusco traffic."



"There may be more pedestrian use at Novi, but I'm not as familiar with the Beck area. I live near Meadowbrook, so I'm more on this side of town. But, either way. they should go with the one that will have more

**Andrew Bigelow** 



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"I don't plan on walking over I-96. I will stick to my neighborhood and drive where I have to

Karen Taracks

#### Cassis: No on Prop. 3

LETTERS

As a former member of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, I want to add my voice to those opposing the passage of Proposal 3 on the November ballot.

Clean, abundant, affordable energy is something we all want and, as a state and nation, we should strive for energy independence. But there are serious flaws in this renewable energy proposal that should give us all pause in Michigan, regardless of political affiliation. I refer you to the Public Sector Consultants Report, September 2012.

First and foremost is cost. If passed, Proposal 3 — which would lock a nearly unchangeable policy into the state constitution where it doesn't belong — potentially could cost families, businesses, and senior citizens at least \$12 billion over time. That's an unacceptable burden on Michigan taxpayers even in good times. For that alone it should be defeated.

Furthermore, this well-intentioned but poorly thought-out proposal could easily lead to a loss of local control for our communities as it pertains to wind turbines. Meeting the 25 ercent mandate called for in the proposal could require as many as 3,100 turbines, each as tall as the state Capitol, and require nearly a half million acres of land. The odds that some of these turbines will be near people or communities that

don't want them are fairly high. Gov. Rick Snyder has pointed out that no other state has such a mandate in their constitution. There probably is a very good reason for that, and it's probably because there are far smarter ways to go about pursuing energy independence.

**Nancy Cassis** Novi

#### Support Adams, Elkins, Stempien

We strongly encourage you vote for Trustees Doug Adams, John Elkins and Eric Stempien for Schoolcraft College trustee this November.

The three are outstanding individuals who have the best interests of the college and the community in mind. They currently serve on the Schoolcraft Board and represent our community with integrity, fiscal responsibility and a strong passion to continue to move Schoolcraft in the right direction as the leading community college in

the state. Keep Schoolcraft College strong. Vote Adams, Elkins and Stempien on Nov. 6.

Brian Broderick, chair

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#### Joan Gebhardt, treasurer Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees

#### **Nowhere Bentivolio**

I attended the League of Women Voters election forum for the candidates for the 11th Congressional District last week in Plymouth. Noticeably absent was Kerry Bentivolio. I had been advised in advance that it was almost certain that he would not be present. I find it quite disturbing that this candidate chooses not to engage in debates, appear at town hall meetings, public forums or other open events, it appears his strategy is to stay off the radar, and out of the public and just hope all the Republicans will go fill in the box and vote for him. We only need to task our

short memory to recall the embarrassment and cost to the citizens or the 11th district caused by our last Republican representative, Thaddeus Mc-Cotter. He as well was known as an official who was remote. distant, aloof, and detached from his constituents; who rarely held office hours, appeared in public or made himself available to the citizens who elected him. He was clearly more interested in playing his guitar and appearing on TV talks shows than performing the most basic fundamental of getting sufficient signatures to get on the ballot.

The congressional seat for the 11th District is probably the most important position on the local ballots. Whoever is elected will represent 700,000 citizens in Congress. America has complex problems. An economy **Carol Strom, vice chair** that is not growing fast enough Jim Fausone, secretary or creating enough jobs; mas-

#### decreasing tax revenues while the cost of health care and

entitlements are skyrocketing; falling educational achievement with rising threats of terrorism. One would think that under these circumstances we would want the most educated most experienced, most accomplished, most competent individual to represent us.

I personally know Dr. Syed Taj. As a physician practicing internal medicine and then as the medical director of Oakwood Hospital, he relates that for over 30 years he was daily presented with complex problems and illnesses: did examinations and tests to lead to a diagnosis, then developed a plan to resolve and cure the problems He advanced to the position of overseeing 400 doctors. As a politician, he served successfully and compatibly as the only Democrat on the Canton Board of Trustees. We should be honored and blessed to have such a candidate for the House.

On the other hand we have Bentivolio. His positions and views are so extreme and radical that his own party rejected him and ran a write-in to try to keep him off the final ballot and regularly called him "Krazy Kerry. Maybe just once, we should forget about being a Republican or Democrat, and just vote for the best candidate: Dr. Taj. Tom Hess

#### Northville Obama's plan worked for Detroit

President Obama rescued the auto industry and saved one million jobs in the process. There are now 2.5 million people employed in the U.S. automobile industry, up from 2.3 million in August 2009. In the past 12 months, 3.3 million cars and light trucks sold by General Motors and Chrysler are up from the 2.9 million sold the previous year. General Motors reported record profits in 2011. GM is currently the world's biggest auto manufacturer and expects to add 167,000 jobs by 2015.

There is more good news on the horizon. General Motors will soon add 2,000 jobs in Michigan, Information technology jobs will account for 1,500 of these positions. It appears that recent graduates of southeastern Michigan's college and universities will likely become the beneficiaries of 30 percent of these jobs. If Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney had his way, he would have "let Detroit go bankrupt."

Jill Farber-Bramson West Bloomfield

### Prop 3: Establish standard for renewable energy

### PRO: Immediate rate cut for DTE's residential customers

By Hugh McDiarmid Jr.

Proposal 3, the "25 by 2025" plan on the Nov. 6 ballot, would result in an immediate rate reduction for residential customers of DTE Energy, long-term savings on utility bills and a healthier, more resilient system. The immediate savings is because Proposal

3 eliminates an unfair DTE rate structure that assesses homeowners 69 percent of the renewable energy surcharge even though they only use 36 percent of the electricity. This represents a savings of \$16 per year for each of DTE's 1.9 million

> residential customers. Restoring fairness to DTE's residential customers is the most immediate of numerous benefits Proposal 3 will gen-

The plan would require that Michigan's utilities generate one-quarter of their electricity

from clean renewable sources by the year 2025. It is a path to a more secure energy future that engages and employs thousands of Michiganders, reduces our crippling reliance on expensive out-of-state fuels and protects the environment and public health.

The proposal makes so much sense it has generated broad support from a growing and diverse chorus of important allies. But the utility companies are pouring millions of dollars into Michigan to confuse and scare voters with

Do not be bullied. Do not be brainwashed. The utilities have a selfish interest in perpetuating the same dirty system that has relied primarily on coal to provide Michigan electricity for more than a century. DTE, the company that owns Detroit Edison, owns nine other companies that make money strictly from moving and processing coal. They own more than 8.500 railroad cars just to move coal. They get federal tax breaks for processing the coal, which allows them to make more than \$60 million a year.

Coal may be good for their bottom line, but it is not good for Michigan families. Not for our households or businesses that bear the brunt of rising fuel costs. Not for children hospitalized with severe asthma conditions. Not for our inland lakes that have been poisoned by mercury from power plant smokestacks. It is not working for college stu-

dents in the emerging clean energy field who must leave Michigan to find a job.

And it is not working for our economy. Coal which fuels 70 percent of Detroit Edison's electricity — is expensive and getting more so. The cost of coal delivered to Michigan has doubled since 2005. It is no coincidence that utility rates have soared during the same time period. All told, Michiganders spend \$1.5 billion annually to import coal from other states.

By contrast, renewable energy in Michigan is coming online at a cost cheaper than even the most ardent proponents predicted in 2008, when our current standard --- 10 percent by 2015 - was adopted. The Michigan Public Service Commission reports that "the cost of energy generated by renewable sources continues to decline and is cheaper than new coalfired generation."

Affordable renewable energy is also fueling Michigan's economy. More than 240 Michigan companies are engaged in the wind and solar supply chains alone, according to a report from the Environmental Law and Policy Center. A Michigan State University study showed that tens of thousands of jobs would be created by Proposal 3 in the construction, manufacturing and operations and maintenance of

The 25-percent standard would make Michigan competitive with dozens of other states that have renewable standards exceeding ours. And it would position Michigan to become a global leader in renewable energy.

There are other ways it could be done. But our governor and state legislators — many of them firmly under the thumb of the utilities' powerful Lansing lobbying machine - are not interested.

So instead, voters will decide whether to amend the Michigan Constitution. It's a process that has been successfully used more than 30 times since 1963, when we adopted the current version of our constitution. We've established policies including the minimum drinking age, tax policy, stem cell research, casino gambling and the Natural Resources

As the constitution states, "All political power is inherent in the people." If our elected officials are not going to solve the big problems of today, it is up to us.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr. is a Farmington resident and

communications director with the Michigan Environ-

Steve Transeth

recover from the worst recession America has experienced in decades. This is no time to hit Michigan families and businesses with unnecessary costs, especially for energy from dictable and unreliable. And that's orecisely why Pro-

Guest Colum nist

nly now is Michigan's

economy starting to

posal 3 is the wrong idea at the wrong time for our state.

You may think amending the state constitution to require 25 percent of the state's electric

supply to come from renewable sources such as wind, solar and biomass by 2025 sounds relatively harmless.

Unfortunately, you would be

Meeting that mandate would cost electric customers an estimated \$12 billion – that's billion with a 'B' - driving up utility bills for years to come. That's a staggering burden for working people, families and retirees and seniors on fixed incomes.

I support the concept of generating more of Michigan's electricity from renewable sources. But the price tag for Proposal 3 simply is too expensive.

One analysis estimates that meeting Proposal 3 would require the addition of 4,000 to 5,000 megawatts of wind power capacity. That's equivalent to roughly 3,100 wind turbines, requiring more than 780 square miles of Michigan land.

