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Clark St. decision revisited

■ Council waits until March 17 meeting for its recommendation

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

A decision recommending the permanent closure of Clark Street while turning Lanny's Lane into a one-way street will be revisited during Novi's March 17 council

The resolution by members of city council to recommend the roadway changes to the Road Commission for Oakland County hit a speed bump after residents in the area of both Grand River

Avenue sidestreets called, emailed and spoke in front of coun-cil members, voicing both objec-tions and approvals for the plan. Novi City Councilman Louis

Csordas said in seven years he has never received as many telephone calls to his home, e-mails and residents wanting to speak with council than what he experienced with the Clark Street closing pro-In fact last Saturday's special

In fact last Saturday's special city council meeting agenda dedi-cated to goal-setting was set aside after the auditorium filled with residents wanting to discuss the possibility of closing Clark

"A lot of good ideas and sug-gestions were shared." Pearson said. "The city council let everybody know the matter for Lanny's had already been set to come back to the city council for further dis-cussion on March 17 with the traf-fic consultant report."

Pearson said the city's traffic consultant is reviewing making Lanny's a one-way road and upon completion the city will be put-ting together a mailing for house-holds around Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road scheduled to go

out this week.

Members of council did vote in favor of recommending to the commission the permanent clo-sure of Clark and making Lanny's a one-way, southbound street dur-ing council's March 3 meeting, but will revisit the decision after

all reports are received.
"Whatever the professionals recommend, I'm sure council will do. We are not traffic engineers, and we just want the decision to be safe," Csordas said. "It was

never even an issue until the petition was received."

A petition with 89 signatures was submitted to the city council during the Feb. 24 meeting asking for the permanent closure of

"We (city administration) brought the matter to city council on. March 3 for direction," Pearson said.

The assistant city manager said reports from the city's traffic consultant and police and fire departments recommending the perma-nent closing were included in the March 3 meeting information. Pearson said the meeting infor-

mation also described some of the potential effects on surrounding streets the permanent closure would cause - including Lanny's.

Please see CLARK ST. page 2



The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis (above) will play at Novi High School Auditorium June 18.

Kotarians taking a "swing" at polio

■ Novi club bringing LCJO, jazz trumpeter Marsalis in for June concerts

By Phil Foley

Novi Rotarians are taking a "swing" at polio, and they're hoping one of the biggest names in jazz - Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis - will help them throw the knockout punch with a pair of benefit concerts Wednesday, June 18 (7:30 and 9:30 p.m.) that they're anticipating will generate over \$25,000.

Members of the 44-year-old club aren't worried about their new venture into show busi-"I think we'll sell out easy,"

"I think we'll sell out easy, said Keith Tappan, the service group's publicity chairman. "Everybody likes jazz."
Club president Joe Carrier noted that Marsalis' group is booked into a larger venue, East Lansing's Wharton

Center, on April 4 and that con-cert is already sold out.

With only 1,024 seats in the
Novi High School auditorium,

committee members said they are offering a more intimate experience than most local concert venues with ticket prices that are comparable to Meadowbrook or Pine Knob.

Tickets range from \$35 for balcony seats to \$100 for front

row, which includes an afterglow party at Local Color, "We're offering real value," said committee member Tony

Musu said the idea for the concert came from new mem-ber Cal Stone, who edits this newspaper. Last spring while participating in Leadership Livingston he headed an effort

Smoke detectors credited

By Victoria Sadlocha

the Novi Fire Department for suc cessfully removing a family from their burning home after a blaze crupted in the middle of the night.

The main point here is the smoke detectors worked and every-one got out of the house," said chief Arthur Lenaghan, of the City of Novi Fire Department.

Lenaghan said no one was hurt as result of the fire that began about 20 a.m. less Gridsy while the resi-

3.20 a.m. rea errossy wege are read-dents were sleeping.

The house, located at 40471
Franklin Mill Road, west of Haggerty and south of 10 Mile roads, belonged to Novi Public Schools Board of Education treasur-rea Carese Kortland. er George Kortlandt.

Fire officials said the department

received the call right after the fire started and arrived on the scene at about 3:28 a.m. When firefighters arrived, the Kortlandt family was already out of the home

Lenaghan said the fire apparently started in the furnace and spread into the walls of the home. The chief said the flames then

went through the floor in one area of the house igniting a fire in the kitchen-dining room area.
Fire officials said the fire was

under control in about 15 minutes, but firefighters remained on the scene until about 5:20 a.m. checking the house and the surrounding area.

There was smoke throughout the

house, of course, and a lot of heat damage," Lenaghan said. Most of the damage, estimated at about \$50,000, was confined to the

kitchen-dining area and the lower level of the house. Lenaghan said the damage was too extensive for the family to remain in the home.

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S'no'w cares in the world

Cousins Tori Ottlinger and Ali Ambrose, top, zoom down the snow-covered hill at Novi's Lakeshore Park last Wednesday afternoon. An overnight snowstorm closed Novi schools for the day. To find out how the district makes that decision, turn to

Beck, I-96 contract letting rescheduled by MDOT

■ Interchange job may not be awarded until May

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

An announcement issued last week by Novi's city manager indicated the contract for the new interchange scheduled for Beck Road and Interstate 96 will be delayed.

verbal report made by Richard Helwig during the March 3 Novi City Council meeting stated the letting of the contract for the single-point urban interchange the Michigan Department Transportation will be pushed

City officials had originally anticipated the contract would be

Robert Morosi, MDOT regionthe contract for the project has been rescheduled,

"The main reason is the governor and director continue to template expansion projects, Morosi said.

He explained because the project is viewed as an expansion project opposed to new construc-tion, it falls into the category of MDOT projects under investiga-tion by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Morosi said construction could still very well begin this year.
State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-

Novi) said she is keeping a very close eye on the project and is waiting to hear details about the waiting to hear details about the contract letting.

Cassis said it is her understand-

ing the right-of-way needed for the project is in place and so is the funding, at least up to when the right-of-way was secured.

Cassis has played an integral role in bringing the project to Novi and promises to relay the ord to the city as soon as it is available. "I'm keeping a very close watch over the budget and working closely with the Michigan

Department of Transportation Cassis said. "I'm really hound-dogging the issue."

The Senator said she is working

behind the scenes, in front of the scenes and around the scenes to make sure her pet project pro-ceeds as planned. Construction of both the Beck

and Wixom roads single-point interchanges was scheduled to integral part of keeping the target-

ruction date on track MDOT earmarked \$80 million for the project which includes the Beck and Wixom roads at 1-96

Picase see MDOT page 3

NOVI'S HISTORY WITH SINGLE-POINT INTERCHANGE

A public information open house was held October 2001 before making the decision to go with the single-point urban interchange design for the Beck and Wixom roads and Interstate 96 connectors.

The newness of the design to Michigan promoted members of the Novi City Council to proceed with caution before giving their annrovals

Some members of council were concerned the design would be too confusing to motorists, especially in the snow.

Although used in 26 states including Arizona, Colorado and Ohio,

the interchange was a new concept to council members as it was new to the state.

The Michigan Department of Transportation project was budgeted as a package deal with Beck and Wixom roads and proposed as a year project with construction beginning this year.

Funding in the amount of \$6 million is coming from Novi residents in the form of the city's road bond and land contributions from both Novi developers and the city.

Leveraged funding for the project equals about \$24 million. Approval for the single-point urban interchange was requested by MDOT in September 2001 and issued by council in mid November of the same year requested.

POLICE REPORT

March 5 at aroun a parase spent the crime. The employee said a when she tried to retrieve the pet, it was gone. The Novi resident said weighing around 130 pounds with she put up signs around the neighborhood hair pumped gas into a silver dors and took off without paying. He car and took off without paying. He could sealler the discovery of more damage. The original caller told the detective he had also found one mumber. Before moon on March 6, the woman said another with four tires slashed. truck with one tire slashed and norther with four tires slashed and norther with four tires slashed. The complexe said if the suspect was tried to use a credit card and thought it went through, the attempt would have shown up on the register.

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northbound on Beck Road with a snow covered, non-filtuminated license plate. After stepping the truck for the violation and approaching the driver, the officer smelled a strong odor of marijuata coming from the inside of the vehicle. The officer lasked the South Lyon driver if he had been assoling marijuana and he said yes. The man thus banded the officer is small. then handed the officer a small wooden container with a "one-hit pipe" and 1.5 grams of pot inside. The man was arrested for possesssion of marijuana and drug para-

The Novi Police Department received a phone call from Toll

the home owner and said she had the pet. The officer went to a home

Vandal scandal On March 4 at about 7:30 a.m.,

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received a phone call from Toll Brothers Management stating an home. The passenger told the Brothers Management stating an ing at home. The passenger told the officer the strong odor of alcohol unknown vanidal had caused have at the business site. The employee said sometime during the past propring a propring a passenger of bids per and the passenger of the pas Dog garn weird A Novi officer responded to a comming several vehicles and a stortion of the analysis of the a

turned pretty weird after a woman orange paint. One of Toll Brothers' claiming she lived in Detroit called the home owner and said she had Another hit

The Speadway gas station on Haggerty Road was hit again by another pump and run. An employee of the gas station called police on March 5 at about 5 p.m. to report the crime. The employee said a

garbage can so she took the dog for car lights on. The officer was o garrage can so she took the dog for its own safety. She then told the woman she would call her back at moon the same day with more time partol on Alarch 5 at about 11:30 p.m. when he noticed a 1994 red Ford pick-up truck traveling morthbound on Beck Road with a more covered, non-filluminated snow covered, non-filluminated. ing. The driver said he only had about two beers and he and his friend (passenger) were just on their "second run" and planned on drink-

JA IVON LARK ST.: Revisited

Reports were not available on turning Lanny's into a one-way street during the March 3 meeting because the suggestion was thrown out during discussion after residents of the quaint roadway heavily opposed the closing of Clark during the Monday meeting's

audience participation session.
Residents from Lanny's strongly opposed the Clark Road closing citing safety issues and saying if Clark was closed their street would be the additional to the control of be the only cut-through thorough-fare to Grand River Avenue.

"We doubt many will go out of their way to get to Tuft," said Lanny's resident Roy Groesbeck. Groesbeck said a quick estimate done between the time they received notice and the meeting determined there were about 80 homes on Clark and about 300 in of conflict particularly near the top

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Many Lanny's residents also voiced objections, citing safety reasons from children playing in

the street to no street lighting to diminished road quality. But despite the outery from Lanny's residents, legitimate con-cerns surrounding the closure of Clark Street remained.

James Moyer lives on old Grand River Avenue at Clark and said he has had to call 911 for sev-eral people because of the number of accidents happening at the intersection. City officials said 17 accidents have occurred in the last five years

closing the street were also stated by officials. "Among the reasons for considering is removal of a traffic point homes on Clark and about 300 in Conflict particularly near the top Codar Springs which traffic from the residences would be diverted on to their street each day.

According to the traffic report prepared by senior traffic engineer William Stimpson of Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc., "a total closure of Clark at Grand River would probably divert about 1,800 captile, elseving some of the street include in November.

According to the traffic report prepared by senior traffic engineer William Stimpson of Birchler way and preventing the need to do as much drainage work," Pearson said.

Clark Street is currently temporated by senior traffic report with the first particularly near the top carding a radirector is underway.

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MARSALIS: Rotary fighting polio | MDOT: Contract rescheduled

to fund a music scholarship that brought Marsalis and his septet to the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts. It was a self-

Performing Arts. It was a sellout success. This past
November, he presented
Wynton's older brother, saxophonist Branford Marsalis, for
two shows at that same venue.
"I can't wait to see this band
blow the roof off," said Stone.
"If there's a better jazz band on
the planet, I'd like to know who
it is. Wynton will probably go
down as one of the greatest
trumpeters of all time, and
when you throw him in the mit
with a 15-piece big band. with a 15-piece big band, Novi's going to have something to talk about for quite awhile." With the LCJO concert just three months away, Rotary members are focusing on spon-sorships. Musu said he's already signed up eight spon-

For a \$1,000 donation, platsponsors receive eight soncert tickets; two tickets to the afterglow party; the company's name in the concert program; their company logo and a link on the concert Web site (www.veeland.com); and the company's name in half-page ads promoting the concert in this paper and the Northville Record through June 12.

NOVI CITY BRIEFS

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form for this event,

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the City of Novi will rec the City of Novi will recognize the men and women of our com-munity and the surrounding area

According to Tappan the motivator for the club's efforts is to help wipe polio from the face of the earth by the service organization's 100th anniversary in 2005. Since Rotary's and a link on the concert Web polio Plus program began in site program and newspaper advertising; and the company's logo and a link on the concert Web service Polio Plus program began in 1986, Novi Rotary members have raised more than \$200,000 began to the concert Web site.

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recruit one company to be the title sponsor for the event. In exchange for a \$10,000 donation to the fight exchange for a \$10,000 dona-tion, that company will have its name listed as the presenting entity in all promotional materials, including prominent placement in newspaper ads; 30 main

The group is planning two asings to voor ring season and als, including prominent placement in newspaper ads; 30 main floor concert tickets; 10 tickets other major fund raisers this to the afterglow; a full-page ad in the concert program; a corporate banner at the concert; and the annual Christmas dinin the concert program; a cor-porate banner at the concert; and its company logo and a link on the concert Web site. Tappan

signing a title sponsor.

Musu said there are also gold and silver sponsorships avail-

DeRoche Breakfast Club

State Rep. Craig DeRoche's next breakfast meeting will take place tomorrow, March 14, at the

have a dialog on timely, important topics. The one-hour, 7:30 a.m. breakfast program is free to the public. However, a breakfast buf-fet is available for \$15. A coffee-

and-conversation session will take place before the program at 7 a.m.

The event will take place in the McKenzie Room inside the center at 43700 Expo Center Drive. For reservations, please call Shanna Wycoff at (517) 373-0827.

piace tomorrow, March 14, at the Novi Senior Center Novi Expo Center. The topic of discussion will be "Oakland County's Economic Vision" and Will feature guest speaker L. Brooks Patterson. A legislative update will also be provided by DeRoche. The intent of the "DeRoche Breakfast Club" is for the former councilmant, or meet

"Deficience Breaktast Club" is for the former councilman to meet with leaders in the community to have a dialog on timely, important topics. The one-hour, 7:30 a.m. the room. Games will also be divided at the Tuesday. April 1

brings two \$40 tickets; the company's name in the program; and the company's logo and a link on the concert Web site.