Voters also should consider: · Michigan already has a reasonable, affordable 10-percent

ers Energy (5 percent) and DE Energy (6 percent) both are or track to meet that mark, in lare part because of the six wind farms they are developing sepirately. Our state should reach the 10-percent standard before res-

sessing its future energy need . The constitution is the wro place for this mandate. No oth er state in the country has lock energy policy into its constitution and Michigan shouldn't be the first. Locking energy policy into the constitution would eliminate the flexibility to meet unforeseen challenges the state's energy market and impede our ability to take ad us tage of emerging technologies.

Today, local communities their zoning standards and orfiinances to govern the development of wind farms and other renewable energy projects. If Proposal 3 is locked into the sate constitution, such zoning lays could be challenged on confi tutional grounds and potertial overturned, stripping local offi-

cials of their authority. Renewable energy is good for Michigan in the right places and in the right increments. Wind, biomass, solar and other renewables can corribute to a balanced energy/portfolio, along with conventional sources, that will ensure our electricity

remains affordable and reliable But needlessly pouring billions of dollars into a 25-percent renewable energy requirement that would be locked in our constitution is a bad investment that won't pay off.

Voters should reject Proposal 3 because this costly constitutional energy mandate is bad for

Steve Transeth is a former Michigan Public Service commissioner and senior energy policy adviser to the Clean Affordable Renewable Energy

### Prop 4: Constitutional amendment for home health care

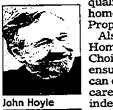
### PRO: Offers safeguards for home health care

By John Hoyle

Proposal 4 will strengthen safety, health and independence of name with discharge. ealth and independence of persons with disabilities and those who are

ity tell us that they want to stay in their own home instead of going to a nursing home or other institution. If that's their choice, our priority is to ensure that they are safe and healthy in their own homes. On Election Day, voters across Michi-

gan have an opportunity to help seniors and people with disabilities get safe, quality care in their own homes, by voting yes on



Proposal 4. Also known as Keep Home Care a Safe Choice, Proposal 4 ensures our loved ones can direct their own care, while remaining independent and healthy in their own homes.

Proposal 4 will help persons who need assistance to remain in their home get assistance from screened home care workers who help perform many tasks, from getting dressed to taking their medication. Proposal 4 establishes a registry that requires home care workers on it to undergo strict background checks, an important safeguard to prevent neglect and abuse.

Proposal 4 directly impacts the care and safety of countless Michiganders, especially our most vulnerable citizens.

Those of us who work directly with seniors and people with disabilities know first-hand what a real difference quality home care makes. When seniors and people with disabilities choose home care, they are happier and healthier. Home care allows our loved ones to live in familiar, comfortable surroundings near family, friends and their communities. By staying in their own homes, seniors and people with disabilities also avoid costly alternative settings, including nursing homes.

Proposal 4 contains many important safeguards to protect seniors and people

First, it establishes the Michigan Qual-

ity Home Care Council, which would oversee a registry that links home care recipients with pre-screened home care providers in their area.

Second, it requires home care providers on the registry undergo strict criminal background checks to ensure safety for seniors and people with disabilities. Third, it connects home care providers to critical job training so they can better care for seniors and persons with dis-

Furthermore, Proposal 4 will save taxpayer dollars in avoided institutional costs, since home care is significantly less expensive to taxpayers than nursing homes, according to non-partisan studies by the AARP and the conservative Anderson Economic Group. In addition to promoting quality care, Proposal 4 and the registry it creates

will also help keep our loved ones safe. By better screening home care workers, we can prevent abuses as well as exploitation, neglect and abandonment of seniors and people with disabilities. According to estimates by the Michigan Department of Human Services, about 14,000 elder abuse cases are reported on average each year.

That's why a diverse coalition of groups endorses Proposal 4 and urges Michigan citizens to vote yes.

Michigan's leading senior and disability rights groups, such as the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Arc Michigan and many more have endorsed Proposal 4. Faith leaders, veterans groups and many others also urge a yes vote on Proposal 4.

police chiefs and prosecutors across Michigan agree that Proposal 4 will promote better care and safety for loved Proposal 4 promotes greater security, it gives those who need assistance more

choices and it saves money for them and

And law enforcement leaders, local

for taxpayers. Vote yes on Proposal 4 for the health, safety and peace of mind of those we

**Dohn Hoyle** is executive director of the Arc Michigan and co-chair of Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care.

### CON: Forced unionization of home-based caregivers

By Derk A. Wilcox

ne of the biggest misconceptions about Proposal 4 is that it creates new programs that will assist the elderly and the disabled with independent living. It is on this basis that the proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution is being sold to

An analysis of the proposal, however, reveals that this claim is untrue and so we have to look deeper to see the true motivation behind the promotion of



The real reason Proposal 4 was put on the ballot was to protect a scheme to funnel dues and fees from the pay of home-based caregivers to the Service Employees Internation-

ment seeks to enshrine in the constitution a dues collection scheme that has already diverted \$32 million away from the caregivers, 75 percent of whom are family members caring for loved ones

Under the Home Help Program, which began in 1981, in-home caregivers had always been considered employees of the care recipients - up until 2005, that is. The care recipient chose the employee, directed the care and had the ability to replace the caregiver, if desired. In 2005, under the administration

of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a local government entity called the Michigan Quality Community Care Council was created and colluded with the SEIU to force tens of thousands of residents into a government union. These two entities claimed that the caregivers were public employees because all or part of their pay comes from pub-lic funds. (Given this line of reasoning doctors who accept Medicaid or Medicare payments, or grocers who accept food stamps, could also be forced into such a union.) Michigan law, as well as federal law, had always excluded inhome caregivers from the definition of who is a public employee for the reason

that the true employer was the one to whom the care was given, not the state. Nevertheless, the scheme moved for-

ward with little to no public scrutiny. When the full extent of what had happened — and the amount of dues and fees that had been skimmed — became widely known, the public was outraged and the Legislature acted to put an end to the dues skim and prevent anything like it from happening in the future. Proposal 4 is an attempt to validate the dues skim and enshrine in the constitution the definition of a public employee that has already been rejected by the courts and the Legislature. The SEIU has already admitted that it is using the skimmed dues "during the upcoming election" to advocate for its position Given the millions of dollars involved. the SEIU has a strong incentive to try to keep the skim going.

Proposal 4 would only consider homebased caregivers to be public employees for the limited purpose of being represented by the SEIU or a subsequent union. It would not extend to caregivers the status of public employ ees in any other regard, including pensions, benefits or civil service protections. Proposal 4 would not grant the union the power to negotiate higher wages or improved work conditions, either. The actual language of the proposed amendment that does not appear on the ballot specifically states that the Legislature, through the appropriations process, determines the caregiv ers' compensation, and since the work occurs in the care recipients' homes, it cannot affect the working conditions either.

The programs promised by Proposal including a registry and background checks, have already been implemented and require no constitutional amendment to continue. The only facet of Proposal 4 that actually requires altering the constitution is the continuation of the dues skim that the Legislature has

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'This card campaign isa small gesture that means a great deal to the American men and women serving overseas," Olender said. "They are the very reason we in Metro Detroit and across the country enjoy the many freedons that make our quality of life possible. The notes I receive back from the troops who receive the cirds are genuinely apprenative and inspir-

The cards will be available forthe public to sign at Emagne Theater locations in Novi, Royal Oak and Woodraven from 4:30-6:30 p.n. Thursday, Oct. 18. That same day, the public can sign cards from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Wells Fargo Advi-

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sors offices in Ann Arbor. Birmingham, Clinton Township, Grosse Pointe Woods, Farmington Hills, Northville and Troy.

Olender will collect and distribute the signed cards in time for Christmas or Hanukkah arriv al to U.S. troops serving in United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) Olender has made the distribution of these

since 2009. He is adding "Hero Packs" to this year's initiative to make an even greater impact. "Hero Packs" are backpacks filled with memenos and items designed to help connect military kids with their deployed parent. Some of the 'thank you" and holiday cards collected through the campaign will be inserted in the "Hero Packs" and distributed to children with families

serving AFRICOM.

#### **NOVI NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Make A Difference

For more than 20 years, USA WEEKEND of Light have joined together to spon-sor Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of community service and a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Millions of volunteers from around the world will unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others on Make A Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Novi News wants to know what you're planning to do on Make A Difference Day. Email your project information to cstone@

### Time to thank Friends of the Library

al Friends of Librar-ies Week Oct. 21-27 by sincerely thanking the Friends of the Novi Pub lic Library organization for their over 50 years of support and advocacy. During the month of October, the public is invited to stop by the library's first floor lobby to view the display

featuring the Friends to learn more about their mission, programs, and what they "geek".

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year alone, the Friends of the Novi Public Library generously sponsored the Summer Reading (Youth & Adults), Battle of the Books, Community Read, Morning Arts. and Staff In-Service Programs, as well as

The Friends of the Novi Public Library are actively seeking volunteers and members to continue supporting the library. To learn more, visit www.novilibrary. org/AboutUs/FriendsoftheLibrary.asp or send an email to friends@novilibrary.org. The Novi Public Library is located at 45255 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi.

funding a new eReader/ tablet device, replacement toys in Youth Area, bookmarks/fly ers/brochures for Youth Programs & Resources, and Novi Newbie bags and bibs.

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Quartet concert on Nov. 11 and the Piano Showcase concert on Dec. Experience the value of the Friends by The Friends are also hosting Auctions 101: attending one of their What You Need to Know musical, cultural or edu to Enjoy Live Auctions cational programs. The at 7 p.m. Nov. 13. This Friends are a new sponprogram features Janet sor of the Listen @ The Library Concert series Cashin, a 20-year veteran of live auctions and of free family con-

estate sales, sharing her expertise and inviting the audience to use her "mock moolah" to bid on a selection of typical auction items. Register now on the library website (novilibibrary.org) or by calling the library at (248) 349-0720.

As fundraisers for the library, the Friends 4 activities have raised over \$14,000 in recent years. The Friends' major fundraiser is the library's ongoing used book sale in the library's Book Nook. In addition, the Friends are hosting the Fall Bigger and Better Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17, providing an oppor tunity to shop for that perfect holiday present from hundreds of

### Dodworth Saxhorn Band to perform Civil War-era songs on Sunday, Oct. 28

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band will make a rare appearance at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Meadow brook Congregational Church in Novi. Dressed in period cos-

tumes and playing music

of the 19th century on authentic period (1840brass band's concert will commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial Among the classic American songs of the era are "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"; "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp"; "Bonnie Blue Flag"; "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"

"Lorena" and "Waiting for The concert is the inaugural performance in owbrook's 2012-13 Music Series. Admission to the concert is free; suggested donation is \$10 per person and \$25 per family. The concert is scheduled from 4 p.m. to approximately 5:50 p.m. Other concerts in

the series include the Ann Arbor Boys Choir on December 2, and 2013 performances by Lance Luce and Detroit's Cantata Academy Cho-

Meadowbrook's sanctuary, the venue for the concert series, has near-perfect acoustics with its 26foot high barrel-vaulted ceiling and slate chan-The church is locat-

ed at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads, in Novi. For further information, contact Jeannette Faber, music director at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, at (248) 348-7757 com or wwww.mbccc.org



Though based in Ann Arbor, the 17-member Dodworth Saxhorn ensemble travels much of the year performing across the country. Since its inception in 1985, the band has performed at the White House for President and Mrs. Clinton, worked with noted filmmaker Ken Burns on his PBS Baseball series, opened the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Salute to America concerts at Greenfield Village, and has been heard on National Public Radio's Weekend

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#### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

#### **Graffiti incidents**

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On Oct. 12, a malicious destruction of property incident was reported to Novi police that involved a purple heart with a black line through it and the word 'fun' were painted on the door of the residence in the 41000 plock of Broquet Drive.

The woman told police she went to work and came back to find the graffiti. She said she has no idea who would do this and police state there were no other reports of MDOPs in the neighbor-

Another recent MDOI was reported at Meadwbrook Congregational Church. A circle with a five-pointed star was painted on the church.

#### Larcenies from autos

7.There were a number of larcenies from autos in the Novi area on Oct. 11.

One occurred on South Lake Drive and had a wallet stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Another happened on Solomon Boulevard in which the saddle bags from a Harlev Davidson motorcycle were stolen. They are priced at \$1,900 and conained a number of per-A third occurred in the

1900 block of West Lake Drive and involved a GPS ble doing. The preliminary

unit being stolen from

#### Drunken driving 3A female driver was arrested for drunken

driving after telling Nov

police she had "a beer". The woman, who was driving a rental for work and had a Japanese license, was stopped at 10 Mile Road and Pheasant Run after police observed her driving without her lights on and erratically. She told police she didn't realize she didn't have the lights turned on. The police reported smelling intoxicants on her and had her perform field sobriety

breathalyzer test registered a blood-alcohol content of .149 percent.

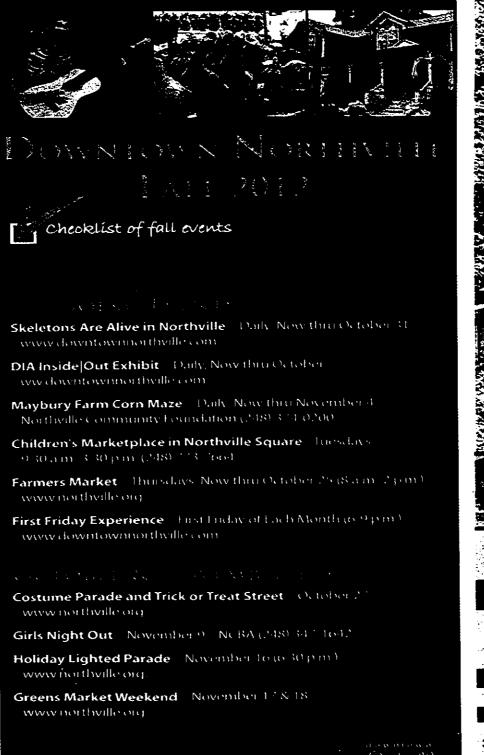
#### Retail theft

4A woman was arrest-ed for trying to steal clothing from Macy's department store. The store's Loss Prevention observed the woman through surveillance TV taking items and later conceal ing them in a bag. They stopped her as she tried to exit the store. The items were found in the

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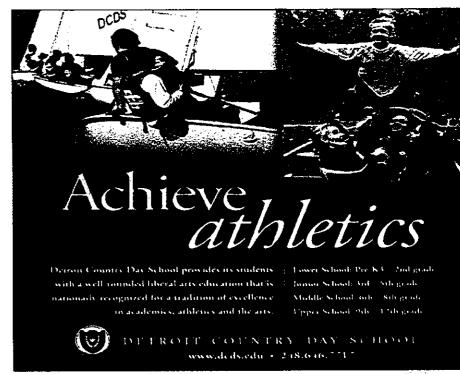


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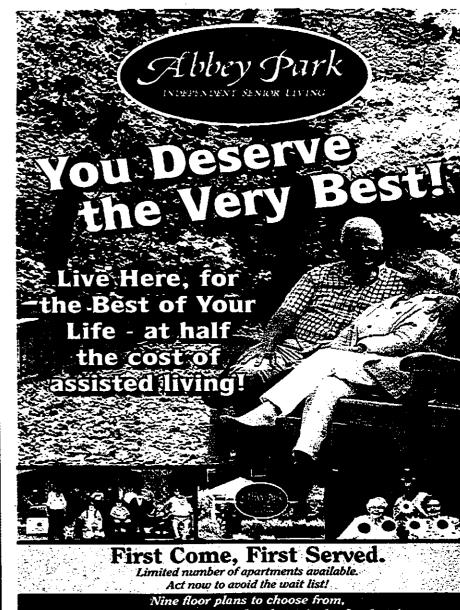
### Fire safety



Students from Faith Community Preschool enjoyed a visit and fire safety presentation from Novi Firefighters from Station 1 last week. Adults shown (I to r) with the children are firefighter Mitchell Sand, fire protection officer Scott Perry, teacher Sue Watson, and fire protection officer Charles Roberts. The children (I to r) are Owen Onder, Johnathan Weir, Levi Matas, Jason Kwon, Noah Lee, Nick Everett and Bella



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Michael Santimore, 9, looks through the mouth of a Lego lion during the Oct. 12 day of the Lego Kids' Fest at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day event brought Lego fans from all over Michigan, nearby states and Canada. It sprawled over the entire floor of the Showplace and featured acres of hundreds of thousands of pieces to put together with friends and family, Lego trivia games, huge Lego creations like a Cars movie automobile and, of course, a shop where one could stock up on all things Lego.



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lames Keranen works with his son Jake, 6, as they build a Lego tower at the recent Lego Kids' Fest at Novi's



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Contact: (248) 347-0414 for MOM 2 MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 20 Location: Novi High School

Details: Fifth annual event. hosted by Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler Program and The Lily Pad Lane. Admission is \$1 per adult and children under the age of 12 are free. Tables are \$20; rack spaces are an additional \$10. All baby and toddler items will be accepted. All admission proceeds will benefit equipment for The

Lily Pad Lane. Contact: (248) 449-1713. SAVVY SOCIAL SECU-RITY PLANNING WORK-

Time/Date: 1-2:30 or 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 **Location:** Novi Public Library at 45255 West 10 Mile Road

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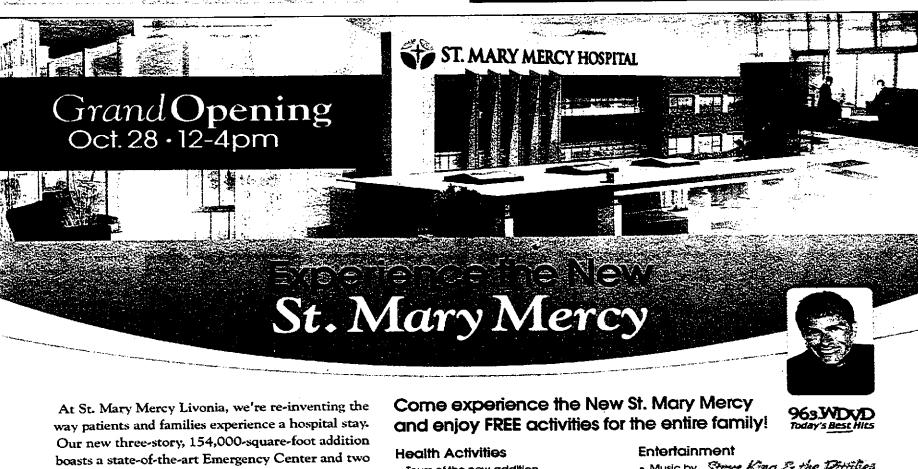
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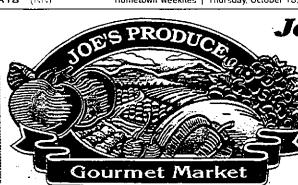
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Wildcat Tim Wang looks at a shot during his Oct. 12 KVC regional tennis match at Novi Middle School's courts.

### Wildcat tennis crowned regional champions

No. 1 Novi wins six of eight flights, vies for state title this weekend

By Chris Jackett

The storybook season continues for Novi's boys tennis team continued as the No. 1-ranked Wildcats finished first at Regionals. Novi (9-1-1) crowned flight champions in six of eight flights en route

to 29 points, which was enough to gain a comfortable victory over Northville (22), Detroit Catholic Central (21) and the other seven teams at the Oct. 12 meet in Novi.