Novi Rotary meets at noon Southeast Asia. "We can do
this," he said. "We're going to
immunize every child on the
face of the earth."

Tappan is currently trying to Thursdays at the United

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eons at the Novi Senior Center

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The Beck Road interchange

alone is a \$30 million project.

Morosi said despite pushing back
the contract letting, the rest area on
the east side of 1-96 in Novi will
still permanently close on May 1 as
part of the Beck Road interchange alone is a \$30 million project.

project.

Removing the rest area is necessive mental conflict with sary because it would conflict with the new eastbound entrance onto the interstate, he said.

Morosi also stated the build-up in the area has made the need for a rest area obsolete.

The Novi connector is highly

anticipated by many because of the benefits it will provide city travelers. One of the main benefits of the interchange is the design and construction will allow area travelers to access 1-96 in a eastbound dire

allows travelers to access the interstate if they are traveling west.

The connector is also needed to support the increased traffic levels the proposed new Novi Expo Center at Grand River Avenue and Taft Roads will bring.

writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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SINGLE-POINT URBAN INTERCHANGE

- One benefit of the interchange is its design, allowing one set of traffic signals to control all of the traffic flow through the con-
- A traffic signal in the middle of the intersection and arrows at
- The design for the Beck and Wixom roads and i-96 connectors uses left-turn off ramps, left-turn on ramps and through traffic
- Opposing left turns made simultaneously are possible because vehicles pass right side to right side, as they would in a conventional intersection.
- The connector also uses less space.
- The design itself is more expensive, but the total cost is offset by savings in real estate costs resulting from the need for less right-of-way for construction.
- The cost of property in both Wixom and Novi was a major factor when deciding to go with the single-point design opposed to the more standard partial cloverleaf design which requires more right-of-way for construction.
- The interchange produces an average delay during peak hours of less than 35 seconds
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Novi residents big winers in state's instant lotto games

Scarcely a month after they first - I was went on sale, a Novi man beat the odds with the Michigan Lottery's \$1,000,000 Double Down instant

According to Jennifer Quimby, assistant director for public rela-tions at the state Lottery Commission in Lasing, the odds

tions at the state Lottery Commission in Leang, the odds of getting the winning ticket are one in 1.05 million and there's still one more million dollar ticket out there.

The Novi man, identified only as a 48-year-old videographer, was one of two big winners from Novi last arouth. Quimby said another Novi resident scratched their way to \$100,000 with a Casino Wild purchased at a Suncoc station in Allen Park.

The big winner bought his tick-

The big winner bough his tick-et at Smokers Express, 45029 W. Pontac Trail Feb, 28, in Novi and went directly to Lottery headquar-ters in Lansing to claim his prize. Quimby said Double Down tick-ets first went on sale Jan, 23. Ouimby noted that only Mega

ets first went on sale Jan, 23.

Quimby noted that only Mega
Millions winners are required to reveal their identity. "Most people would prefer to keep their anon- at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at

officials, "I scratched off the tick et while I was still inside the store. I was stunned to see I had won! I asked the clerk to double check the ticket for me. When he said it

was a \$1,000,000 top-prize win-ner, I went into a state of complete shock and excitement? The man told lottery officials he plans to share part of his win-

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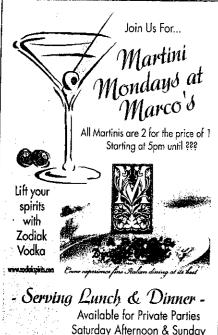
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SEA AND SKY

The birthstone for March, aquamarine, is a sister stone to emerald in the beryl family, for many, it is as beautiful and de stable as its famous pear that and de stable as its famous green family member. This beautiful assignment of the transparency that is beautiful, its name is synonymous with "seaware terred color for his gemistone turning the inincrent he centrary. Today, popular interest has shifted to sky blue and dark blue. To emphasize these colors to the fullest extent, aquamarine is often cut with the table facet parallel to the length of the crystal. Large step-out aquamarines captures the attention of castal observers like few other gemistones.

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Novi employees beware

■ Novi Police Department warns all employees of a swindle

By Victoria Sadlocha The Novi Police Department

The Novi Police Department warns all Novi businesses a scann is going around town involving unknown suspects bilking employees out of money.

"We had a couple businesses where people are trying to scan employees out of money by having them meet down in Detroit to may a toll bill allegedie for their pay a toll bill allegedly for their bosses being involved in an acci-dent," said Detective Sgt. David E. Molloy of the Novi Police

Molloy said a male caller is the cash.

bit while others did not. A 28-year-old manager of Boston Market in the Novi Town Center was one victim of the seam.

The manager received a call one of the two February advising him his boss was in an accident at Interstate 96 and Livernois.

He was told to bring \$600 to February advising him his boss was it an accident at Interstate 96 and Livernois.

Police said after the manager and returned to Novi eatery.

Two hours before the call came

made several attempts to contact his boss with no success, he decided to drive to Detroit with The Boston Market employee of Wixom Road.

told police he gave a white male

contacting Novi businesses and telling employees their bosses have been in an auto accident.

The caller then tells the employees to drive to Detroit and pay a cash fee for the towing of their bosses' vehicles.

Molloy said some employees but with the drive to be to be the towing of their bosses' vehicles.

Molloy said some employees object to be to contact the owner of Don's was broken down on the freeway and he needed his help.

The suspect told the manager to follow him and he of the owner of Don's was broken down on the freeway and he needed his help.

The manager was immediately able to contact the owner in Florida lack males.

black males.

and called police to report the seam,
Molloy said the
only description
available of the potential suspect is what was relayed from the Boston Market manager. The Detective Sgt. stressed

the BP Gas Station at 1-96 and
Outer Drive to pay for towing expenses.

Police said the employee immediately stopped following the Jeep
diately stopped following the Jeep ment's plan to avoid any future into Boston Market, a similar call was made to Don's of Traverse

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City on Grand River Avenue east writer for the Novi News. She can he reached at (248) 349-1700, The restaurant manager told cvt. 105 or police he received a call from an vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.



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HomeTown Hero Award nominations being sought

In this ever-changing world, new heroes are emerging every day. Do you know someone who is a hero? A neighbor who volunteers at a local non-profit organization? A senior citizen who serves as a com-munity leader or a student who has made a difference somehow? The Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and HomeTown Newspapers, in con-junction with the United Way Volunteer Center of Oakland County, are looking for these peo-

Nominees and awardees will be recognized at the Fourth Annual HomeTown Heroes Luncheon on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac. The public is invited and encour-aged to attend.

Nominate your hero by complet Nominate your nero by complet-ing an application and on a separate sheet, in 200 words or less, please tell why you have nominated this individual, group or business. Describe the nominee's major accomplishments, commitment, self-motivation problems, self-motivation, problem-solving skills, and measurable impact upon the community. Entries must be the community. Entires must be typewritten and the 200-word limit will be enforced. Do not staple pages. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business Champion nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the

wayoakland.org or call (248) 874- Oakland promotes volunteerism by

For the fourth year in a row, nominations are being sought to nonor these everyday heroes. The HomeTown Heroes Award will ionor volunteers in six categories:

- Direct Service Volunteer (ages 19-64): A person who has provided outstanding services on behalf of a local non-profit organiza-
- Senior (ages 65 and over): A person who has provided outstand-
- ing contributions in either service or leadership Youth (ages 18 and younger): A person who has provided out-
- standing service or leadership. Non-profit Governance: A volunteer who has significantly impacted a non-profit organization as a member of the Board of
- Faith-Based Volunteer Activity: A champion who has made a significant difference in community outreach of a faith-based organi
- Business Champion: A business together with its employees that has engaged in community volunteer activities.

1633. Entries must be received by

Wednesday, April 16.
Other partners in the collabora-tion of the HomeTown Heroes Recognition program include Junior League of Birmingham, Inc., Hadassah and Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan, The purosoutastern virelingin. The pur-pose of the program is to honor out-standing volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support non-profit organizations in Oakland. United Way Volunteer Center of volunteer activity.

To get an application you can visit United Way of Oakland County's web site at www.united-

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opportunities to improve the quality of life within the community. The Volunteer Center provides recruitment and placement of volunteers along with training to non-profits in volunteer and board management The Volunteer Center is a partner ship between United Way of Oakland County and United Way Community Services, For more information about the

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Kudos

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan, right, and Assistant Chief Jeff Johnson, left, congratulate DMC Children's Hospital staff Michelle Wolcott and Patty Peel last Wednesday morning for their life saving efforts on Jan. 9, 2003 on a 16 month old female at their rehabilitation institute.

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Two area men killed in Cheboygan plane crash

and passenger Ken Campbell, 54, of Commerce Township were do commerce Township were do for the many formal and passenger Ken Campbell, 54, of Commerce Township were do formal three doctored in the weekage of Bitzer and Campbell had taken off from Oakland County.

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Bitzer and Campbell had taken off from Oakland County International Airport in Waterford Township shortly after 7 p.m. on Sunday to visit Bitzer's son in Cheboygan. Shortly before they were to reach the Cheboygan air-wood and the decidence of the accident. Newman and the wasn't sure how bing the case of the accident. Newman and this wife had been investigation would continue.

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were to reach the Cheboygan air port, Bitzer ran into an unexpect ed snowstorm and decided to turn back, according to his wife,

"Before he left, he had called directly to the airport in Cheboygan for a weather report and had cheeked the weather on the Internet. The weather was supposed to be fine," she said, "But when he got close to the run-way, the weather had gotten bad, He felt it was too dangerous to land and he decided to turn

Just minutes after requesting clearance to return to the Oakland County airport, Bitzer disan peared from radar and radio cor tact was lost, according to Undersheriff Michael Newman of the Cheboygan County Sherif

We never had any indication of a distress call or a mayday prior to losing contact," Newman said "It appears — and this is very pre-liminary — that there was an engine stall or icing on the wings, something along those lines," he said. "It appears the plane just fell

Once contact was lost, multiple agencies were notified at once ecording to Dale Hoffman, a Cheboygan County Airport atter

"The determination of a loss was made very quickly and a recovery effort was made almost immediately," Hoffman said. "The FAA (Federal Aviation ministration) contacted us, as well as many other airports in the area including the Pellston Airport manager, the Mackinge Airport manager and most likely Onaway Airport was contacted. Local authorities were alerted too. It's an automatic system that was put into place right away. "It's kind of mysterious, A

report came in that he (Bitzer) didn't like the weather he was in. but our weather here was very good," he added. Undersheriff Newman, howev-

er, said it isn't unusual for weather conditions to vary widely in the area, with squalls suddenly

There is a stretch about 15 miles south of Cheboygan to Gaylord that is known as the

OBITUARIES

Gerry Makowsky

Gerry Makowsky, 73, retired teacher from Twin Beach Elementary, died February 25, 2003. Makowsky devoted 42 years to Walled Lake Consolidated Schools as a kindergarten teacher, her first year at Wixom Elementary and the next 41 years at Twin Beach, retiring June 30, 1995. Funeral services were March 1, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Walled Lake. Alec Bender, principal at Twin Beach Elementary said: "Gerry was an outstanding teacher because of her wonderful connection with the boys and girls. She taught genera-tions of families in times having both the parent and later on their child in her classroom. She was a warm, caring, nurturing teacher who touched the lives of over 2,000 kindergarten students spanning the 41 years that she spent teaching in room 15. She'ill be greatly missed by

Mary A. Rogers

Mary Rogers of Commerce Township died March 8, 2003. She

all of us who knew her and loved

Survivors include two children Larry and Perry; three grandchil-dren, Jessica, Larry IV and James: and four sinlings; Sam, Helen, Clara

Her husband, Lawrence Jr., preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held March 12 at The O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi with interment at Glen Eden

emetery, Livonia.
The family requests memorials Association, Detroit Area Chapter, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 100,

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

snowbelt," he said. "There are the predominant winds and the lake effect, so many times we can get effect, so many times we can get effect, and always made sure the modern of the said. "Barry was very involved in sounds pathetic, but I'd even miss him if he'd go out to shovel the walk. "Zoner remembers Campbell as "a lovable guy and everyone's best friend" who was always represented to help anyone, anytime.

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The crash of a private plane in northern Michigan took the lives of two local men last Sunday night.

The bodies of pilot William "Barry" Bitzer, 60, of White Lake and passenger Ken Campbell, 54, of Commerce Township were discovered in the weekage of Rizzer's single-engine plane covered in the weekage of Rizzer's single-engine plane was in track that a lot up here."

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snow shiften are us predominant winds and the take effect, so many times we can get snow squalls. It can be perfectly and always made sure the plane was in tip-top shape. He had all his credentials for flying, he was a land and sea pilot and was interflying."

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BUSINESS SHORTS

Taubman Centers declares

Taubman Centers, Inc. (NYSE:TCO), owners of Twelve

Oaks Mall, declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.26 per share of common stock March 5,

The common dividend is payable April 22 to shareholders of

declared a regular quarterly divi-dend of \$0.51875 per share on its

Shares (NYSE:TCOPrA). The

ers of record on March 20

Danelle Marshall recently

Tuesday through Saturday and by

seasonally adjusted, corrected for inflation, and expressed on an

declared a first quarter dividend

A plan that works

Ann Arbor-based Velcura

Therapeutics, Inc., co-founded

nology companies presenting

Bloomfield Hills-based



Commerce Road, Li'l Nell's Custom Canine is a full-service pet grooming business that offers a self-service pet wash. Li'l Nell's is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

would fly when he first opened, "I have what I service I wanted to offer." The 72-scat, 2,800-square-foot deli offers five soups, 30 he state in January, according to

sandwiches and eight to nine sal-ads every day.

a Comerica Bank survey. The Michigan Business Activity

ads every day. Michigan Business Activity
Attee said he thinks Picasso
Cafe will eventually trunslate well in January, to close at 117, com-

as a franchise operation.