The Wildcats got three regional titles apiece by defeating each Northville and CC, but each of those schools split the duties of ending title hopes for Novi's remaining two

ON TAP

Ranked No. 1 in Division I, Novi's boys tennis squad (9-1-1) is fresh off a regional championship and scheduled to head to the Midland Community Tennis Center Friday and Saturday as they bid for their first-ever state title at the Division I meet.

Northville's Tyler Gardiner defeated Novi sophomore Tim Wang (27-4) in the one singles championship 6-1, 6-1 after Wang defeated Hartland 6-1, 6-0 and CC 7

Novi two singles sophomore Andre Liu (22-6) defeated Milford 6-0, 6-0 before CC's Michael Trupi-

ano knocked Liu out 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals. Beyond those two flights, the

Wildcats cleaned house. Freshman Koushik Kondapi improved to 31-0 at three singles by defeating Howell 6-1, 6-1; Walled Lake Western 6-0, 6-0 and then CC's Gabe Apaza 6-3, 6-0 in the final. Senior Pavan Rao moved to 30-1 at four singles for Novi by defeating White Lake Lakeland 6-0, 6-0; How ell 6-0, 6-0 and Northville's Rahul

Raj 6-0, 6-1 in the final. The doubles flights proved to do just as well, led by junior Andrew Ying and senior Jason Carless (26-1) at one doubles, who defeated Lake-

### Shamrocks keep playoff hopes alive

Squad will play for CHSL championship against OLSM

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team starts every season with three things underlined on their list of goals: Win the Catholic High School League Central Division title, win the CHSL league title and make the playoffs. Standing at 4-3 last week with a loss to CHSL Central rival Brother Rice on the record books and one of the best teams in the state in Orchard Lake St. Mary's waiting to play them last Friday, the first two goals were teetering on the brink of

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two teams have

Central Shamrocks

being out of reach. Then Anthony Darkangelo pitched in three touchdowns in the first half-including a pass to Jon Malone--and tacked on another in the third quarter to help the Shamrocks accomplish one goal and keep the other two alive with a 35-13 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The victory split the Central Division title three ways between Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Broth-

er Rice and Detroit Catholic Central with

"Without a doubt, the win Friday night was cathartic," said Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach. "After all of the on-field highs and lows our team has been through this yearbig wins, close losses-we finally came out and played our best game when we absolutely had to have it. Our collective backs were against the wall, and the kids played their best 48 minutes of the season.'

each taking a single loss in division play this sea-

The scoring started out in the first quarter when Darkangelo ran six yards for a score to take a 7-0 lead before the Eaglets added a score of their own on a 19-yard jaunt by Parker McInnis to make it a 7-6 game following a missed extra-point attempt.

And then it became clear that Darkangelo and

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### Rockets shoot through Novi homecoming

Glenn comeback hands Wildcats 24-20 loss

ON TAP

Novi's football team (1-7. 1-4 KLAA Central) heads to Saline (7-1, 5-1 SEC) 7 p.m. Friday for the Wildcats' season finale. The Hornets defeated Ann Arbor Skyline 53-13 on the road last week for an SEC championship and are vying for their best record since 1990 in tomorrow's contest. "Offensively we're going

to have to hold onto the football. We're going to have to move the chains," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "Defensively, the new head coach down there's son is the quarterback and they throw the ball all over the place and put up big

In a game of big runs, Westland John Glenn came from behind and never led until it mattered, spoiling Novi's omecoming. Up 20-7 at halftime, Novi (1-

, 1-4 KLAA Central) allowed 7 unanswered points in a 24-20 loss to Glenn (2-6, 1-4 South) in a Kensington Conference gridiron crossover. "Second half we just didn" execute," Novi coach Todd

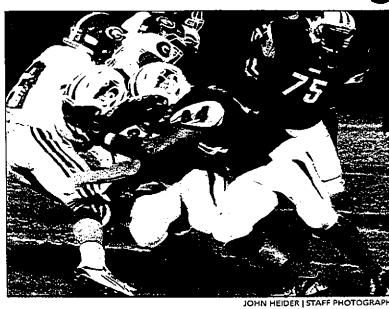
Pennycuff said. "We didn't execute offensively, we didn't execute defensively on things. We gave up a big play. You can't turn over the ball and get threes and outs and expect to win. We made some mental errors with just not protecting the football. That's

kind of been our Achilles heel all season, just not protecting the football. We've got to do a better job preparing and staying focused in the game and

getting threes and out.
"I think, like any 16-17 year old kids, they're a little frustrated. They know they're better than their record is. We're searching as a team for how to fix it. I think it's more of a mental issue than anything else. It's not a talent

Freshman Wildcat Emanuel Jackson (132 yards on 18 runs) got a good taste of his first homecoming, showing talent the 'Cats hope will continue to grow for years to come as he scored the first of his two touchdowns on a

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Wildcat Lucas Buck, right, and a teammate team up to stop a Westland John

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soccer team (13-3-3, 6-

2-2 KLAA Central) was

scheduled to visit No. 13

Stevenson (11-3-5, 6-2-2

Central) at Stevenson

last night for district

semifinal, with the win-

ner facing either North

Farmington (10-6-3) or

Farmington Hills Har-

rison (8-4-3) 2:30 p.m

Saturday at Stevenson

for the district title. The

Wildcats tied 1-1 at Ste-

enson Sept. 14 and wor

5-1 over the Spartans at

Dunn attempted to cut

past Netter toward an

otherwise empty net.

"When you can't finish

and the details aren't get-

ting taken care of, get-

ting to the next level is

a little difficult," Pulice

best of luck, but at the

end of the day, evaluat-

you see a lot of the same

The Wildcats have end-

ing both of the teams,

ed CC's season in Dis-

tricts three of the past

four seasons, having not

matched up last year to

complete the sweep for

Novi's victory followed

on the heels of two cross-

against Plymouth (8-7-0,

7-3-0 South) and 1-0 Oct.

10 against Grand Blanc

(10-6-2, 7-2-1 West), land

ing the Wildcats at fifth

in the 24-team KLAA.

Nakashima, senior

iunior Gabrielle DeFran-

Plymouth as Netter made

six saves. It was DeFran-

cisco's first-ever varsi-

also scored the winner

against the Bobcats while

Netter made three saves

on nine Grand Blanc shot

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the current seniors.

over wins, 3-0 Oct. 8

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home Oct. 2.

#### **NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP**

By Chris Jackett

#### Cojei lone lady golfer headed to States

After finishing the regular season 8-2 in dual meets. Novi's girls golf team landed short of a team trip to the state meet this weekend. The 'Cats finished fourth of 14 teams at Regionals Oct. 11 at Fox Hills Golf Course. Although the team didn't qualify, junior Lauren Cojei made the cut with a score of 89. She was followed by sophomore Katelyn Henry's 93, senior Anna Greulich's 97 and senior Ally Krick's 105. Cojei will head to the state meet Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers

#### **Undefeated Wildcats** seeded third for state tournament

Novi's field hockey squad continued its dominance with a pair of victories last week to improve to 13-0-1 on the season and 10-0-0 in Division II.

The 'Cats picked up victories 2-0 Oct. 9 against Detroit Country Day (2-11-1, 0-9-1 Div. II) and 3-1 Oct. 11 at Ann Arbor Greenhills (5-6-3, 4-3-3 Div. II). Lola Teran and Katrina Koomen split goalkeeping duties in both games as the Wildcats notched the 10-shutout mark on the sea-

Sofi Mosso gave the 'Cats an early 1-0 lead against Country Day before Kaleena Sedgi set up Megan Paul for a buffer goal in the second half to help maintain the 2-0 victory

Mosso similarly got Novi on the board early against Greenhills following a pass from Albane Blanchet, and then Haley Notarantonio ripped a shot into the goal shortly after to set up a 2-0 halftime lead. Megan Murphy scored on

to take it lying down.

FOR

an unassisted effort in the second half to put the 'Cats up 3-0, but Greenhills would get one back before all was said and done, putting the final score at 3-1.

Still undefeated in their first season since moving up from Division III, the Wildcats head into the state tournament, which mixes all four divisions together, as the No. 3 overall seed. Following a first-round BYE, Novi will start their playoff run 4 p.m. Saturday at home in hopes of advancing to the 4 p.m. quarterfinal Tuesday at Country Day. The semifinal is 4 p.m. Oct. 25 and final is 2 p.m. Oct. 27, both at Saline.

#### Wildcat volleyball puts spike in Lions

With a 25-22, 25-14, 25-18 victory over visiting South Lyon (11-9, 5-5 KLAA Central), the No. 19-ranked Novi volleyball squad (25-10,7-3 Central) is shaping up. Led by senior Kacey Sheldon (12 kills, 18 digs, 23 serve receptions) and juniors Brooke Laney (10 kills), Emiy Robb (30 assists), Allison Schulte (13 digs) and Isabelle Glancy (16 serve receptions), the Wildcats seemed poised to take on the crossover opponent of No. 14 Canton (18-7-1, 8-2 South) two nights ago with Districts are on the horizon

#### Harriers run short of Salem

Novi's girls cross country team finished the dual meet season with a 1-4 record after losing 21-40 Oct. 9 at Plymouth Salem. The 'Cats head to Huron Meadows 3:50 p.m. today for the KLAA Kensington Conference meet before running over to Regionals 10:30 a.m. Oct. 27 at Waterford's Hess-Hathaway

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

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### Rocks roll past Wildcats

Barnes breaks up Salem's top-three sweep attempt

By Chris Jackett

Novi boys harriers capped league play with a rough 18-41 loss to Plymouth Salem on the road at

The Wildcats (2-3) finish fourth in the KLAA Central Division after los ing to Salem (4-1) Oct. 9 on the road. Junior Brian Barnes was consistent, finishing third overall in 17 minutes and 13 seconds. However, the Rocks claimed the remaining top six positions.