"The art varies in different communities," be said, but the basic premise works. "What I've The Michigan Business

found is that I end up doing minimal amount of work because the artists are so enthused."

Murphy said that's because the activity temperature of Michigan economic activity compiled monthly by the Economics Department of Comerica Bank. The MBAI is

and he charges substantially less

ners Michael, left, and Allen Attee sell cafe mochas, deli sandwiches and art in their Grand River Ave. eatery. Works by artists Barbara Eko Murphy are cur-

Mixing Picasso with pastrami Monday, For more information call (248) 926-8841.

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Allen Attee may not be an artist, but he knows what he likes, and more importantly what

What seems to work at Attee's fledgling business on Grand River Avenue near Haggerty Road is art and it all started with a cup of decaf coffee.

Barbara Murphy, a retired was returning from Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Novi campus where she was receiving treatment for the heart condition that forced her retirement last spring when she spotted the Picasso Cafe. An aspiring aritist herself, Murphy decided to stop in the deli for a cup of decaf coffee with her friend heaves of the coffee with her friend heaves of the coffee with the the coffee wit

ment last spring when she spotted the Picasso Cafe. An aspiring artist herself, Murphy decided to stop in the deli for a cup of decade coffee with her friend because of the name.

Attee's second venture into the deli for a cup of decade to small soundry shop at Dominos Attee's Picasso Cafe features andwiches with names like the Picasso Turkey Abstract, The Day Cafe Cafe Picasso Turkey Abstract, The Day Gogh Corned Beef; Attee said he chose the name Picasso Cafe in finance and economics at the University of Execuse I like his art." With the name in place, "everything rolled together, like the names of sand-

and he said, "OK,"

Murphy got together with fellow members of the 38-year-old
Farmington Art Club, and now

Attee has an artist a month

The said two years, said

ments the Novi operation, while his
be the runs the Ann Arbor location and his father serves more as

mentor.

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The proper server while the said the Picasso Cafe. "It's very hard
for artists to get in galleries, There
are not enough anywhere. There
are not enough any booked into the deli through the end of next year, "It works well,"

his partners — father, Gerry; and brother, Michael — are looking at locations in Detroit, Clarkston, who wif the Picasso Cafe concept at locations in Detroit, Clarkston, who wif the Picasso Cafe concept pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

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Picasso Cafe

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than most galleries or art shows.

Murphy said that while most juried art shows take 30 percent of equals 100. The MBAI series has Milford and Brighton. They're

beame in place, "everything rolled beams of sand-wiches," the Farmington Hills resident added.

While having coffee in the deliwith her friend, Murphy decided, "Ho you want a corporate job or display art." So before she left, "I asked Allen if he would be interested in showing local att, work with the firm of the would be interested in showing local att, work with the firm of the would be interested in showing local att, work with the firm and now he have to the work of the art, it's not flying off the walls.

Novi's West Oaks II and 59 of shopping centers in 12 sates announced March 6 that its ho declared a first quarter dividend of \$0.42 per common share, that of the deliwith the firm and now he have to the left the work of the state in the left the program of the art, it's not flying off the walls.

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ested in showing local art work join a consulting firm and now he shows in the last two years, said and he said, 'OK.'' runs the Novi operation, while his she's thrilled to be displaying at

in finance and economics does not sound like the best fit for a busi-

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-108.4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-108.4. An ordinance to amend Chapter 5 of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances to delete Section 5-9, "Limit on Number of Dogs," because it conflicts with other regulatory provisions. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council

days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the Chry Count on Monday, March 3, 2003. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ter Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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said Attee, "It changes the decor every month and the arists tell attended," good business practices, that could change. their friends and family."

It works so well that Attee and his partners — father, Gerry; and get the most for your dollar."

MARYANNE CORNELIUS

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-044

CITY CLERK

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entreprenuer Michael Long, will be one of six Michigan biotech-Phil Foley is a staff writer for their business plans to venture

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ORDINANCE NO. 03-156.02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-156.02, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3, Sections 2-193.2, 2-193.3, 2-193.5 and 5-193.6, of the Novi Code of Ordinances to provide for eligibity standards using the Federal Poverty Guideline, and additional sources of income and factors, for the graphics of council preserving from the provider of the provi

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the facility located at I William Carls Drive, Commerce. The announcement, review of the sys-tem and access to a patient began payable on April 1 to sharehold-

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USE PERMIT TUP 03-004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gatyan's is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the Galyan's "Road to Adventure" outdoor exhibit at 44225 Twelve Mile Road (Fountain Walk) on May 2, 2003.
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
This request will be considered at 1:00 p.m. on March 19, 2003 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to March 19, 2003. of Review.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 3, 2003.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(3-13-03 NN 42895) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (3-13-03 NN 43163)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS **MASONRY SCREEN WALL** The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Mower according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 19, 2903, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi, MI 49375-3024

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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Masonry Screen Wall according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

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Thursday, March 20, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and

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"MASONTY SCREEN WALL" BID

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET TREE PLANTING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Street Tree Planting according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time,
Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened

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(3-13-03 NN 43161)

City sign ordinance 'tweaked'

By Phil Foley

Sometime in April, Novi's City Council will be asked to make its first major overhaul of the city's 29-year-old sign ordinance since

The city's planning commis-sion approved four admendments to the city's sign ordinance at its

Cindy Uglow, the city's Neighborhood Services coordina-tor, told commission members, This is tweaking, really Commission members did

some tweaking of their own. In addition to seeking a limit to the number of garage sale signs a home owner could place, city staff also wanted to fimit their placement from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the days of a sale. However, commission member Larry Papo noted allows work to be done from a.m. to 7 p.m. For the sake of con sistency, commission member. voted to adopt similar hours for

order to adopt similar moust for garage sale placement.

Noting that the city already removes mekloads of improperly placed real estate signs from city corners. Uglow said the push behind the changes in the sign ordinance is to "remove clutter."

The commission approach a

The commission approved a measure to move the setback for signs from centerline of 12 Mile Road from 78 to 93 feet. Uglow said the change is needed as a result of the road's recent widen ing, adding that the change would put signs three feet away from the edge of the right-of-way However, she added, there are no existing signs within the proposed

David Ruyle, who owns a home business, had no objection to a provision prohibiting the place-ment of signs announcing the presence of a home business.

However, commission member Tim Shroyer expressed discon-fort making violations of the city's sign ordinance a misdemeanor, punishable by fines up to \$500

and 90 days in jail.

The proposed sign ordinance changes are expect to go before the city commission for final action April 7 or 21.

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Health care, taxes top competitiveness agenda

Health care costs and the Single Business Tax (SBT) were the hot lopics at the first in a series of unt state house and senate com nuttee meetings on business com-icitiveness that kicked off at Novi's Expo Center March 10. "This pretty much confirms what Lalteady thought," said State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), "We have to pay attention to the

Chuck Hadden, vice president of governmental affairs for the Lansing-based Michigan Manufacturers Association, told committee members that many of his organization's members are paying more for health care pre-miums than they are taxes. He warned committee members

The winned committee members that having one of the highest health care costs in the country as well as being third for business taxes is not a good combination. Hadden also urged committee members not to turker with the state's tort and product liability laws which are "now a model for other state."

tion. He cautioned that with \$135 billion in information technology jobs having already moved off-shore, "the information technology train may have already left the

Mike Orsceny, vice president for taxation at Troy-based Kelly Services, like many other speak-ers urged the legislators to eliminate the SBT sooner than it's planned 2010 phase-out. He noted that if it were a corporate income tax, it would be the nation's high-

Augustine from Ann Arbor's Veridian and W. Brett Shelton from Michigan Internationa Speedway in Brooklyn came pitching local projects. Shelton was seeking state support for expanding roads leading to the racing complex west of Jackson and expanding the 35-year-old facility. Shelton told committee men-

bers that a similar project in Kansas City generated 3,300 new jobs and \$2.6 million in sales tax. Augustine called for state sup-ort for what he called quantum port for what he called quant



The Joint Committee on Business Competitiveness met March 10 in Novi to make rec ommendations for maintaining and attracting new business investment and good paying lobs to Michigan. The committee will conduct seven hearings across the state and collect suggestions and opinions from community business leaders to report to the Legislature in September. Addressing the committee is L. Brooks Patterson. Oakland County executive.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson urged legislators not to Patterson urged committee members to ignore calls to rein in what's being called urban sprawl. what's being called urban sprawl.
"To them it's sprawl. To me it's Detroit's image is good for economic development," said Patterson.

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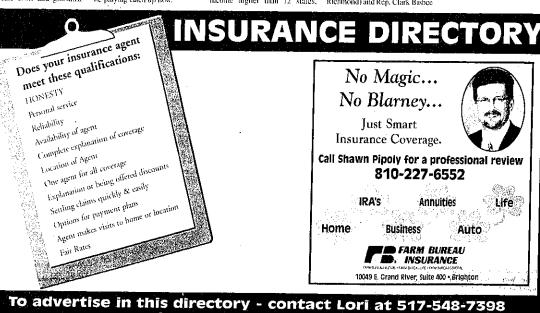
other states."

Bill Largent, a White Lake consultant, said inembers of the same stage that life seisure research was in the '80s and Small Business Association of Michigan are concerned about health care costs and globalization of the playing catch up now.

Bright for what he carlied quantum deconomic development, said economic development, s state's foriegn investment and that the county has a high per capita income higher than 12 states,

do anything to cool the county's conomic fires. Grand Rapids. The committee's final report on how to make tive is due to the full legislature Sept. 1.

attracting business here," he said.
The 10-member committee, headed by Sen, Alan Sanborn (R-



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CLASS NOTES

Coin Splash helps out Novi School Briefs Youth Assistance program

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Anyone walking around the Novi Middle School cafeteria last week may have noticed large jars of water sitting on a table. Those jars, which had smaller jars in their center, were part of a game called "Coin Splash" that students could participate in

could participate in.
"This is to help the Novi Youth
Assistance," parent volunteer
Doreen Lloyed said. "The kids will bring their spare change, either their own or from home, and just try to get it in the small container in the bucket. Kids all love candy, so it's a good incentive for them. They helped the community every day last week but Wednesday, because school was canceled."

Parent volunteers were splashed with water at all the lunch hours each day as they manned the "Coin Splash" table. All the money raised for the Novi Youth Assistance was specifically donated from the Novi Middle Schoo family.
"It's helping the community.

and everyone can participate," Lloyed said. "It's very easy to do it during lunch hour; we're bring-ing it to them as opposed to them

having to go to another location." Parent volunteer Wendy Kozma explained the game, "The students just take their pocket change and depending on the value of the coin, they can earn different types of candy if they hit the little jar in the middle of the big one," she said. "The quarter is the largest and that would win a large candy bar. Once they splash the coin it has to hit the center of the small cup inside the jar. And if it's a dime, it's a smaller piece of cand and nickels and pennics are small-er than that. The kids always get something though, even if they don't hit the middle. They have a lot of fun with it,"

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Novi Middle School student Jodi Kozma tries her hand at the school's Coin Splash fund-raiser last Thursday during lunch hour. The Coin Splash is raising money f

Novi Meadows is having a "New or Barely Used" Book Drive during the month of March, It will benefit students at Neinas Elementary in Detroit and the Ronald McDonald Houses in Detroit and Ann Arbor. Donation boxes are located in the commons area in both houses. For more information call (248) 449-1270.

Family workshop

On Saturday, March 22nd, the annual FOCUS ON FAMILIES WORKSHOP will take place at Novi Middle School, The keynote speaker, Bob

ety of subjects will be provided for parents. Free child care is available for children ages 2 1/2 and older. The workshop is offered to com-The keynote speaker, Bob Sonson, will present "Raising Community Education in partner-fresponsible Children." The workshop offers parents an incredible Medical Center/St. John Health

opportunity for change and growth by teaching them what important limits parents can set to lay the foundation for responsible deciand Brighton Hospital. For more

Novi High School sent 41 mar-keting students to Michigan DECA's 57th Annual State Career Development Conference at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, March 7-9, This event is the only opportu-nity in Michigan where high school marketing leaders can come together to prepare for their

opportunity to compete for the chance to represent Michigan at DECA's International Career Development Conference being held in Orlando, Florida this April.



sion-making, and how to set limits

sion-making, and how to set limits without anger and resentment.

Other sessions offered will be: "Signs and Symptoms of Drug Abuse," presented by Dana Minok; "Advocating for you Child," presented by Richard Njus; and "What Parents Need to Know About Immunization," presented by Pat White.

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so it's nice to see how all the kids

have developed during that time just to get an idea of how things change over a year for a six year old. People here are extremely

open minded and I think that this will help me in the future because I will be able to speak more clear-

ly about what I know about children as well as just having those extra experiences. I think it will definitely give me an edge over someone who hasn't had that."

step into a classroom? I think the majority of people who spend a year in an internship program are ready to walk into a classroom and take over because they have shall the does year apparates.

Mauch believes that her internant is programs like this before in the program and ends with the same group of children." The programs like this before in the program are programs like this before in the programs like this before in the program are programs like this before in the program are programs.

more traditional one. "I have friends who go to Western and Central and I feel like I have learned so much more," she said, "I'm nervous about getting a job, but I think it will help me a lot just having that whole were expected."

but I think it will help me a lot just having that whole year experience. I think that's a big plus and I have heard from different principals and superintendents that they tend to hire more Michigan State interns because they have more experience. It's a great program, it's a lot of work, but it's been a streat experience for me.

Goss agreed. 'I think that the full-year internship definitely will reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. help me because it's nice to be 110 or by e-mail at able to see how a full year starts rkhurt@ht.homecomm.net.

great experience for me.'

HOME, GARDEN

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Barry enjoys the challenge of making learning interesting

Evey month from now until hune. The Novi News is honding a local teacher for his or her excellence in the classroom. Our winner this month Novi High School mith, 11th and 12th grade lixtory teacher Lynn Barry. Barry was nominated because af her adultiv to get through to her vardents and make a positive impact on their lives.