"Our first mile was very good," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "It was a tight contest for the first six minutes or so. I was encouraged that we got out quick and raced right from the gun. We gave them a good fight, we just couldn't hang on.

The 30-second gap between Barnes and junior Michael Dickmann (seventh in 17:43) was too much for the 'Cats to overcome as one Salem runner after another crossed the finish line. "Brian broke up a pack

that could have been a (one through five) sweep by Salem," Smith said. 'He has been battling the top runners from all of the KLAA schools all season. This will toughen him up as we head to the league meet and beyond." Despite the loss, the Wildcat pack mentality

was a success, as Dickacross the finish line in an 18-second span. He was followed by junior Cameron Richman (ninth in 17:46), senior Ben Jenkins (10th in 17:48), junior



Freshmen Andrew Mizerowski and Joost Plaetinck were among Novi's top nine finishers Oct. 9 against Plymouth Salem, with Mizerowski finishing 14th overall in 17:55 and

Andrew Turek (12th in 17:52), senior Phil Baeza (13th in 17:53), freshman Andrew Mizerowski (14th in 17:55), senior Tim MacPherson (15th in 17:58) and freshman Joost Plaetinck (16th in

"Having two freshmen, Mizerowski and Plaetinck, run in our top nine slots is exciting," Smith said. "They are gaining experience and confidence every meet. I am very proud of them.'

ON TAP

Novi's boys cross country squad (2-3) is set to compete in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet 4:25 p.m. today at Huron Meadows before running over to Regionals 10 a.m. Oct. 27 at Waterford's Hess-Hathaway Park.

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Novi Wildcat doubles teammates Michael Chang, left, and Nishant Kakar take another

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#### TENNIS

land 6-0, 6-0; CC 6-1, 6-1 and Northville's Matt Evasic and Brian Manney 6-1, 7-5 for the cham-

In two doubles action. senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang (29-1) defeated Brighton 6-0, 6-0; Howell 6-0, 6-0 and CC's Andrew Hinrichs and Austin Beyer 6-0. 6-2 in the final.

Senior Jon Thompson and freshman Maxx Anderson (27-3) kept things going at three doubles, defeating Hartland 6-0, 6-0 Brighton 6-0, 6-1 and CC's Danny Vargovick and Nick Landi 6-0, 6 2 for their flight's title.

Juniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu (28-1) capped the day at four doubles, wrapping up the title by defeating Brighton 6-0, 6-0; Walled Lake Western 6-0, 6-1 and Northville's Jason Wang and Oliver Daniel 6-0, 6-2.

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

### Late goal lifts Novi past CC

Kiura's free kick finds Oakley's head for game winner

**By Chris Jackett** 

There were plenty of scoring opportunities in the district quarterfinal between Novi and Detroit Catholic Central's boys soccer teams Monday night, but it wasn't until 84 minutes into the 90-minute contest when the ball found the back of

Novi junior Nick Oakley flicked a header from the near side off a free kick on the right side from junior Matt Kiura that found its way into the far corner of the net with 5:27 was enough to give the No. 16-ranked Wildcats (13-3-3, 6-2-2 KLAA Central) a 1-0 victory over the unranked Shamrocks (7-7-2, 3-2-1 Catholic League Central). "It was crazy," Oak

ley said. "At halftime, we talked about how important set pieces were going to be and coach emphasized who needs to be where. Second half, I really took that to mind and just happened to take that one run and was able to capitalize on it.

"The whole team was real organized on that one play. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Anyone on our team would have been assigned that run. It just happened to be me. Although both teams

had their chances. Novi simply had more, but CC junior netminder Alex Pastor was there to stop six of 10 shots on net. In the other three non-goals Pastor got some huge on-the-line saves from senior defenders Mark Breaugh and Cameron Dunn. Breaugh cleared two shots from Novi iunior Don Nakashima that trickled past a diving Pastor and were traveling into the goal, while Dunn made a quick-reaction kick save on a Nakashima header to the near post

off a throw in "Alex has been a throughout the year," CC

A pack of Wildcats celebrate Novi junior Nick Oakley's goal in the final six minutes of their district quarterfinal game against Detroit Catholic Central. Novi won 1-0.

coach Gene Pulice said. "He got a little banged up tonight, as you saw, but he's a junior goalkeeper, so we'll get him back next year. Alex has done a great job for us all year. That goal started long before the play that put it

in the back of the net. 'There were a few times there where we got skinned coming out the back and guys diving it. But Mark Breaugh cleared two balls off the line that kept us in the game to that point and we had him man marking (Nakashima) and that was his job, to keep balls out of the back of the net

Nakashima posed a threat for the Shamrocks' often finding himself in the middle of double- or triple-teamed situations. especially on set plays, most which were kicked or thrown into the fray by Kiura.

coach Brian O'Leary said. "He's a talented offensive player. I thought we did a good job second half of getting some runners off of him and being able to dump the ball off and getting some open players. He did a good job on putting pressure on the middle of his defense. Anytime you can put pressure on the middle of the defense, it opens up the

"Kiura's long throws have been a weapon for us all year. He throws them in there and, espe cially on night like this where it's wet, I don't know what he does, but he still throws it into the middle of the box. His long throw is a great offensive weapon for us.

However, CC had a few threats of their own Despite senior netminder Andy Netter's five saves earn his 11th shutout of the season. Dunn took the ball in towards Novi's



Novi senior Tyler Holt (left) and Detroit Catholic Central senior Alwin David battle for the ball during Novi's 1-0

line with 90 seconds remaining before NettMitch Adams were able

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer

### Shamrocks fall to Brother Rice in CHSL final

### Soccer team can't overcome lone goal in title tilt

By Sam Eggleston

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team knew heading into the Catholic High School League final against Brother Rice that they would have their hands full no matter

what the outcome of the game might end up being. When all was said and done. the Shamrocks were proven right and, unfortunately,

found themselves on the wrong end of a 1-0 loss to their CHSL

"Rice came out strong in the

second half and scored," said Gene Pulice, Catholic Central's head coach. "(Our team) picked themselves up and pressured Rice until the end of the game, but couldn't finish any oppor-

tunities." It proved to be a game of two halves for the Shamrocks, too.

In the first half, their defensive pressure was dominant while the offense kept the Warriors on their heels. The team, led by Jack Cox, Andrew Trom bley. Cameron Dunn and Jake Hackman, played cat-and-

mouse with the Brother Rice

lone goal early, and despite the team's best efforts the Shamrocks weren't able to even the

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

#### SPORTS BRIEFS

Voileyball tryouts

Club Extreme volleyball tryouts for girls ages 12-18 will take place on Oct. 21 and 28 and Nov. 4 at the Novi Christian Community Center (corner of W. 11 Mile and Taft Road). The fee for tryouts is \$30. Visit www.eteamz.com/clubextreme for more information.

Lacrosse club tryouts

The Westside Women's Lacrosse Club is holding tryouts for all girls U14 - U17 who have lacrosse experience and are interested on playing on the 2013 club

Tryouts will be held 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at ITC Community Sports Park in Novi (Eight Mile and Napier roads).

To register for the tryout the player must visit www.MIWWLC.com and complete the RSVP form online. Also, they must print and complete the 2013 Tryout Registration form on the website and bring that with the tryout fee of \$25 with them on the day of their selection.

#### Women's lacrosse training clinics for new officials

The Michigan Women's Lacrosse Officials Association (MWLOA), a Michigan-based, US Lacrosse-endorsed

non-profit, is hosting a series of clinics throughout the state over the next four months for adults interested in officiating women's lacrosse.

Each clinic is geared to give new officials - and those who would like to enhance their lacrosse officiating skills - the opportunity to learn the basic rules, penalty administration and positioning concepts as one begins the journey to becoming an official of the fastest sport on two feet.

The clinics take place Wednesdays, Oct. 17 and 24 (Grand Rapids), Nov. 7 and 14 (Brighton), and Jan. 16 and 23 (Birmingham); and Saturdays, Nov. 10 (Grand Rapids) and Jan. 26 (Birming-

All adults aged 18+, who welcome the challenge of learning or officiating a new sport are encouraged to sign up

and attend one of the clinics. Games are played Monday through Saturday from March until June. The cost for the six-hour clinic is \$50 and includes membership within MWLOA. Membership in US Lacrosse will be required after completion of classroom and prior to any on-field work.

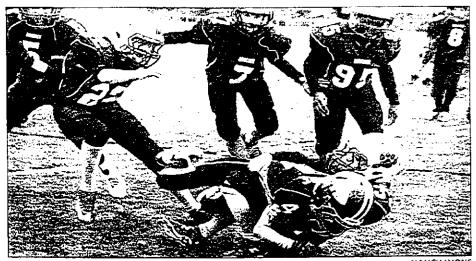
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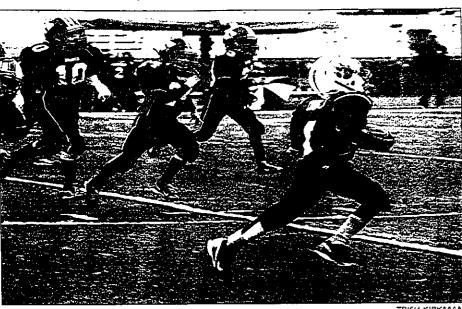


The Motor City Madness 12U Red softball team won the NSA Sidewinder Fall Shootout Tournament. The girls closed out the championship with back-to-back walk-off wins this past weekend. Pictured (I to r, top row) are Dayton White, Megan Maria Gustitus, Caroline Miller, Ashley Wilson and Jenna Taylor. Not pictured is Molly

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Bobcat Varsity Anthony Zimbalatti (32) makes the tackle against the Walled Lake Braves



Ethan Cooper (6) of the Freshman team scampers for a 61-yard touchdown against the

#### NOVI BOBCATS FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

#### Varsity makes playoffs

The Novi Varsity Bobcats (6-1), secured a playoff berth in the Western Lakes Junior Football League with a convincing 32-6 victory over the Walled Lake Braves (4-3) on Saturday.