By Ramez Khuri

STAFF WHATH

"There is not enough newsprint in the world to honor the fantastic teachers that I encountered during my time in the Novi school system," read the nomination form for Lynn Barry, "I moved to Novi in seventh grade from a didn't think you had an

ticular favorites is Lynn
Barry I had her as my teacher for two classes and she helped mestady for and succeed on the A.P.
U.S. History exam. Mrs. Barry also saw to it that I got a scholar-hip for a National succeed. ship for a National Conference which I wished to attend, My attendance of the conference changed my life for the better and my whole experience with Mrs. Barry was wonderful,"

School: Novi High School

Subject: U.S. History and A.P. U.S. History Years Teaching: 20 years at the high school College: Eastern Minois Children: Erin and Adam

Interests: Reading, travel, art

Grade: Ninth, 11th and 12th

"I can't give you one memo-rable moment in teaching, but I think it's when former students come back and tell you how they

also saw to it that I got a scholar-ship for a National Conference which I wished to attend, My remember the vivaciousness, the moving around, the trying to make it real, the trying to make it interesting and the trying to make t relate today. He brought everything to life the best he possibly

appointing kids.

"Not getting them to reach their potential and not getting them to work hard enough is very disappointing some days." she said. "When the kids don't get the grades they wanted or when they don't understand the material or it just didn't work out for them in

mpact on at all come back and talk to you and tell you how you have helped them. It's always an appreciated sur-arice."

is tough. When it doesn't awaken any curiosity in them to want to find out more about the subjects I teach, that's disappointing." After they move on from the

high school, Barry wants her stu-dents to remember her as being fun, enthusiastic, alive and an advocate for them.

advocate for them.
"In teaching, I would change how people look at teachers," Barry said. "I think there is a lack of respect nowadays from the general public, It's not true of everybody, but there is a negative aspect associated with teachers and the perception is that the schools are had and not doing According to Barry, the hardest part of her job is occasionally disers are working extremely hard and are extremely dedicated. They really believe in what they

just didn't work out for them in learning the history or that they didn't fall in love with the history reharise ht.homecommunet.



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MSU interns receive hands-on training at Deerfield

and take over because they have really had one year experience.

They are really one up on those other kids who haven't had that

Inger experience."

MSU interns Jennifer Mauch and Erin Goss have been at Deerfield since the beginning of the school year.

"The internship is a lot longer then a normal internship and it helps," Mauch said, "It's excellent

because a lot of people do student teaching only half a semester, so they either come in at the beginning and don't see the end of the

year, or they come in the middle

and miss out on the whole begin-

the school year.

While walking around Deerfield Elementary on any given day throughout the school year, one may notice the abun year, one may notice the abundance of teachers walking the hallways. Actually, probably about half are not teachers at all. They are interns from Michigan State University who do student teaching for a full school year, rather than the traditional semester-long trainine.

ter-long training.

Deerfield has 11 interns in all this year, each one assigned to a teacher's classroom to help with daily activities. When Principal Richard Njus came to Deerfield he brought with him his partner-ship with MSU and the concept of having school-year-long interns. "When I came here and we

were opening this building, we were looking at having a building that centered around the best practices of teaching and learning and what a better place to bring teachers just coming into a career and helping them in that whole process of learning how to teach," Njus said. "Also to learn from master teachers is great. From the other end of the spectrum, it's great to have another adult teacher in the classroom to teach and to work with the students. We are

According to Njus, the bottom line is to make sure that the school meets the needs of the children

"It's great that we can help the student teachers and it's great that our teachers can get support. But be effective role models to assess in a classroom is a buge plus for us, but on the other hand, it not only helps and challenges that intern that's coming in, it's challenging the teachers to

Student teachers from Michigan State University say they're enjoying their internships at Deerfield Elementary. Pictured (top to bottom, left to right) are Kristin Trest, Jennifer Mauch, Kelly Barenie, Becky Reed, Erin Goss, Laura Eschelbach, Theresa Prince, Cortney Gregory

be effective role models to assess their teaching strategies and their abilities." They tearn," he said, "but when you have an intern for a

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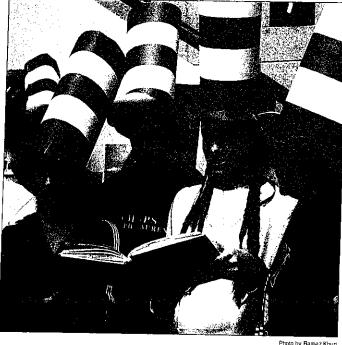
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NMS students read with schools across America

By Ramez Khuri

Novi Middle School students dawned Dr. Suess hats and came together with kids in three other states on Thursday America" month assembly

"We connected with school districts in Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin using our video confrencing equipment," Novi Middle School Media put Specialise, Cieda Missiani, and Cieda M think this is just a new twist on

Specialist Cindy White said.
"We spoke to seven different classes and the other students read to our children as well."

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but most of the students read Dr. Suess books. Each presentation lasted about a half hour and each school had 15 min-

utes to read back and forth,
"We are primarily reading three other states on Thursday with third through fifth during the "Read Across graders," White said. "Last year we dressed up as the Cat in the Hat. The purpose is for classes to read to each other which took place in the school's media center.

The event was supposed to take place on Wednesday, but school was canceled due to heavy snow.

"We connected with school of the school sc

it."

One school put together a game show and another school put together a video and sent it to the Middle School.

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Workshop Announcement

This year's Novi Community School District Focus on Families Workshop offers an opportunity for change and growth to learn to "Raise Responsible Children." It will take place Sauroday, March 22 at Novi Middle School.

Bob Sornson is the keynote speak-er of the event. He is the author and founder of the Early Learning Foundation. The schedule of the event will be:

check-in and continental break-fast from 8-8:30 a.m.;
 breakout sessions from 8:30-

9:30 a.m.; · resource tables and break from 9:30-10 a.m.; and • the keynote speaker from 10

a.m. to noon. A wide variety of parenting information and family resources will be available to parents before 8:30 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m. Anyone attending is asked to

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Novi Meadows student Annalisa Morgan throws a bowl-

Novi Meadows Elementary students rolling in fun By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

One normally wouldn't expect couple hours to learn about howl-a bowling alley to be jumping at 9 ing and math skills at the same



ing ball towards the pins last Thursday morning at Novi Bowl. In the rear another student celebrates his roll.

a.m., but Novi Bowl was every day last week. Novi Meadows bussed students in each day for a

"The three P.E. teachers at the The line P.E., leachers at the school – myself, Colleen Wandel and Brian Felcher – all do a two-week unit, bowling and gym class," Novi Meadows Physical Education Teacher Pat Schluter said. "We bring them here as a field trip and we don't use electronic score keening." use electronic score keeping; we use the old way of keeping

Schluter explained that he tries to incorporate math in physical education, and what better way than to have the kids keep their own score while howling.
"We teach them the four-step approach to bowling, the three-step approach and a little bit of the

history of the game." he said.
"They get to come here for two hours and bowl. It's kind of like a fun thing to do, and the kids love

at the time.

"The parents get to come, and watch and if they want, they get to bowl too," Schluter said, "At first the kids asked why they can't use electronic score keeping, but we tell them they have to incorporate math. It helps with their math Novi Meadows sixth graders Kelsey Hart, Heather Donohue and Bridget Welsh all enjoyed themselves during their day of

bowling.
"We are here because in gym class we are practicing bowling, so we got to bowl for a field trip. Hike it, it's fun," Hart said.

Donohue said, "We're learning how to keep score and they turned off the machines so we can keep score by ourselves. It's pretty

Welsh agreed, "Keeping score is hard at first, but since we did it last year it's getting easier. If you go past this one line when you're howling, it's a foul and your score doesn't count. And if you have a strike, that counts for the next two bands.

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Bowl-A-Thon has successful turnout

"The hospitals really helped us out," Steeh said.

The 21st Youth Assistance The 21st Youth Assistance
Bowl-A-Thon, which took
place on March 8 at NoviBowl, was a big success
according to Bob Steeh, Vice
President of Novi Youth
Assistance. About 120
bowlers showed up action games and the majority of the people got flat pledges, but very few pledged by pin. "Dominoes Pizza was very supportive and supplied all the pizzas and drinks," Steeh There were a lot of school teams. We had a lot of fun bowling, we didn't, give out any leam awards, but every body came out and bowled to raise money for a bowlers showed up, netting over \$1,200 for the NYA's Teen Center, which is a sum-Providence Hospital and Brighton Hospital sponsored

good cause. It was great and we had a great turnout." Two student teams from Novi Meadows participated in the Novi Youth Assistance "That jumped started us to a successful Bowl-A-Thon. We successful Bowl-A-Inon, we in the Novi Youth Assistance used 27 lanes and we had Bowl-A-Thon on March 8, many sponsors. It went well. There was one fifth grade learn and one sixth grade team, Both teams were sponsored, so everybody walked away with something."

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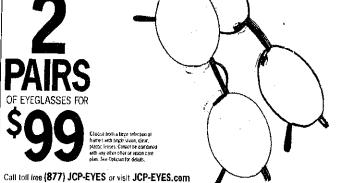
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fixer if you don't like jazz all that much, your money will be offine to a very worthy cause. A "swing" at polio. Help However it you do happen to throw the knockout punch

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aber coult is considered a roll out nearly everywhere they play.
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bettien that there exist will pay offer and the general public go on sale April 15, you might not want to wait too long to pull the trigger The beganner or should we or you could find yourself hear ing about the concerts from

That the arise the Rotarians have divided to use a good portion of the proceeds for their formation's battle against the disease. Then it is ell should prompt session to come out to the Novi CIO (220 shows on June 18, ty know that you support this cause and great music in Novi.
Yes, the Rotarians are taking

Upon reflection, three things stand out. First, Granholm may wind up carving entirely new ground for a Democratic politia "swing" at nolio. Help them

an.

cuts over the past decade and relatively high
Her predecessor, Republican John Engler,
expectations for state services have resulted in

the House and Senate appropriations commit-

ing maneuvers.

The big winners: Public schools (the \$6,700 per-pupil foundation grant will be retained) and early childhood education. The big losers:

Universities and community

colleges (a 6.5 percent cut). graduating high school seniors (\$2,500 college merit scholar-ships for those who did well

on the MEAP test will be cut

to \$500) and state employees (\$250 million in negotiated wage and benefit increases

were zeroed out of the budg-

Legislative and media reac-

Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivred the most painful budget message heard in
dichigan in many, many years.

She proposed balancing the estimated \$1.7

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She proposed balancing the estimated \$1.7 billion budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins in October by cutting \$937 million in gad, Proncise accounting ginmicks to balancing and proncise accounting \$100 and \$100 areas the budget of accounting ginmicks to balance she budget generating and specific process.

the most painful to make

Higher education cuts were

Michigan's greatest long-term competitive advances — our high quality state universities and the research and development efforts they support. Support for higher education has now state spending and proposing around \$400 ance the budget. million each in new revenues (increasing the tax on diesel fuel, for example) and accounting maneuvers.

The bit is identified by the companies of budget crisis a government of budget crisis and the companies of budget crisis been cut by something like 10 percent over the past two hudget years. This is the biggest cut since the recession in the early 1980s. cannot be or do everything for everybody and that tough-minded decisions must be made about spending priorieducation cuts were the most painful part of ties. For a Democrat to be a her budget. But she also said quite clearly

UPINION

budget hawk is a new that, "flighter education is not as critical as approach.

Perhaps Granholm's is dictated by the in the first place." stringency of the times, but I wouldn't be surprised if it eally works.

Second, nobody should assume this budget is going to solve all our problems. It's based on lots of assumptions
— attitudes of state employee
unions, saving money by
diverting some prisoners to

Moreover, the fact is that the state faces consequences as the condething like a \$1 billion "structural budget part of the budget. deficit" that will dominate budget discussions for years to come. As the widely respected Citizen's Research Council pointed out in a report issued last year, the combination of tax

for universities can do an awful lot of damage in a very short time, damage that takes many years to repair. Students and families will inevitably get hit with big tuition increases, not to mention the loss of \$2,500 college scholarships. Universities will have to cur courses, increase class sizes, reduce library and computer facilities and do all the things

The fact remains that massive budget cuts

inflicting real, long-term damage to one of

Legislative and media reaction was generally admiring.

Granholm did the run-up to her budget message in a spectacularly effective series of show-and-tell performances around the state.

— that may not pan out. The economy could fall into full-blown recession. The inevitable societative and lobbying arm twisting has yet on especially thoughful about the long capacity. that save money but likely cut quality.

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The art of keeping kids' attention

Five books that are guaranteed to hold the attention of my three kids as they're growing up.

And, not surprisingly, they have the same effect on

to Orchard Hills Elementary on Friday and read to sm dents as part of the March is Reading Month celebration.

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"The Leaf Men," "Rolic Olic Polic," "Nicholas Cricket," "Miss Spider's Wedding" and my ace-in-the-hole, "Wocket in My Pocket." "Bigo hoaks the man and vice versa, When reading to my own children, I find myself slipping into these bizarre foreign accents for the different characters. I denied at

classrooms of kids too. Last week Sue Subject asked if I would come over

Normally, I hate speaking in front of groups. I can stand in front of 50,000 people and play music, no probm. But if I have to give any

kind of presentation, I hate it. Always have. But it's different with kids. Maybe it's

Mrs. Neal's classes. The kids were great to read to. Very attentive and polite. In the past, I've had classes where some of the kids are fidgeting and not paying attention, but the OH students were really vonderful.

One thing that always appens to me every time I o something like this with elementary students. I ask them if they want to know per business - you know, how do we get the stories, who takes the pictures, how come there's no lunnies in our paper, etc.

"How tall are you?"

Never fails ever, to spare the first and second graders in Mrs. Deinek's, Mrs. Ristau's and to that question. Kids propably think I'm a giant. Maybe I should start reading "Jack

and the Beanstalk" to them Then their next question: "Did you play basketball? "Yes," I reply, "about as well as I speak

in front of groups of adults."

It just hit me. Maybe the next time I have to make a professional presentation, I should start off by telling everyone how tall I am. Then instead of speaking in my nor mal voice, I'll do the whole thing with dif-

ferent accents.
On second thought, that probably wouldn't go over too well. Kids are far more

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Covering meetings - sombody's got to do it

ting at the Educational Services
Building for the Novi
Community Schools Board of
Education meeting.