The Braves put up an early touchdown in the first quarter and it began as though the Braves had ideas of an upset. However, behind the strong running of Ian Patterson and cats amassed 26 points in the first half. Patterson finished the day with 10 carries for 142 yards, Moore added 80 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown. The offensive ine consisting of Scott Latham, Rakin Parker, Colin Béylui, Andrew Calhoun, Blake King, Lincoln Cleary, Ryan Welch, and Jordan Castleberry performed well in providing running lanes for the Bobcat backs.

The second half saw the Bobcats add to the lead with a 69 yard run for a touchdown by Brendan Smith, who contributed 102 yards on nine carries. Subas Chinthalapuri, added 12 carries for 40 yards. They ran behind the strong blocking of Matt Willams, Keegan Houseworth, James Graham. Stephen Cadwell. Isaiah Hawkins, Casev Lyons, Demond Ellison, and Anthony Zimbalatti. Defensively, the Bob-

#### ON TAP

Varsity at 3 p.m.

The Bobcats final regular season games will be at the Novi Middle School when they host the Commerce Chargers on Sunday, Oct. 21, beginning with the Flag game at 9 a.m., followed by Freshman at 11 a.m.; Junior Varsity at 1 p.m.; and

cats were led by Patterson, Moore, Parker, and linebacker Ricky Turner. Tyler Vankirk added several big hits for tackles, forcing two fumbles recovered by the Bobcats. Ellison also forced and recovered another fumble, while Jordan Ward intercepted a Braves' pass at the goal line to help keep the Braves off the score board in the second half. — By Eric Smith

#### Defense leads JV to win

The JV Novi Bobcats (5-2) continued to flex their defensive muscle this season as they beat the Walled Lake Braves (1-6), 20-8 on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

After stopping the Braves on their second possession of the 1st quarter, Traveon Maddox opened the scoring as he returned a 52-yd punt return for a touchdown that put the Bobcats up 6-0. On the Braves next possession, the Bobcat stepped up their signature stingy defense with back to back sacks for a loss by Austin Turner and Andrew O'Connor forcing the Braves to punt again to end the quarter.

Early in the 2nd quarter the Braves held the Bobcats in check for minimal gains forcing a turnover on downs. The Braves started to move the ball down to mid-field where the Bobcat defense held their ground. On the Bobcats next possession of the 2nd quarter, the Bobcats started to move the ball well down field. Trendon Hankerson started the drive with a 15yard run on an outside sweep. This was followed by a 16-yard run from O'Connor and a 12-

Paige. On the next play Maddox on a quarter back keeper made a dazzling run for a 26-yard touchdown. After the extra point this put the Bobcats up 14-0 at half-The second half the

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Bobcat defense continued their strong defensive effort. Late in the third quarter O'Connor recorded his fourth sack of the afternoon. While Maddox made a critical tackle for a 10-yard loss that stalled the Braves drive. After an unsuccessful Bobcat offensive drive the Braves went back to work but could not match the Bobcat defense intensity. After two tackles for loss that backed the Braves to their 1 vard line, A.Turner and O'Connor put an exclamation on the afternoon with a fumble recovery in the end zone to put the Bobcats up 20-0. The Braves added a late touchdown but the Bobcats prevailed winning 20-8.

#### Freshmen gain victory

The Freshman Bobcats took the opening drive 74 yards and scored when Dan Durnik went around the right end for a 5-vard touchdown. The Braves countered with a touchdown of their own, knotting the score at 6-6 early in the first quarter. With time running out in the first half, Ethan Cooper ran down a Braves' player from behind on the 7 yard line after a 60-yard run to prevent the score and keep the game tied

In the second half, with the Bobcats down 12-6, Devin Ellison scored on a 10-vard run. He then added the extra point to give the Bobcats a 13-12 lead. On the next possession, after a fumble recovery by Kyle Dowd, Cooper raced 61 yards to add to the Bobcats' lead, and preserve the win with the final score, 19-12.

On defense, Evan Oegema, Cooper, and Ellison each recorded eight tackles. Gavin Parenti recovered three fumbles, while Aiden Shires and Dowd each recovered another

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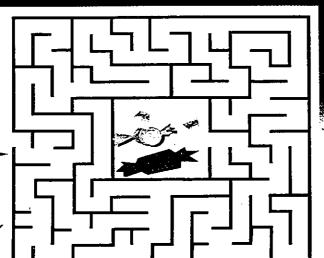


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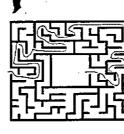
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### Meet Scoop at The Park at Trowbridge!

On Tuesday, October **30th** 2:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

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Vote by checking your favorite in each catagory.

Trick

Treat Wear a Halloween mask

Wear face paint for Halloween Carved Pumpkin

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Attend Halloween Party with friends

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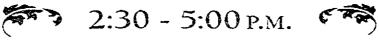


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Tuesday, October 30



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#### **FOOTBALL**

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20-yard run 4:46 into the game, which put Novi up 7-0 after senior Justin Danks nailed the pointafter touchdown kick.

Just 35 seconds into the second quarter, senior Matt Forche (69 yards on six runs) broke cut to the right before breaking free to the left corner of the end zone on a 46-yard touchdown run. However, Danks' PAT kick was blocked, which would come back to haunt the 'Cats later on despite a 13-0 lead at the time. The Rockets gave the visit-

ing bleachers something to cheer about on the ensuing kickoff, which senior Damario Jones (95 yards on four runs, 117 yards on three kickoff returns) returned 93 yards up the right sideline for a touchdown that, after a PAT by senior Alex Isaevski, cut the Nov lead to 13-7.

On two separate occasions in the first half, the Wildcats lost the ball on a fumble, but recovered it on an interception by senior Robbie Deighton during the very next

play.
"Deighton did a great job. He made some plays on their best kid. He really stepped up this week," Pennycuff said. "I think Lucas Buck again, week in and week out just comes out and plays his heart out. Each week I'm mentioning his name and, when I see the film, I'm even more amazed."

After a series of runs by Jackson and junior Jeffrey Baker (60 yards on 13 runs), Jackson gave Novi some breathing room with a 17-yard carry up the right sideline with 70 seconds left until halftime Danks' PAT made it 20-7. "I think we have a good back

field," Pennycuff said, "Our issue in the backfield is not talent, it's just fundamental ball security. John Glenn has some talented running backs, as well. They were able to have some ball security and that's kind of the difference. They did their job protecting the ball and we didn't." Following a failed Wildcat drive

to start the second half, the Rockets shot up the field on the second play of their drive, an 85-yard run up the right side by Jones that was very identical to his earlier kickoff return. Isaevski's PAT made the deficit 20-14 just 4:47 into the



Wildcat Robbie Deighton stretches for and picks off a John Glenn pass during Novi's first half against their Westland opp

half and, following a three-andout by Novi. Glenn pushed the ball up field for a 28-yard field goal by Isaevski after stalling at Novi's 11-yard line with 2:05 to go in the third quarter.

Up 20-17 mid-drive to start the fourth quarter, the Wildcats and Rockets traded failed drives before Deighton had his third take away of the game with a fumble recovery to set Novi up on the 50vard line. But Baker lost the ball on a fumble on the very next play, giving Glenn the ball back on the 50 with 4:45 to go and a three-point

The Rockets marched up field with a 10-play drive that was capped with a 1-yard push up the middle by junior quarterback Chris Scheffer (5-for-10, 52 yards) with 27.6 seconds remaining Isaevski's PAT gave Glenn a 24-20 lead and, despite a 37-yard Novi drive to the Rockets' 39-yard line, that would be the final score as the game ended on an 8-vard sack of iunior Josh Schiesler, who was taking his first snap of the season at quarterback

Novi senior Blake Boron (2-for-4, 22 yards in the air, 23 yards on two runs) played the quarter-

back role in place of junior Issac Burgess, but the Wildcats stayed true to their running game, which amassed 343 of the team's 365 total

"I think trying to avoid turnovers and trying to get a different changeup, he's a kid who started at corner for us. He's a natural leader," Pennycuff said of Boron. "We thought, going in, he's a kid who might help us out a bit. His forte was to roll out and we wanted to have the option to get him on

Glenn had 286 total yards and nine first downs, compared to 17 for Novi. Junior Devon Spalding had 104 yards on 24 runs for the

In the defensive showdown against running backs, Glenn iunior Jordan Brandon had a game-high 12 tackles. Senior Grant Wheeler led Novi with eight tackles, while five Wildcats had five tackles apiece, including seniors Deighton, Buck and Jionni Ivv. and juniors Travis Sparling

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

### SHAMROCKS

the Shamrocks were not about to let the game be a close one as the senior running back threw a surprise pass to Jon Malone, who hauled down the field for an 8-yard score, and then ran in a 50-yard sprint for a score to make it a 21-6 game heading into the half.

And while it was Darkangelo's name being called over the loudspeakers throughout the first half, much of the credit has to be given to Catholic Central's offensive line, which maintained consistent blocking against a ferocious Orchard Lake St. Marv's defense. Tight end Joe Makela. a

senior, and tight end Dylan Roney, a junior, helped keep the exterior of the line in check while senior tackles Derek Edwards-a Cen tral Michigan University recruit-and Alex Iovan combined with senior guard Chase Spieser, senior Center J.T. Avotte and junior guard Alex Galiyas to open up holes throughout the inte

"We go as far as our linemen carry us," said Mach. "We have a gritty, tough group of kids that collectively do their job and keep getting better week in and week out, which is a tremen dous testament to the work they put in.