I haven't even heard that song or seen the commercial in years, but it was almost as if someone put a CD in my brain and pushed play. Don't get me wrong, I was still paying atten-

tion to all the important discus-sion going on, but every now and then my mind started to wander a little. All the talk about "No Child Yes" and testing and re-testing students, then going back and

Ramez Khuri gies, then testing, then analyzing and testing and implementing and state aid cuts and analyzing and testing and lotteries and full-time and half-



I guess the point I'm trying to get at here is, even though I understand why the board of education must meet twice a month, for the life of me. I will

never understand why those meetings have to be so boring. Sometimes I wonder if, after If i reaching a certain age, do peo-ple actually forget what it's like to be a kid growing up? I bet that the majority of middle school and high school kids don't give a hoot about the No Child Left Behind program

The old Toys R Us song, "I don't want to grow up, I'm a Toys R Us Kid," was running rampant through my head on Thursday night as I was sitting at the Educational Services

Building for the Novi Chief I really need to read up on that!"

When I really need to read up on that!"

Behind? I really need to read up on that!"

When I really need to read up on that!"

They ire not afraid of saying the wrong thing. They just say what's on their minds, which is explains about No Child Left Behind? I really need to read up on that!" Nope, it would most likely be, "Why am I here listening to this? I am so bored right now. Isn't it enough that I have to sit through a whole day of boring very refreshing.

The next time board members and school through a whole day of boring

ninistrators are racking their brains trying to come up with new strategies and programs, I believe they should take a step back and think about this for a moment: RELAX, YOU'RE ALL DOING A GREAT JOB!!!!!! Why else would the Novi Community School District's students have such high grades?

I hope I didn't offend anyone with this col-

umn. I do understand that going to these meetings is a part of my job and I really do like seeing everyone twice a month, but nobody ever said that I had to enjoy the actual meetings. As long as I understand what's going on and can write effective stories, I believe I'm doing my job. I just hope that after I reach that certain age, I won't forget.

and testing and lotteries and full-time and halftime made me imagine what the average high school student would be thinking if he or she

after school, or hanging out with friends, or just

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LETTERS

Thanks from Gatt

I am writing for two reasons. First, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mayor Clark and the rest of the City Council for the confidence that they have shown in my by appointing me to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). I promise that I will live up to this honor by always being prepared and continually serving to the best of my shifting.

my abilities.

Next, I want to publicly thank the Novi DPW for the excellent work they did after the latest snowstorm hit the area. As many people know,

i work in the Pontiac/Waterford area, and the difference between road conditions inside and outside of Novi was remarkable, to say the least. Thank you to all the hard working men and women who stayed up

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Four Novi students win Knights of Columbus contest

Four Novi District students are the winners of the Novi Knights of Columbus essay contest, which took place last month, For their efforts, Novi Meadows sixth grader John Dwyer, Novi Middle School seventh grader Jack Langenhorst, Novi High-School ninth grader Kristin Thomas and Novi High School 10th grader Kathryn Koss each won a \$100 U.S. government savings bond, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, two B.D.

Savings used.

Knights of Columbus, two B.D.
Mengolian Barbecue dimer gift certificates with a prize pack and an Award of Merit.

Each winning essay will now be submitted to Knights of Columbus state of Michigan columbus state of Michigan to win the \$100 and 1 just Angeski, a member of the organ-ization, the winners of the state competition will be announced by the first week of May. "This is the second year we

have taken this on and it has real-ly started to catch on," Angeski said, "We have seen a big growth over last year in the number of submissions we are getting."
There are two tevels of compe-tition. Level one includes grades

sixth through eighth and level two is ninth through 12th. Two winners are picked from each level. All the winners are also winners are picked from each level. All the winners are also invited, along with their families, to attend the next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting to take pictures, read their essays out loud and receive their prizes.

"It's really received well, the

impressed with what I see from the sixth and seventh graders. I and how his virtues were used in submitted those four winners for the state competition already. We

didn't have any state winners last year, but I'm hopeful we'll get some-body in this year. The coordinator of the state level competition said they get literally hun-dreds of submissions." Each year competitors

must write about a diffe ent topic. This year's topic was, "The virtues of Christopher Columbus and how would those virtues he applied to your everyday life now? everyday life now?"
Essays had to be 300-600
words and the submis-

Langenhorst said. found my information on the Internet and I took that and wrote about what I thought about him and i used some of my exam-ples. At first my essay was 731 words, but my mom Koss

helped me edit it, so we brought it down to 599." Langenhorst said he'll be putting big mining be putting his winnings into the bank. Dwyer, Koss and Thomas all had

"It's really received well, the and I used an encyclopedia just love it and there are me really talented writers out Columbus. I wrote down all the kids just love it and there are some really talented writers out there," Angeski said, "I'm really virtues that it said he had, and I

prised to win again. I used the encyclopedia from my house and some prior knowledge and some books from

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Jeri Brown, wife of former Village Oaks principal Dave Brown, reads "Babushka's Doll" last Friday morning to Deerfield Elementary School students as part of March

Deerfield's full day of fun

Stees har making. That lasted till about 11 a.m. Then, former a Willage Oaks Principal Dave Brown and his wife, leri visited bents and teachers gathered in to comment on the day. "We

was a teacher and principal here in Novi for 34 years," Dave Brown said. "We all know that if you have difficulty reading, you have difficulty in life. We want that if the standard of the standard property is a staff writer for the Novi for the Novi were the standard of the kids to know that reading is important, so we try all kinds of "In March we focus of the kids of the kids to know that reading is important, so we try all kinds of "In March we focus of the kids to know that reading is important, so we try all kinds of the kids to know that reading is important. things to get that point across."

Jeri Brown agreed with her husband, but she also had another reason to be at the school, all the children to bring in a Dr. 'I'm here because I'm a grandat Deeffield won't soon forget.

The school literally combined
Dr. Suess's birthday celebration
with March is Reading Month
with March is Reading Month

to read to kindergariners.

"We know that reading is very important and my wife was a teacher for 15 years or so and 1

with march is recaining Month of the most asset with a series of fune events which lasted all day.

The kids started bright and early with a Dr. Suess pajama party, which included eating green eggs and ham and Dr. Suess ham making. That lasted till be reak from all the excitement for Jill Armstrong was busy making.

Suess book that they

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext f "In March we focus on reading 110 or by e-mail and we decided to focus on Dr. rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Closing of schools a very calculated decision

By Ramez Khuri

going to be a lot of entries. I think that I

told about his life and

that is what helped me

Koss learned about

the competition through her church

youth group at Our Holy Family, "They

had a table set out a

the entryway in the church, so I decided to do the contest," she said. "I wrote about the virtues of

wrote about what l

want to do with my life and how

Columbus has helped

me with his virtues.

used the Internet and

my dad helped me. worked hard on it, and

this is the first time !

have ever done an essay contest." Thomas, the only

repeat winner from last year's contest, said, "I found out

about this contest because there was an

church and I like to

announcement

life and Christopher

Ever wonder how snow days are decided upon in the Novi Community School District? According to Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster, it's a pretty long process. Gone are the days when he used to drive around the neighborhood communicating with a representative from Northville Schools to make an solated determination.

Nope, it's a lot more sophisti cated than that. Koster explained that Novi Schools is part of a con-sortium of superintendents from other school districts in the general area, "We have this massive conference call," he said. "Th first call usually comes at around 3:45 a.m., but the call could come at midnight, depending on the weather. It could be so bad that we could make the call the nigh before, but that doesn't happer very often. That would be if there was a horrendous storm that started at 6 p.m. and concluded at p.m., we might call at midnight. It we had three feet of snow outside chances are we probably wouldn't have school."

For the snow day that occurred on March 5, it was a routine call at 3:45 a.m. that started it. "The original forecast called for snow to begin at 9 p.m. and end a 3 a.m., therefore, we decided to

have the conference call at 3:45 a.m.," Koster said. "It was a normal circumstance and all eight superintendents were on the phone along with a representative from the National Weather Forecasting System Headquarters in Kansas." Koster said that the person from National Weather Forecasting System Headquarters has the abil-

ity to track the temperature, wind and precipitation very close. "This guy is good and he knows what's going to happen literally by the minute. We get first class informa tion that he can track right on through. He tells us what's hap-pening and he knows the whole realm of things." On the phone the representative told the superintendents that the area was just at the front end of the storm and that beginning at around 5 a.m. it was going to get heavier and it was going to accu-mulate to about an inch an hour. He also said that by 8 a.m., there

was going to be anywhere between three and four additional inches on top of which was already on the ground at that time. "Generally we talk about this and determine what we are going to do," Koster said. "At the same time that's going on, each of us have representatives that drive around the districts. My represen tative is communicating to me by cell phone while I'm on the regular phone with the superintendents. Every superintendent is doing the same thing, and he told me which subdivisions and main streets weren't plowed yet. He also told me the status of the parking lots around the area. He called

mc about every 15 minutes and gave me an update."

As it turned out, this time, the group did not make a decision at 3:45 a.m. It was decided that there was going to be another call at 4:45 a.m. to see how it would be "We called after one hour and

we discussed each of our circum

know how many times we said this is a dicey decision. Dicey meaning it was a flip and when you flip, you flip to the safety of kids.

Nobody likes to close the at that time was, based upon the knowledge of the National Weather Service, by the time the little ones, not so much the high

school, but the time the little of

are out and about, there is going to be a lot more snow on the streets then there is right now and these streets aren't plowed.
"Therefore," he added, "for the safety of the kids, we had to close sately of the kind, we had to crose school, recognizing the fact that we knew that the storm was going to be over with by 11 a.m. or noon. We also recognized the fact that at the end of the day, you can probably get the kids home all right, but it was the safety factor of getting the kids to school that caused the school closing."

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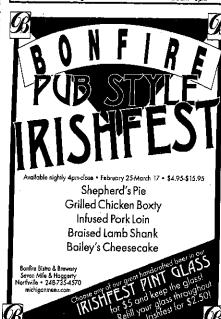
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Novi Co-ap Preschool open house DATE: Saturday, March 15

TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: 41671 10 Mile.

DETAILS: The school is now accepting applications for 3-and 4-year-olds for the 2003-04 chool year.

PHONE: Michelle Sabo at

tion and to register, call Novi Community Education at 248-449-1206.

DATE: Sunday, March 16 TIME: 5-7 p.m. LOCATION 430 E. Nicolet

St., Walled Lake DETAILS: St. Anne's Episcopal Church is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage family-style dinner, Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. PHONE: Tracy Moore at (248) 624-3817.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter Sandwich Luncheon DATE: Monday, March 17

home (call for directions). DETAILS: Program will be Online Research Suggestions and Aids. PHONE: Shirl Hering, 734-

Novi Community Education Organizing Class
DATE: Monday, March 17

DETAILS: Professional Organizer, Betty Huotari, will offer suggestions on how to get organized and build a system to

suit your needs, PHONE:For more informa-

Fine arts show DATE: March 17-April 10 TIME: week hours: M-F: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., weekends: 8 a.m.

 5 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center's Gate VI Gallery DETAILS: Jeannette Groesch exhibits silkpaint and watercol-

PHONE: (248) 596-1270 or via email: groeschj12@yahoo.com.

Monthly Bereavement Support

Group Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, March 18
TIME: 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,

DETAILS: Dr. Michael M. Meyer is the facilitator. Topic of discussion will be: "Hope in Spring". A clergy from the area

DATE: Tuesday, March 18 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road,

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1:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive DETAILS: Ages 7-11 meet first, ages 12 and up meet sec-PHONE: (248) 735-8850,

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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Saturday Sizzler - Diabetes Support

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DATE: Saturday, April 5

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, located cen Haggerty and

DETAILS: The Diabetes Management Program at Botsford Center for Health Improvement presents "10,000 Steps to Good Health," which is open to persons with dia-betes and their loved ones. From this remarkable resource for controlling diabetes and optimizing health, participants will learn weight loss strategies from a registered dietician and fitness tips from a personal

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Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Better Business Bowling

DATE: Sunday, April 6. TIME: check in: 12:30 p.m., ournament begins: 1:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Road DETAILS:Proceeds to bene-

fit Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. \$80/per team, 4 persons spon-sored by a local area business or a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce may have a team. No handicapping PHONE: Chamber of Commerce office, 248-624-2826. Call for registration

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DATE: Friday, May 2 TIME: 9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Leon's of Novi 39455 W. Ten Mile Road Cassis, R-Novi, will be hosting her first of regular Cassis' All constituents are welcome to come and take part in discussing issues facing western Oakland County, PHONE: 888-38-NANCY

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"We only make a 4-cent profit on every gallon of gas we sell,"

Michigan consumers are indeed feeling a pain in the pump despite a 5-cent drop in gas prices in late February. On the last day of the month, the statewide average for gas was \$1.70, according to AAA Michigan. Metro Detroiters saw a 4.4-cent drop in their prices. The average price for one gallon of self-serve regular unleaded was about \$1.67.

In California, gas prices have soared above \$2 a gallon. The national average is about \$1.67 a gallon, up 54 cents from one year

Responding to fears of price gauging and price fixing, State Attorney General Mike Cox issued a consumer alert earlier that attempts to answer con-sumers' questions about rising gas prices and the role the of the Michigan Attorney General's Office in investigating pricing

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tly, brake gradually and avoid hard stops. You'll not only con-serve fuel, you'll reduce wear and tear on your trusty steed. 6. Get rid of the junk in your trunk. Excess weight makes you car work harder and consume more gas.