The line helped spring Darkangelo's next touchdown run, which came in the third quarter, as he raced 60 vards to cross the goal line for a 28-6 contest. He finished with 150 yards on just 14 carries. The Eaglets added a two-

yard run by Grant Niemiec in the fourth quarter and Catholic Central scored on a five-yard run by Connor Holton to cap the touch-Defensively, the Sham-

rocks looked to Dan Bowen, a senior defensive tackle to help disrupt the Eaglets' game plan. He recorded a big sack on a third down late in the first half and totaled seven tackles in the contest. He is listed at 5-feet-11-inches tall and weighs in at 220

pounds. "He consistently takes on the opponents' biggest lineman and does a great job

holding in down on the inte-

rior for us," said Mach. Also having a standout night was senior safety Jon Malone, who snagged an interception on a St. Mary's pass in the fourth quarter with the score standing at 28-13. The play, said Mach, shifted the momentum away from the Eaglets and back to

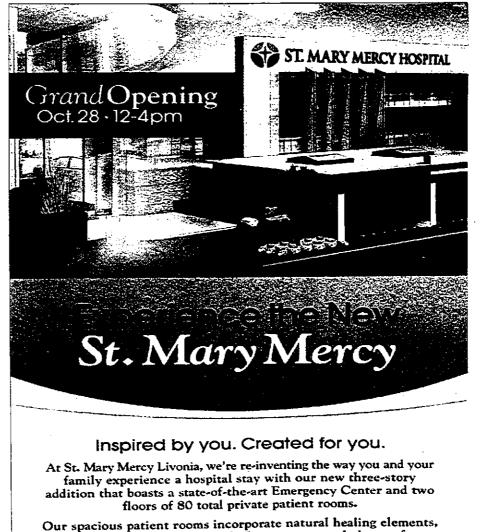
the Shamrocks. Leading the team in tackles was Darkangelo, who had 10 tackles from his line backer position while junior defensive end Dylan Roney a second-year starter for the Shamrocks-had nine

tackles in the game. The Shamrocks will now play for the Catholic High School League title Satur day when they play Orchard Lake St. Mary's yet again starting at 7 p.m. at Ford Field in downtown Detroit

"Well, most significantly, we know this game Saturday is going to be a lot closer than Friday night." said Mach. "St. Mary's is an excellent football team who is a lot better than what they showed in the first meeting and they will play with a lot of pride towards redeeming themselves. We are pre paring ourselves to be challenged fully for 48 minutes Saturday night at Ford Field

"Strategy wise, we surely will have a few wrinkles in the game plan for Saturday night, but by and large, we are who we are. We're going to play Shamrock Football. We're going to run the football, play tough defense, emphasize the importance of the kicking game, and try to give ourselves the best chance to win, which is what you have to do against a talented and well-coached team like St. Marv's.

Catholic Central has to get a win to guarantee a berth to the state playoffs, which begin next week.



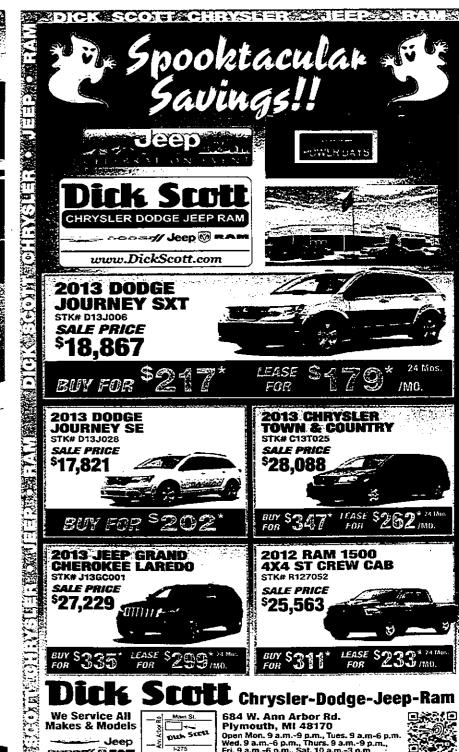
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#### We need you to join us

1. Food/blanket drive in support of Active Faith, a non-

denominational charity based in South Lyon. Canned food (especially soup) and blankets are needed. Drop off your donation between 10 a.m. and noon on Oct. 27 at the South Lyon Herald Office, 101 N. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon.

2. "Pennies from Heaven," collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas. Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthro-

The goal is one million pennies.

3. Jaycee Park Beautification: Volunteers are needed to clean up/spruce up Jaycee Park in Redford. The Redford Jaycees along with O&E Media staff and other community volunteers will work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come help and make a difference for all of the youth and families who use this community park. If you are a Redford resident, a former Redford resident or someone who just wants to make a difference for the Redford community, join us at Jaycee Park, 10102 Beech Daly Road, between Plymouth and W. Chicago Roads. Refreshments will be served.







BUSINESS



\$50,000 in scholarships and grants. Membership in ABWA is open to all women. It is a national organization with chapters in all 50 states. The Novi chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi.

### Novi businesses contribute to Autumn **Brunch With Auction**

The members of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will hold their eighth annual "Autumn Brunch With Auction" to benefit the chapter's Scholarship and Education Fund on Oct. 27. Over 125 area businesswom-

en are expected to attend, and the group plans to fill the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel in Novi with over 150 items for bid. Many of the auction items are generously donated by area businesses such as Salon Agape, Benito's Pizza, and Emagine

"We are so grateful for the support of the local businesses that donate every year, enabling us to fund educational opportunities for women," said Chris Struwe, auction co-chair. "The funds we raise make a tremen-

#### **LEARN MORE**

For more information about the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA or the Autumn Brunch With Auction, go online to www.abwa-novi. org, or contact publicity@abwa-novi.

dous difference in the lives of the oung women who receive scholar-

ships."
Each table will be decorated by a nember or supporter, providing a beautiful backdrop for the delicious brunch, Auction Co-Chair Marcia Green said, "We appreciate the time and effort that our members and supporters extend on behalf of this amazing organization.

### More must-have apps for your smartphone

By Jon Gunnells

o many smartphone apps, so little time. Cut through the clutter of the Android marketplace and iTunes and read this quick guide to the musthave aps this fall.

Bad Piggies - The Angry Birds take a backseat to the pigs in this new addicting game. Bad Piggies follows a similar structure as the cult-favorite Angry Birds series. The familiar game was created by Rovio - the Angry Birds cre-

ator and in just a few veeks has leapfrogged into the iTunes Top-10. It might not even be the best version of the Angry Birds series com ing out this fall. Angry Birds Star Wars edi ion will be released in November.

Viggle – If you watch a lot of TV this application is for you. Viggle is much like Get-Glue where users can use their smart-

phones to check in to television shows. . Unlike GetGlue however, Viggle allows users to collect points which can be redeemed for gift cards to retailers, book stores and restaurants. I've used Viggle to check-in to football games and after a few weeks, I am already nearing a \$10 gift card to a pizza chain. Not an amazing benefit; but earning free pizza by watching football isn't a bad way to spend a Sunday.

PicStitch- This application is a great toy for those amateur smartphone photographers. PicStich users can take multiple photos and build them into a collage. The application allows users to add effects to the photo much like Instagram or Facebook camera. The application is free, or users can spring for the enhanced application which has more

sion is 99 cents.

Passbook - This gem is only available to iPhone users but it wont be long before other developers and smartphone manufacturers follow suit. Passbook organizes a users documents from boarding passes to movie tickets. It even allows consumers to organize coupons, loyalty cards and gift cards. If you don't own an iPhone and still want to keep your loyalty cards in one place, try KeyRing which is a free application supported by many devices.

ESPN Scorecenter - This isn't a new application but during the MLB playoffs. ESPN Scorecenter can push updates to you phone to keep informed about the Tigers games. This application also has scores for other major sports although with more detailed information like box scores, game sum maries and more.

Doodlecast - Here's one just for the kids. For \$1.99 Doodlecast allows uses to draw pictures and make storybooks The application also supports voice commands so kids can narrate their books before uploading to YouTube to share with family members. Users must have a YouTube account to share videos, but if you don't have one - the account takes about three minutes to

Monopoly Millionaire - This app for iPhones allows players to compete for \$1 million in a digital version of the classic board game.

Updated apps - A number of other popular apps have also released recent updates. Google+, Twitter for BlackBerry few top apps that have recently redeigned their mobile presence.

Are you using a great app that you want others to know about? E-mail me at the address below.

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Detroit-based advertising agency. He can be reached at jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter @GunnSh0w. features and no ads. The enhanced ver-

#### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Signature sells space in Wixom

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 21,835 square feet of industrial space located at 29425-29445 Wall

Street, Wixom. David Giltner and Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates repre-sented the seller, Grand Oaks Management. Montgomery also represented the purchaser, JAM Management.

#### **Manor of Novi** earns five stars

The Manor of Novi, a Ciena Healthcare managed skilled nursing facility, has earned a Five-Star Quality Rat-

Services (CMS), which signifies a "much above average" rating.

Five stars is the highest and most respected rating a nursing home can receive, and is based on health inspections, staffing and quality mea-

"At the Manor of Novi,

we are committed to excellence and are honored to be recognized for the high quality care dents daily," said Lisa Berthold administrator. Our director of nursing, Kim Johnson, and every member of our staff takes great pride

in delivering exempla-

ry care in a safe, com-

passionate and home-like environment."

ing System to assist consumers, their families and caregivers in finding and comparing nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas to ask questions.

The rating system for U.S. nursing homes was modeled after the Amer ican Automobile Association's worldwide rating of hotels. It gauges of elder care, including staff-to-resident ratio. cleanliness, staff ability to prevent and treat simple medical problems and attention paid to upkeep of patient

### ing from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

### CMS developed the

Five-Star Quality Rat-

appearance.

#### 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 are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

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 www.advantageoakland com/expand, or call (248)

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## Industry report ranks metro Detroit tops in affordable housing

Detroit tops the list of metro areas with more than one million households that require the least amount of income to buy a typically priced home. Chicago rounded out the top 10. Metro Detroit was listed as

70.9 percent owner-occupied, according to the National Association of Realtors. While most of the metro areas listed are from the middle of the country, Tampa, Fla., and Riverside Calif., also made the list.

The metro Detroit qualifying income for a down payment with 10 percent down was \$12,533, and for 20 percent down it was \$11,140. Twentythree metro areas and divisions covered in NAR's initial review of 149 metro areas met the one million household threshold according to Census 2010 data

Oualifying income is calculated by limiting the monthly principle and interest paymen to 25 percent of income. The mortgage payment is calculated for a median priced home in the metro area assuming the given down payment and a 4 percent mortgage rate on a 30year fixed rate mortgage.

Realtor Tony Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and of Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, said, "It's definitey good news. I believe the market is turning around. We have a shortage of inventory right now so that's bringing the values up, moving forward."

He agreed some major metro areas such as San Francisco are much more expensive for homebuvers.

Schippa has a friend who lived in San Francisco, where a

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estate closings recorded the week

of July 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne

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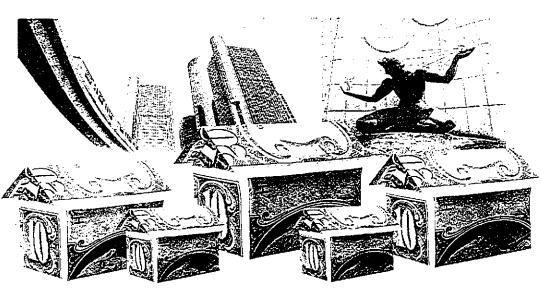
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small condo was \$249,000 about five years ago. "That was for a 600-square-feet condo," he said. "My first apartment was 700

square feet. Schippa is pleased with the recent direction of the local

Prices are still at a good low. If you're renting, now is the time to buy. There are some good deals for first-time homebuyers.

Greater Detroit's population has declined, he said. "Homes in Detroit were going for \$10,000." The city is now trying to draw younger professionals, including those in Midtown and downtown

"I think there's a good movement within the city itself to bring the city back to what it once was," Schippa said. "We're getting multiple

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7977 Flagstaff St 2247 Palmetto

5163 Parkgate Dr

22840 Frederick Ave

36934 Heatherton Dr 33615 Hillcrest Dr

23551 Prospect Ave 24180 Saint Mary Ct FARMINGTON HILLS

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28229 Bayberry Rd

29793 Briarton St

23000 Maple Ave

2679 Bloomfield Cro 5765 Crabtree Rd 4072 Cranbrook Ct

32951 Hennepin St

36028 Ann Arbor T

offers on property. That's just good, positive signs," he said. difference between what the houses appraises for.

"They'll go forward and go ahead with the deal." Presidential election will be

important in his field, Schippa added. "We're just going to have to wait and see." Jobs are a key component. "The more jobs you have the

more opportunity people have to buy homes," Schippa said. Industry pros also will see if debt forgiveness is extended past Dec. 31 on short sales he said. "That's another very popular issue at the moment, the Plymouth resident said. He believes extension is likely but not guaranteed.

"I think there's good positive energy in the real estate industry moving forward,"

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15142 Susanna St

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48832 Rainbow Ln S 39408 Springwater Dr 16763 Yellowstone Dr PLYMOUTH

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Schippa said.

Agreeing is Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer for GMAR. "It's reallv been a remarkable turnaround. The market through out the Detroit metro area has rebounded nicely. We're pleased with the statistics. Smith said.

The market isn't back to levels of four-five years ago, Smith said. "But it certainly is

"It really is and was what the middle class was all about." Smith said of Detroit's housing stock. There's been a demand for affordable housing, "A lot of people came to bat and demanded that kind of housing."

Cities are playing a bigger role with government agencies Smith added

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### Records usually not private

By Robert Meisner

Q: Could you be a little more specific whether a coowner has a right of privacy in A: Most cases have

owner does not have an expectation of privacy with respect to whether he or she is delinguent in payment. or, to put it differently, the association does not have an obligation to treat such records as confidential. So if financial records of an



itemization as to which owners are delinquent, a member to inspect those records.

Of course.

complaints and judgments are matters of public records and copies in the association's files and/or records would be discoverable by any co-owner. Under no circumstances should the association voluntarily publish the delinquency list, particularly if there is any question about their authenticity of accuracy.

Q: Our association was iust taken over by a group of renegades who kept one of the directors from voting agent and the attorney, and many of the directors have a self-interest in promoting What can we do because of the apathy in this large

where a group of

individuals, who may have an improper motive, seek to take control of the association, because of apathy or naiveté of the residents at the condominium. Obviously, you should document your grievances against the Board of Directors through legal counsel and attempt to take back control of the association, either politically through the association removal process, and/or by the commencement of a member's derivative lawsuit against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association. You may well be able to get reimbursement for your attorney fees,

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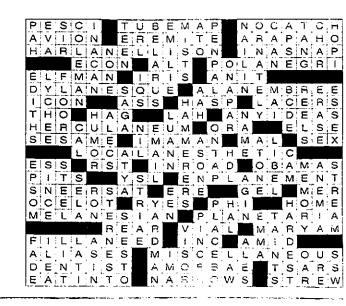
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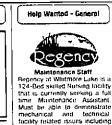
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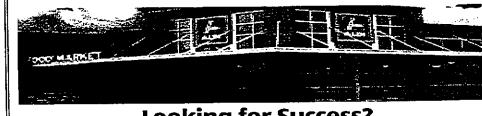
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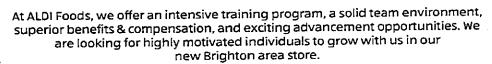
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C. Leave this as is. 3. "Professional experience: Independent business consultant at ABC Co., 2006-present; account executive at JRR Sales Co., September 2000-April 2006; cashier at Jerry's Ice Cream Shop, June 2003-April 2006." A. Bullet points should follow each title, as well as daily tasks performed. B. The only work experience listed should be relevant to the job you're interested in

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C. Use the line, "References

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Results

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By Dale Buss competition is helping Detroit brands stake their biggest claim in many years to the fast-growing part of the market.

Sales of the GM subcompact, Sonic, rose to more than 7,000 units in September, up more than 400 percent over a year earlier when the car was just rolling out to Chevy dealers in significant volumes. For the year, Sonic sales reached nearly 65,000 units.

And while there are other new and overhauled entries in the subcompact segment - including an improved Honda Civic — clearly there are a lot of car-oncar comparisons going on these days between Sonic and Fiesta.

Fiesta sales have been slowing lately. Since a slam-bang introduction two years ago featuring some innovative social-media marketing, Fiesta sales have lagged increasingly over the last 18 months. Sales were flat in September, and for the year to date, sales of the subcompact Fiesta trail those of a year earlier by a significant 24 percent, down to just 43,000

But Ford executives said that Fiesta sales have been falling off only because of the impressive, simultaneous rise of sales of the new version of Ford Focus. It took a while for Ford to deliver the substantially changed Focus in volume last year, but "now that it is" up to full production,

there's just a natural running rate" on sales of Fiesta, said Ken Czubay, Ford's U.S. sales chief.

Focus sales rose by 91 percent year over year in September and have burgeoned by 36 percent, to nearly 187,000 units, for the year to date.

"The year-to-year increases are so dramatic on Focus, and down a little bit on Fiesta," Czubay said in a recent call with reporters. "This is on our plan." He further explained that "there are a finite number of 'B' [subcompact-segment] cars that are sold in an urban area, where parking and traffic problems are greater. But demand is [greater] for a 'C' car [like Focus] where you can get a little more size, and fuel economy is every bit as good and in some cases better."

So, specifically, the "plan" is that once customers get into a Ford showroom, more and more are opting for Focus over Fiesta because it is bigger and more highly contented. Yet the price of Focus versions begin at a sticker of around just \$16,200, according to Edmunds.com, while Fiesta stickers begin at about \$13,200. And Fiesta notches only 1mpg more in highway mileage than Focus, 37mpg to 36

"People come in and really like the fuel economy and styling of Fiesta," Czubay explained, "and then they look at Focus. And where people may not have done on the internet to do that much fre-

search on the two cars], they come in and see the payments — and vote for Focus."

Fiesta's declining sales levels are "on plan," he repeated. "We'll sell more Focus. There will be a natural water level for Fiesta and Focus, but we're relying on the power of choice for Focus offerings going

So Ford's argument basically is that they're OK with how Fiesta sales have slumped badly as long as Focus sales con-

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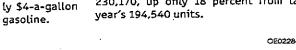
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Ford has seen sales of its new Focus surge.

Some rival executives have a similar perspective. "There's always going to be bleeding between [B and C] segments because a showroom dynamic goes on," said Allan Batey, GM's interim CMO, in a recent phone call with reporters. "We're trying to look at what our total performance is, particularly in our small and compact and mini-car [segments], and net-net we've had a very healthy increase. We don't mind if there's a little bit of movement from Sonic to Spark or Cruze or vice versa. It's the net we want to look at for all of those segments."

At the same time. Chevy has been able to keep Cruze sales relatively strong even as Sonic comes on, with sales of nearly 181,000 Cruze units off just 4 percent from a year earlier.

So here's where the numbers stand for each brand's combined B- and C-segment sales for the year to date through September: Chevrolet, 245,346, up 30 percent from 189,230 a year earlier; Ford, 230,170, up only 18 percent from last year's 194,540 units.





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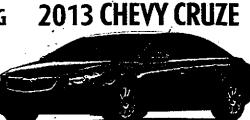


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