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As a still photographer, Miller captures life on your terms. He shoots portraits for children, families, high school seniors and businesses, even seniors, and businesses - even pets. Special occasions include weddings, anniversaries, parties, corporate events, busin meetings, sports, and sporting events. Kids in sports often like to have trading cards with their likeness, and Miller can oblige. For portraits, he can include special effects. "One unusual option I can offer is taking a color photo

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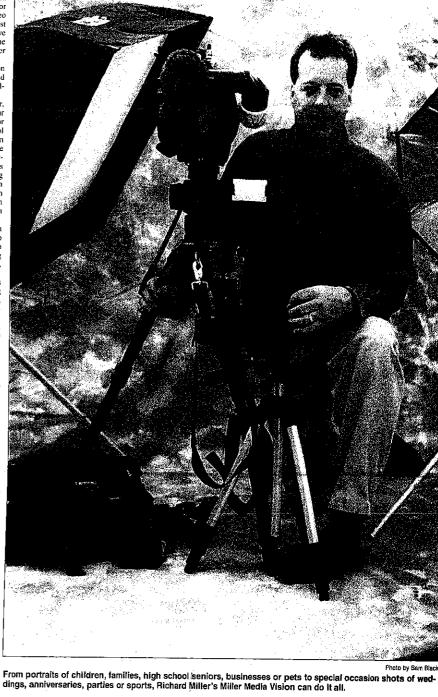
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sional videographer for 19 years. His client list reads like a who's who of the media world – from all the major television network news pro-grams, major sporting events and sports networks, to clients like Ford, General Motors, and Big Ten universities. He work has garnered many awards,

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Story Time notes

Spring Story Times begin March 17. Please call the library for infor-7. Please call the library for infor-nation on the day and time of your

Saturday Story Time special

Children ages 12-24 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for 30 minutes of stories, songs. fingerplays, and more on Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m. No registra-tion is necessary for the half hour program. Space is limited, so tod-dlers and caregivers only, please.

AARP Tax Workshop

An AARP Tax Workshop will be held at the library on These to held at the library on Thursday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register in advance in person or by calling the library, (Note: You cannot prepare small business or rental property taxes at this work-shop.)

Story Time, Jackie Purtan

Radio personality Jackie Purtan, of WOMC's "Purtan's People," reads favorite stories to children on Monday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. For all ages; no registration neces-

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E-mail for seniors

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family, wherever they are! Come and learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account on Wednesday, March 26, from 1-3 p.m. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-or practice. Suggested prerequisite: "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors."

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may come and go as you please during the two-hour session.

Library board changes with new appointments

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Two names were missing from the mayor's appointments to the city's library board - the now for-

mer president and vice-president. Mayor Richard Clark's deci-sion to exclude Novi Library board president John Chambers and vice-president Kathy Mutch from the names he put forth dur-ing the March 3 meeting put an end to their board involvement, but did not dampen their love for

the library. "I have a great love for the library." Chambers said, "My father said, 'Always give back to the community."

accomplishments Chamber cited as occurring dur-ing his involvement with the board included moving into the second half of the newly con-structed civic center with limited resources of \$40,000.

Chambers said during that time by using a committee of staff, board and citizens, the library received honor role mention from the American Library Association for the professional handling of intellectual freedom issues

The library's assistant director also received the Allie Beth Martin in 1998, a national award from the Public Library Association of the American Library Association for her ability to share information and knowledge. Chambers said this year, the

library director received the Paul Harris award from the Novi Rotary, Chambers is a member of the Oakland County Library Board, president of the Oakland Library Foundation, board mem-ber of the Public Library Trustee Association of Oakland County, a presenter at the Michigan Library Association and a guest speaker at M.L.S. Class - Wayne State

University.
"It has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the library over the past 17 years," he said.

Some of Mutch's involvement with the City of Novi includes serving on the library board since 1991, a member of The Friends of the Novi Public Library, chair of the Historic Fuerst Farmstead Task Force, an appointed member of the Oakland County Historical Commission and Novi Historical Commission, a member of the board of the Michigan Oral History Association and three other state organizations including the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

or women voters of Michigan.

Professionally, Mutch works within the Archival Administration program of the Wayne State University College of Library and Information Sciences, coordinated an annual

nominate whomever he wants. and the council members have the opportunity to agree with his selection," Mutch said. The former vice-president said

she has always been a supporter of the library in many capacities and has always wanted to help whether as a voter, donor, member of the friends group or board

"I will continue to work in any way I can and continue to con-tribute to the library's success,"

Clark did not return messages by the Novi News for comment.

Clark, with council's approval, nominated Novi residents Terry Margolis, Nipa Shah and Thomas

conference on local history spon-sored by the W.S.U. College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs and worked as an inde-Swope to the board.

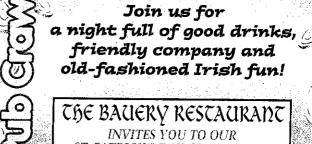
Margolis is a current board number, appointed to the library endent researcher at the Walter P. tuther Library,
"It's the mayor's prerogative to board in July 2002, and Swope is current member of the Novi

Historical Commission,
Shah did not interview with
Margolis and Swope during the

Margolis and Swope during the February interviews for open board and commission positions. Novi's charter stipulates the mayor appoints all members to the library board with the advice and consent of the Novi City

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She co be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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CHURELLA!

Novi's iron man wins third state title



Senior Josh Churella (in green), looks to the official after dominating yet another opponent at the Individual Wrestling State Finals. Between Josh and his brother Ryan, the Churellas won five state titles at Novi

– three were Josh's.

And so a legacy comes to an

With the graduation of senior Josh Churella from Novi High School this year, the Wildcats will lose more than just a

wrestler.

The Churellas have become a name that is widely recognized in the sport. Josh's father, Mark, was a three-time NCAA champi-on with the University of Michigan, and his older brother, Mark Jr., wrestled for Novi and U of M as well. But it's not so much his father or his oldest brother that struck fear into the hearts of Novi opponents.

Instead, it was Josh and Ryan. instead, it was Josh and Kyan. During his career at Novi, Ryan won two state titles and now grapples for U of M as a redshirt fresman. Josh, on the other hand, secured his third-straight state title and has his eyes set on Michiean as well Michigan as well,

"I kept my eyes open, but I was always was always leaning towards Michigan," Churella said of

college choices. "My brother is there and it's close to home. It will be kind of cool to wrestle with my brother in the line-up," Churella was a shoe-in for the

blue and gold, especially after losing only one match his sopho-more year and none his junior year. This year, Churella was also undefeated and capped it off with a technical fall over Reese Cox of John Glenn, 17-2 in the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals held at The Palace of Auburn Hills

March 7-8. Churella and Cox also squared off at the District and Regional

title matches. "The first time, I teched him." Churella said. "The second time 1

beat him by 12 and this time I tried to open it up as much as I could. I wanted to stay on the attack like I do during all the State Champion matches."

When asked if he were unstop-

pable, Churella just shrugged the comment off.
"Well, it's obvious I can be

beaten, because I lost in my soph-omore season," he said.

"I never go into a match think-ing I am going to lose, but I also know that whatever happens, happens."

During his freshman year, Churella wasn't the stud he is now — though he was hardly a hack. He collected a 44-11 record before earning a much improved 50-1 record the following year along with a title. In his junior and senior years, Churella managed to stay undefeated.

For the Novi Wildcats, it's the nd of an era — Josh Churella

was the youngest of the crew.

The question, it seems, is if the
Novi grapplers will be able to without a Churella to look to for guidance.

"They still have good direc-tion," Churella said. "I think they will probably play on bringing in some younger guys, probably some former wrestlers (to help with the team). I think they'll keep the tradition alive and keep coinc streen." going strong,"

With the loss of Churella to graduation, the 'Cats are also los-ing his father, who has helped with the program and the training

of the grapplers.
"This was his last year, too,"
Churella noted.

In the years to come, Churella is hoping to line-up at either the 133 or 141-pound weight class, and he'll have his older brother, Ryan, to guide him with the experience that recently let him

take third in the Big 10.

Ryan Churella beat Michigan State's Karl Nadolsky 1-0 to qualify for the national tournaent to be held March 20 in ansas City.

Kansas City,
"We'll work out together, and with some other guys from Michigan," Churella said. "I want to get stronger and hit the weights. I'll wrestle whatever is a good spot for me, either 141 or 133. I should be able to make both of them."

Also wrestling in the Individual Finals for Novi was senior Matt Jezior, Jezior lost his first match to Eric Gritter of Grandville 16-12 and then lost his second match to Wes Graham of Waterford Mott in a fall.

Jezior finished the season with a 29-14 record in the 189-pound weight class and will be one of many Novi grapplers being lost to graduation this year.

Two titles in a row for Wildcats

'Cats oust Northville in overtime for District crown

By Michael Zerkich and Sam Eggleston HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

It may sound like too much like a sports cliche but Novi coach Pat Schulter hit the nail on the proverbial head in one quote after the game.

"No one deserved the loss " Schluter said following the close In a defensive struggle that

had to be seen to be believed Novi edged Northville for the District Championship 33-31 in overtime.

Every pass, dribble and shot high school coach could have

ever drawn it up practice. This was in-your-face basket-

The match up was Godzilla versus King Kong in the movies or Ali versus Frazier in boxing. Novi the highly ranked opp

favorite versus cross-town underdog Northville, No one gave and inch. And, as a fan said in the hallway leaving the gym, "That was some bas-ketball game."

etball game."

Northville came out with a game plan to beat the mighty giant and it almost worked Coach Darrel Schumacher out-lined his chess-like match-up.

We knew we were up against a great team tonight," he said. "In order to win we felt that we wanted to play hard, out-defend,

keep the score close and try to

win it at the buzzer.

"The key for us to was to dominate the tempo by denying opportunities both down low and contest every shot. I thought we did all of that tonight and it went down to the final shot just as we wanted it to. Sometimes it's the bounce of the ball that deter-mines the winner."

The first quarter set the tone for the entire game. Each team drove to their basket only to have lay-ups blocked. Northville senior guard Adam Konst and Novi senior guard Chris Lewis each had 5 points. The quarter

Northville was right on the

coach=E2=80=99s game plan to keep the game tight and put themselves in the lead during the second quarter. Konst hit two 3pointers and with 5:00 left pulled to a 15-10 lead. A minute later Novi answered with three baskets by three different players to retake the lead at 16-15. Northville junior guard Tim Singleton closed out the sco by making a lay-up and was fouled with 2:13 in the half. After making the free throw the half ended with Northville on top 18-16.

Northville led throughout the third quarter and out-scored the Wildcats by a 10-8 score. With a four point lead going into the fourth quarter 28-24, the Mustangs seemed to be headed towards a victory with such a

low scoring game.

In the fourth quarter it was
Novi's turn to dial up to some super defense of its own. Not that they didn't play great defense before but now it was do-or-die with the entire season swinging in the final 8 minutes

of the quarter.

It was in the fourth quarter that there was a total of eight shots for both teams combined. Each team had 4 shots apiece. with Novi getting both of their buckets from junior forward Mike Hart. Northville missed on all four their attempts, including two dunks that were heavily contested down low in the Northville fans wanted fouls but the referees saw no infractions Thus, the quarter and regulation

game time ended in a 28 rie Now for a four min time. Konst got fouled while shooting and came away with one free throw made to show for it. With 2:20 left in the gan break away lay-up by senior Novi guard Chase Chandler put Novi on top by a slim 30 to 29

Perhaps the shot of the night the white-knuckle, every-onein-the-gym-watching, bomb from-thirty-something-feet-floatthrough-the-net shot — was delivered by Novi guard Lewis

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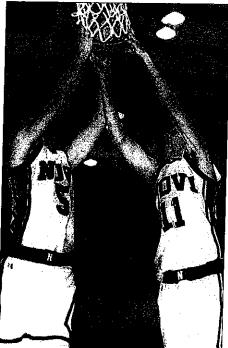


Photo by John Heide

Novi's Chase Chandler, left, and Matt Emmenecker both go for a rebound in front of Livonia Churchill's Tristen Thomas during last Monday night's game at South Lyon.

Let the players decide it

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Let's just start off with this: I'm 200-percent against anyone blam-ing a loss on a referee or complain ing about the job they did during

the game. They are out there calling these games for pennies compared to what their time is actually they do it because they love the games and want to

add to the

Sam Eggleston

experience for the players, the

coaches and the fans, Yeah, they make mistakes. So do I, so do you and so does every other human on this planet. To err is human as the old saying goes, I support referees and their decisions completely, as should everyone completely, as should everyone who goes to high school sporting

Now, let's slide all of that to the back of the table for a moment and let me clarify — in no way am I tearing on officials or what they do in a game, I'm simply making some observation

Recently, at the Frozen Four semi-finals game between Davison and our Novi Wildcats hockey team, there was a bit of a strange occurrence. You see, one of the officials on the ice probably shouldn't have been there

Without naming names, a particular official that was making calls during the game is an assistant coach with the Lakeland Eagles. As many of you know, Lakeland is in Novi's conference and though the two teams probably have no ill feel-ings towards one another, it's the a of familiarity that should be the issue

The Michigan High School Athletic Association should have been aware of this when they were scribbling down which officials

team would work what game, The idea of the possibilities is what should be looked at. Say Lakeland did have a grudge against Novi. Heck, the Wildcats escaped from the regional while Lakeland had to go stay home, right? Now, who would be the wiser if the official decided to make a few ques tionable calls that ended up costing the 'Cats the game? Now, let's look at the other side

of the coin. What if the official real-Iv liked the 'Cats and wanted to see a Kensington Valley Conference team go to the state finals? All it would have taken was a few calls in Novi's favor and maybe a penalty shot would have come from it. The hockey team could have then easily skated off with the win.

When all is said and done, it should be the kids who decide a game of this magnitude. The MHSAA and the officials should know better than to put themselves in this situation. For all I know, the official in question raised his hand right away and said that he had a conflict of interest in that particular game. What would it have taken to switch it around from there? Not much. If indeed he chose not to step up and point the problem out to the MHSAA, then he should have. The players deserve a level playing field for this kind of game. For an official to be on the ice, court or field and have such a level of familiarity is not right. They should be 100-per-cent unbiased. Their job is to not care which team wins, and worry only about making sure both

squads play a clean game.

I truly hope the MHSAA rectifies this situation in future tournaments. I'd hate to see a quality team go home because an official really liked their opponents, or really hated them for that matter. It wouldn't be hard to sniff out such conflicts. A brief look at their resume should let the MHSAA

know if there is a conflict.

I have faith that the MHSAA just overlooked this matter, and that next year there will be a much more careful process in selecting those who officiate the different tournaments - no matter what the



UNDERCLASSMEN SCORES

Overall: 37-5-4; KVC: 12-0 The Novi volleyball team fin-shed unbeaten in Kensington

5.5, 15-11, last Thursday, Novi inshed with an outstanding 37-doverall record.

The Wildcars also took home Wildcars with five kills, and Vadoob added records leave.

Freshman basketball Invitationals, and finished second in the Sova tournament, third in the Walled Lake Central tourney and first in consolation bracket at Kills. Brittany Stefanson-60; e Saline event. The Wildeats Service outscored their opponents by an Stefanson-58: impressive 2-to-1 overall nargin

"Our season was built around JV basketball amwork," said Novi JV coach Kathleen Narducci. "From the Overall: 11-9; KVC: 7-7 beginning our focus was on team soccess, and that is what we used as our motivation.

We just never got down, at experience; accomplished goals; added nine, and ryge partons showed spirit and pride; and chipped in with seven.

Three days earlier, the other. Most of all, they Wildcas heat a tough Milford with six points and videats heat a tough Milford Seven another tough the six points. experience; accomplished goals; appreciated and respected each other. Most of all, they

Freshman volleyball Overall: 14-13-3; KVC: 6-5

The Novi freshman volleyball added 12, and Stanek contributed nine. Jordan Pastover hit some previously unbeaten Milford, 15-4, 15-14, 23-25, in Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) action. Brittany Stefanson ted Novi win scoming with 13 points, and horse pastover added nine ares. The most in scoming with 13 points and horse pastover added nine and horse pastover added nine. and nine aces. The and Jordan Pustover added nine. assists.

Team leaders on the Wildeats Overall: 11-8; KVC: 7-6 Service Aces, Brittany Stefanson-58; and Blocking: Kara Yadach-17.

ine Xovi junior varsity basket-ball team lost a heartbreaker to Pinckney, 53-45, in an overtime thriller last Friday. The game saw several lead phonous units. We just never got down, at least not for long. We believed that Friday, The game saw later tearmates would pick us up when we made mistakes, and our mental toughness presented game of the season. Not was a from dwelling on them. Individually the adultess enimed budyidually the adultess enimed. with 16 points, A.W. Stanek added nine, and Kyle Safford chipped in with seven.

There is a point with seven points five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Todd laner chipped in

squad, 49-44,

The Novi freshman volleybal added 12, and Stanek contributed added 12, and Stanek contributed regarding quarters.

Wildcats finished the year with a 14-3-3 overall record. Three days earlier, Novi beat second-place Pinckney, 15-8, 13-15, 15-7, 13-16. ished inflection in Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) action for a second straight year when it crushed Milford in two games, 15-5, 15-11, last Thursday, Nov. One week earlier, the Wildens very Brad Spisish and Jordan 15-5, 15-11, last Thursday, Nov. One week earlier, the Wildens on the Wildens in score week earlier, the Wildens on t

The Novi treshman basketball Novi's home court. The Wildeats were in control of the gamthrough the first three quarters, but were outscored 16-5 in the final stanza. Steve Gillam led the Wildcats with 11 points, three assists and four steafs, Todd Janer had a solid game with

Novi played well throughouts and put the game away in the The Wildeats outscored South

NOVI PUBL Plymouth wins division title

the Whalers their fifth straight West Division title and guaranteed them at least a first or second seed n the upcoming playoffs, But it sold out crowd at Compuware Sports Arena.

Chad LaRose put himself in the

Whaters record books when he tied the Whaters franchise record for goals in a season with his 60th of the season at 4:50 of the second period, LaRose tied Sean remaining on the schedule.

Plymouth dominated early as they jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period. Karl Stewart gave his team a 1-0 lead Plymouth fell behind early the rest of the when Sarnia's John Heemovic Plymouth the win. they jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period. Karl when he banged in a rebound off a scored the power play just over

The Plymouth Whalers continued to gear up for the playoffs with a 3-2 win over the visiting Saginaw Spirit. The win clinched power play chance of the period to LaRose and Karl Stewart assisted.

LaRose and Karl Stewart assisted The second period belonged to increase its lead to 2-0 when Sean Thompson wristed a perfect shot over the shoulder of Saginaw the Whalers as they increased their lend to 3-1 over the Sting in the apcorning playoffs. But it was an individual accomplishment was an individual accomplishment Both teams traded goals in the seembleb stole the show in front of a sold out crowd at Compaware Sports Arena.

Chall a Parametria of the Sports from John Michell. Sarnia second. The Spirit finally got on land a prime chance to tie the game. nat a prime chance to tie the game, up in the final minutes with a 5-on- ed goal from Geoff Platt at 18:54 in the second.

Saginaw cut the lead to 3-2 in the third when Platt consol bit in the third when Platt consol bit.

the third when Platt scored his sec-ond goal of the game with a power play tally at 10.03. But the Whether the model of the peri-decided with the game-winning goal with two-seconds left in the peri-od. LaRose canned his second ond goal of the game with a power play tally at 10:03. But the Haggerty who scored 60 goals during the 1995-1996 season. Winders, led by goalle Jeff Weber Plymouth still has three games shart the door the rest of the way play fally at 10:03. But the Whalers, led by goalle Jeff Weber assist of the night. for the win.

The Sting closed the gap in the third with a goal from Michael Haley at 13:18, but Plymouth goalie Paul Drew shut the door for the rest of the way to give

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Two crowns in a row

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guard Mart Emmerecker. However, his free throw missed and now it was one last change wasn't why we won. We won defense was outstanding. for Northville to send the game to hecause of our team defense. a second overtime, to win it with a three, or to go home for the year. And the clock read 0:17.

The crowd roared, the players from Lewis with 12.

Novi was fed by a game high factor in the game. They dropped from Lewis with 12, financiecker eight, Mike Bart six, Chandler four and Brad Northville passed, passed again and passed once more to elude in incredibly tight Novi defense in an open look. With the clock was with 12, financiecker eight, Mike Bart six, Chandler four and Brad Simpson three.

Under defense the statistics should read "all," Every one who will be advantage of for the turnsoon should read "all," Every one who for an open look. With the crock down to 1.7 seconds an open player, on far right corner of the court received the ball and was mother clean, hard hitting and incredibly entertaining game.

Brothvillo ouard incredibly entertaining game. good for three points and it hit the back rim, hit the opposite rim, hit the backboard and hit the rim to

For the Plymouth fall off for no basket.

In a game were there were no osers — Northville lost. Schulter stood there with only cially without their head coach. respect for all the players on both

Canton couch Jeremy Rheault hads. was suspended for a single game "Credit Northville," Schluter after stepping onto the floor and offense struggled to bumping into an opposing player

THE BEST BRUCE WILLIS ACTION FILM SINCE DIE HARD."

For the Plymouth Canton Chiefs to beat the Novi Wildeats would have been the miracle of the District tournament – espe-

suspended for a single game

get off shots and we never really did find a rhythm. If anything, the thing that saved us, was a team the saved us, was a team the saved us, was a team to the saved us, which is the saved us to the save with 29 seconds left. The score board now read 0:28 with a 33-29 Wildcale lead.

But wait. There was no quit in those Mustangs, either. Down they came for a quick shot for a great backet by Northville's Scort McNeish. Now the score was 33-31 Novi and 0:20 left on the clock.

Speaking of Lewis, bis words work from both teams.

Speaking of Lewis, bis words choed his coach and probably every other player on the court.

dd time a raymon, a many flows a learn defense that was avecsome.

Thave a lot of respect for the Northville coach, Credit our ventiors. Cledit Chris Lewis on his three point basket. The entire work Wildcats.

The Chief trailed 16-11 at the number of the first quanter, and then publicd away with the first six points of the second quarter for an eventual 35-16 lead at the half.

"It was a great game to task."

Schilder said. "We tried to take

Northville wisely foiled quick-Novi's usually deadeye senior "My shot felt good when it left Schluter said. "We tried to take

Though Canton was minus their helmsman, the Wildeats'

quick to pounce on and take advantage of for the turnover. Doing the same thing they did against Churchill, the 'Cats creatshould read "all." Every one who played just inscribed their name in another chapter of the Northville/Novi rivalry with

with 17 points, while Chandler added 11.

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Suburban Hockey Schools will from Aaron Knieper (Montreal Expos), Lee Bjerke (Michigan Novi Ice Arena Thursday, April 3. The program is geared toward quirt players moving up to the peo wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players needing instruction on the techniques of checking. Areas of emphasis during the

two-hour clinic will include proper High School Coaches Hall of checking techniques, how to receive a check, how to avoid a check, stick rhecking, back check-ing, angling and body positioning. The fee is \$45 per participant. Enrollment is limited so all inter-

ested future participants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

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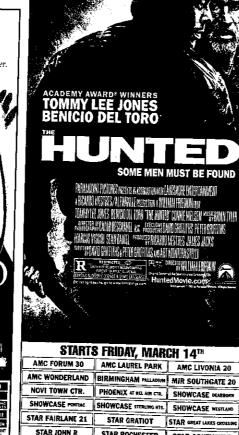
Fign. Scinot. Coloring State Milosek (Rowling Green University Sofibath). Hitting, pitching, fielding, baseruning and more will be covered in this fundamental

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ENTERTAINMENT

Marvel's newest film worth the dare

When I was a kid and I picked up a comic every chance I could when we drove into town, I always wished they'd make movies based on the characters.

I was pretty lucky too. I stumbled across movies of "The Punisher" and "Captain America," and I even eagerly awaited the release of "The Fantastic Four" which was rumored to be so bad the studio buried it in a to be so bad the studio buried it in a vault somewhere. Now that I look back on the movies I watched then and the movies that are coming out today, I can definitely say I am very happy that they waited. The effects and the overall movies are ins about a million times better than those older ones

Almost everyone who is a "Daredevil" fan has gone and watched the movie already, as a real

ELEKTRA LIVES biggest mystery in the block-busterfilm "Daredevil" have been

With audiences clamoring for more of the female warrior. Twentieth Century Fox and Regency Enterprises today announced that, in addition to a "Daredevil" sequel, they are moving forward with a new event film

revealed: Elektra lives!

based on the Elektra character. The new "Elektra" story will be set after the events depicted in 'Daredevil". Jennifer Gamer will reprise the role she brought to life in that film, and script development will begin immediately.

better than those reviewers seemed

watched the movie already, as a real fan would never be able to stay away. In fact, Ben Affleck, who plays Daredevil and his alter-ego Matt Murdock, was a major fan growing up too.

The send of the growing up too.

For those who aren't fans and have picked up some of the larger papers and read their reviews, I have to say this is a movie that isn't quite must-see, but it still passes off as better than expected and much

other four senses and amplifying them beyond human comprehen-sion. Suddenly, the slightest noise in a room almost painted a picture for him, giving him a sonur-like sense that actually almost doubled

as sight for him. He trained his body, learning an the amazing things he could do, and literally became a boy with no fear. Then his boxer father, Jack, was killed in the streets after refusing to the country of the cou He trained his body, learning all Then his boxer father, Jack, was killed in the streets after refusing to throw a fight - and from that day forth Matt vowed justice for all those who could not defend them-

Fast-forward to present-day crazy still, though there's a lurking presence in the shadows that keeps most of it at bay. It often happens that if a criminal was guilty of that if a criminal was guity or something, and managed to get off thanks to a corrupt legal system, a time, making cameos.

If you like the comics, then much swift and brutal justice was set forth by the man only known as

long, I seldom think of them in the warmer months when Michigan

produces its bounties of

peaches and

invaluable in

cooking and

plums,

warmer months when

Mary Brady

are low calorie, flavorful and

check full of vitamins, I would

venture to guess that 99 percent of the population likes citrus. of the population likes crime.
The first seedlings were

and since that time have been

cross-bred to provide the superior fruit we have available to

common citrus obtainable in

the produce section, I have seen

kumquats and blood oranges in

One day his body adjusted to being blind, the chemicals that caused him to become so reacting with his was trained in the arts by a new was trained in the arts by a new order to protect herself. And our friendly neighborhood madman Bullseye, just happens to have been hired been as the Kingpin to kill both Elektra and her

> though he just killed Elektra's father right in from of her eyes. Now the fun begins. "Daredevil" isn't quite the movie that "X-Men" and "Spiderman"

were, but it still rings true for those fans who love the comics. Look close and you'll even see Stan "The Man" Lee and Frank Miller, the

superhero movies, then you'll like "Daredevil." If you like the idea that justice is indeed blind, and the guilty will be treated with the swiftness and wraith they deserve, then you'll enjoy what this film has to offer.



BEN HEFLECK JENNIFER GARNER

SCREEN BEAT FOOD FOR THOUGHT

is killed at work. Willard unleash-

By Brian Renne

Coming to theaters this weekend is kids' action-comedy "Agent Cody Banks" starring Frankie Muniz as typical tee

mild language and some sensual rmey). His only friends are from the Top" (PG-13), Cathryn (Laura Harring), new to the office, and a couple of rats he

friends). But when one of the rats

Best Picture Chicago

Best Actor

Adrien Brody

☐ Nicole Kidman

☐ Renee Zellwege

Daniel Day-Lewis

Gangs of New York

Lord of the Rings-Two To

es his rage - and his army of rats -on his tormentors. "Willard" is a New Line Cinema release and rated PG-13 for terror/violence, some sexual content and language. Suspense-thriller "The

board, hates math, and feels like a complete idiot around girls. But

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Hunted" follows Towning Lee complete idiot around girls. But

Jones as an FBI deep-woods Cody's got a secret - he's actuary part of a secret teen CIA program.

Cody's training is put to the test when he's sent to pose as a prep school student and befriend fellow teen Natalie Connors (Hilary town the connors (Hilary town this thrill killer before he Dult) in order to gain access to cown this firm killer netore ne her father, a scientist unknowing hy working for an evil organization. Agent Cody Banks" is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release and rated R for strong bloody violence and some language.

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Meryl Streep

Horror-thriller "Willard" is the story of social misfit, Willard (Crispin Glover) who is constantially humilitated in front of co-workers and squeezed out of the family business by his boss (R. Lee Humey). His only friends are from the Tow (P.G. 12).

Novi News

zest, is colored and contains the citrus oils, or flavors and the largest concentration of vita-

Think citrus for a winter and then transform into the pick-me-up. Although citrus fruits are available all year used to. Almost all citrus on the market have been treated with wax to prevent moisture loss. It his wax. All citrus should feel

heavy with juice, he firm yet resilient, free of blemished skin, and have a uniform color. Nutritionally, citrus offers one gram of protein and no fat or cholesterol per piece of fruit. There is little or no sodium and a good amount of more circus is generally sour if under ripe and dry and spongy if old. The shelf life of citrus is long but not forever. With the exception of the lime, all fruit may be

stored at room temperature for one week and refrigerated up to a month. Ideally, limes are good for one week under refrigera-tion. To freeze for later use, peel and remove pith. Fruit is us today. In addition to the good for one year in the freezer Oranges are available year around with the peak season being winter and spring. The local markets. Citrus, with their lemon peaks in the sum

aromatic acidity, are used in soups, salads, meat, fish and egg dishes, sauces and desserts.

The presidities are used in grapefroit in autumn and early summer and the lime year egg dishes, sauces and desserts. egg dishes, sauces and desserts.
The possibilities are endless.
Citrus fruits are covered with egg dishes, sauces and desserts.
The possibilities are endless.
Citrus fruits are covered with a thick rind that is mostly white pith. The thin outer layer, or fresh, noticeable smell. The rest is colored and contains the lemon. A good lemon is heavy for its size and has a lime of yeight 2-3 to provides 30 calories.

Left in white with a squit to meatry any food. The following nearly any food. The following nearly any food. The following the lemon with cold seafood for a nice treat. A heavy for its size and has a lime of yeight 2-3 to provides 30 calories.

Mary Brady is a certified lemons available in the market mins. Very few varieties of cittree. They remain a light green

GRAPEFRUIT MELODY 2 small peaches, peeled and thinly sliced 2 grapefruit, peeled and sectioned 3/4 cup low-fat yogurt

3/4 cup fresh raspherries or sliced strawberrie Orange flavored liquor or champagne (optional) Mint leaves
Mix fruit. Add liquor or champagne, if desired. Arrange fruit decoratively. Dollop with yogurt. Garnish with mint leaf.

Recipe provided by chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bismo

a good amount of fiber. Citrus the fruit is first rolled on a hard categories - the valencia, the

vegetables. It is also a useful substitute for salt in restricted

ways as the lemon. While vaca-tioning in Mexico years ago. I feli in love with a squirt of

A Sunday morning treat at our house is fresh-squeezed orange juice. For special ocea- the Novi Town Center. If you lemons available in the market are "acid" or "common" lemons. They have few seeds and are valued for their juice (think skinned) or for their least (thinks applied). The Superdorange juice. For special occa-sions, a splash of champagne makes an elegant, light aperitif.

peel, (thicker, pebbly skin). The juice is more easily extracted if can be separated in to three

surface with the palm of your naval orange and the blood Lemons have varied uses in will produce one-third to onecooking. A squeeze of lemon juice enlivens fish, chicken and calories. One of the larger citrus is grapefruit. Use grapefruit

diets, prevents discountifuit and vegetable flesh and often takes the place of vinegar in salad dressings and marinades. One lemon has only 20 calories and provides 3-4 teaspoons of juice.

"seed in the same used in the same three-fourths cup."

"seed in the same three-fourths cup."

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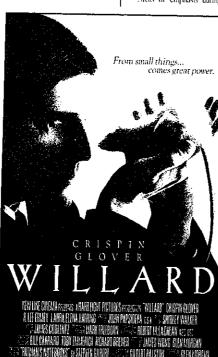
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Wildcat hockey frozen again

For the third-straigh year Novi stopped in Frozen Four

By Sam Eggleston

Maybe it's time for the Novi Wildcats to break the tradition. For the past three years, the Wildcats hockey team, under the guidance of Dan Phelps, have scratched and clawed their way to the Frozen Four semi-finals, only to be ousted in that round. This year, their defeat came in the form of a 4-3 loss to the Davison Cardinals March 6 at Compuware Arena.

They were a team that played fard," Phelps said of Davison. You can scout, score hoard compare, network about teams, put it down on paper and com-pare the lines, but the bottom line is in athletics anything can bap-

pen on any given day."

The Cardinals would no doubt with that statement. Undersized compared to the puscular 'Cats, the Davison skaters fell behind 1-0 but managed to score two consecutive goals to take a 2-1 advantage in the first period and then kept the momentum flowing their way.

The Wildeats weren't able to do much to stop the momentum either, finding themselves in the penalty box nine times for 34 minutes thanks to two 10-minute misconducts. The first was called against Chaz Bulbuk at 4:08 in the third and the second was against Justin Collins at 13:38 in the same period.

"At this point we're not going to the to pursuit sympthing that."

to try to pinpoint something that we should have or shouldn't have done, or what we didn't do prop-er." Phelps said. "We thought we were ready this year and it was one of our better years to make the advance. But that's why it's called sports. You go out and compete and sometimes you end up not coming out on the top side

The Wildcats were the first to The Wildeats were the first to score in the context, collecting a goal as Garret Mallot slapped the puck home with John Murray and Robert Vulaj carning the assists at 7:18 in the first.

The Cardinals were quick to recover though using their speed.

recover though, using their speed to their advantage. After a particularly hard Novi shot bounded off the Davison goalie and skittered back across the blue line. william Hedgeson picked it up and passed to Curtis Christensen, who quickly found a speeding Albert Mitchell ahead of the defense. The shot hit Wildcat goalie Trent Sisson's leg and then rolled behind him for the score at 9:14.

Davison didn't let the momen-tum sway either, and 30 seconds later an errant Novi pass snagged up on the back of the Wildcat goal where Andrew Sweers grabbed it for Davison and found Joshua Husted for the one-timer over Sisson's right arm for the score and the 2-1 lead at 9:47.

"They made the best of a cou-ple of great opportunities," Phelps said. "They played a good game against us.'

But Novi was proving to be stubborn and refused to just fall on the ice in defeat. Bulbuk used his size to lay out three Davison his size to lay out three Davison players in a row during a scrum for the puck along the boards before Eric Cunningham slid a nice pass to Murray, who then found Vulaj coming in hard for the score at 4:12.

For minutes later, Jordan Collins was in the right place at the right time as the Davison coalie stopped a nice shot from

goalic stopped a nice shot from the corner that hit him and flut-tered behind the net. A Cardinal tried to clear the puck, but Collins knocked it down and Conting knocked it down and lined it up for the right side for an unassisted, short-handed goal at 8:10 for a 3-2 Novi advantage. "We were really clawing and fighting in that second period," Phelps said. "I'm really proud of

Novi's John Murray is hooked down to the ice by a Davison player during last Tuesday's state semi-final game at Compuware Arena.

the way the guys fought back and got themselves back into the

game."

But once again, the Cardinals were on the hunt. With the help of four Novi penalties in the second period and not a single call against Davison up to that point, the Cardinals looked to Christensen to score a powerplay

goal at 10:56 to knot the game.

A minute and a half later, the
Cardinals were at it again, scoring as Rocky Ybarra left the puck to a trailing Sweers who nailed it

home for the 4-3 lead and the

We started this year with a number of younger players that went out there and played," Phelps said. "We watched their development and looked at their development at the end. It was a gauge for our success, and I'm very proud of this team and what we were able to accomplish this

Sisson stopped 21-of-25 shots on goal, while Dan Morrison, who came in with just over a

minute left in the game, stopping 1-of-1 while between the posts. Davison's goalie, Corey Hall, stopped 25-of-28 in the win. Davison ended the game with two penalties, both in the score-less third period, for four min-

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Gymnastics takes seventh at MHSAA finals

Sara Wilchowski takes 8th in bars and beam for Division I; Rebecca Mills fourth on beam in Division II

By Sam Eggleston

year that looked to be one of rebuilding and teaching, the Wild Stangs gymnastics team managed to make it into much, much more

to make it into much, much more,
A second-place finish in the
conference and a Regional championship were added to with a seventh-place finish in the state of
Michigan March 7 as the combined Northville-Novi squad strutted their stuff in front of some of
the most critical judges in the

Collecting 140.05 points, the Wild 'Stangs made their mark on one of the toughest finals that they have had the pleasure of visiting Rochester Adams continued their bot streak, winning the state title with a final tally of 149.225. Grand

Ledge was second with 148.975 and the Tri-Farmington squad took third with 144.225. That's where things got close. Portage took fourth with a 141.850, Brighton was fifth with 140.725 and Troy Athens was sixth with 140.725. Livonia finished eighth on the day

Livonia tinished eighn of in the Madad Harland was ninth, Holland 10th, Canton 11th and Troy finished out the top teams in 12th.
Though the girls didn't have the point totals to bring home the state title this year, they gained valuable experience and had a great show-ing.

Competing in Division I was tellar gymnasts Sara Wilchowski. Her performance notched her an 8.75 on the bars, a 9.2 in the floor exercise and an impressive 9.275 on the beam — which seems to have proven to be her specialty this

season. Wilchowski's performance on the beam and on the bars during the Individual Finals earned her eighth-place finishes in the state for both events with a 9.15 on the beam and a 9.35 on the bars.

In Division II, Marcie Fink col-lected an 8.0 on the bars and an 8.6 on the vault while Sarah Ilkhani-Pour notched an 8.5 on the bars, an 9.6 on the bearn and an 8.65 with her floor routine.

The Wild 'Stangs benefited

from an excellent performance by Rachel Deneau, who collected an 8.9 on the bearn as well as in the floor exercise. Jessica Glancy also notched an 8.9, hers coming on the vault which proved to be a team-high score in the event.

Across the board, Rebecca Mills, a sophomore this season,

really stepped up and gave it her

all. She collected an 8.45 on the bars, an 8.6 on the vault, an 8.8 with her floor routine and an applause-gathering 9.0 on the

eam. Mills' performance on the beam during the Individual Finals made her the fourth-best performer in the state in that event for Division II. Her final score for the beam was

The Wild 'Stangs couldn't have made it this far without being a solid team, and that showed with their support of one another throughout the meet. Jennifer Mehl's 7.95 on the bars was greet-ed with an enthusiastic cheer from the group, as was Amanda Crawford's 8.525. The urging and the support from the team also encouraged the members of the group as they competed. Trish

Brownfield collected an 8.775 on the beam while Janna Ramsey notched an 8.75.

Come next season, the Wild Stangs will be just as strong, if not stronger, than they were this year. Such a thought bodes well for the Such a thought bodes well for the squad, as they have proven each and every time they hit the floor to compete that you can't keep a good gymnastics team down. Under the guidance of coach Lindsay Schultz, the Wild 'Stangs look to be a stronger contender for the state title in the 2003-04 sea-

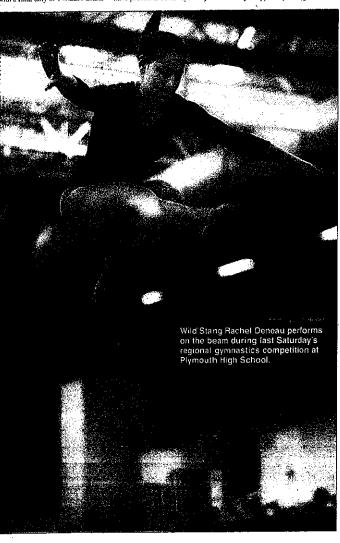
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GREAT IN THE STATE

The Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team took an impressive seventh-place in the state finals March 7.

The following day, in the Individual Finals, junior Sara Wilchowski took eigth-place out of all the competitors in Division I in both the beams and the bars. On the beam, she collected a 9.15 and on bars she notched a 9.35.

In Division II, Rebecca Mills, a sophomore, notched an 8.9 on the beam, which was good



'Cats have great final peformance

Ian Robertson gets All-State nod

By Sam Eggleston

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats headed to Eastern Michigan University, to compete in the MHSAA swim finals with just one hope in mind qualifying for the second day

competition.

Both squads did more than that not only qualifying for the second day but making their mark while they were there as well. The Novi Wildcats tankers had

the most impressive day, taking 19th out of 43 teams while tankers Ian Robertson, Jack Tyler, Dan Bassett, Scot Rettmann and unc 400 and 200 freestyle relay teams

The Northville Mustangs had a good showing of their own finish-ing 23rd in the state and finding stellar swimmer Joe Lunn earning notice as did diver Jason Albosta

The Wildcats had a great performance from Robertson, who took fourth in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 1:57.42 a mark that qualified him for the All-State team. He also collected a 12th-place tie in the 100 butter-fly with a time of 53.70 seconds.

Tyler was no slouch in his performance either. The Novi senior took 10th place in the 100 butter-fly with a time of 53.49 — just .05 seconds behind the ninthNOT BAD AT ALL!

Both Northville and Novi had nice showings in the MHSAA

Both Northville and Novi had nice showings in the sensors swimming and diving finals March 7-8.

In a year that found both squads swimming to the best of their abilities white forging a bright future for the underelassmen, they capped it off with good performances when it really counted.

The Novi Wildcats also took 17th in the 400 free relay and 18th

in the 200 free relay.

Athlete	School	Event	Time	Place
lan Robertson	Novi	200 IM	1:57.42	4th
Joe Lunn	Northville	500 free	4:50.32	8th
Jack Tyler	Novi	I00 fly	0:53.49	10th
Ian Robertson	Novi	100 fly	0:53.70	12th
Joe Lunn	Northville	200 free	1:46.40	13th
Dan Bassett	Novi	Diving .	340.20	9th
Jason Albosta	Northville	Diving	325.55	11tb
Scott Rettmann	Novi	Diving	325.00	12th

Bassett and Rettmann the diving Collecting 340.20 points, Bassett was able to take home a ninthnlace finish while Rettmann took

12th with 325.0 points. Novi also showed it's spunk in the relays as Robertson, Tyler, Taehwan Yoo and Nick Wright collected a 17th-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. The com-bination of Robertson, Tyler, Dan Thelen and Chris Pieprzak took 18th-place in the 200 freestyle in

a fine showing.

The Mustangs looked to the stellar diving of Albosta once again to lead the way in that

good for 11th in the state.

I mm, who was easily one of the best swimmers in the Wester Lakes Activities Association this year, took eighth in the 200 freestyle event with an impres sive time of 1:46.40. His was good enough for 13th as

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