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# Austin, Glubzinski wil ■ 10 percent of voters decide

By Ramez Khuri

The people, albeit only 10 percent of them, have spoken.

And Tuesday they chose Ann Harold Glubzinski and Danford Austin to be on the Novi Community School District Board of Education.

The two beat out five other candidates including Katie Raeon, Lisa-Ann Smith, Dennis O'Connor, Paul Flavin and Mario Fundarski. Incumbents John Streit and John Balagna did not seek re-election.

Austin tallied the most votes with 1.122, followed by Glubzinski with 969. Only 10 percent of the 30,966 registered voters in Northville,



D. Austin

cast in last year's election, which included a millage and two board seats. Austin and Glubzinski's four-

and Novi made

heard this year.

That number is

down from the

record total of

their

4.240

voices

votes

year terms will begin July 1. The win came as a pleasant surprise for Glubzinski, who celebrated with family and friends at her

"I was not expecting this," she said, "It was an awesome surprise. I think that the endorsement by the Novi News was a big deal last week, and I also think that the support I received from the absentee ballot base was what made the difference."



A. Glubzinski

Forum, which took place on April 13 and was rebroadcast many times on cable, was also very helpful for the public to make up their minds. Kolleen O'Leary, a Novi resident.

was one who voted for Glubzinski. "Ann Glubzinski stands out for us," she said. "We know her outside of school and support her views and how she supports the school."

While visiting the polls throughout the day, Glubzinski heard from a lot of voters who felt that five of the candidates were very qualified for

received over

700 absentee

ballots, with

336 going to

She felt that the

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"It's too bad there were only two openings," she said. It was hard for many people to decide, and I think that really showed in the results."

A totally new experience for Glubzinski, she prepared herself well by reading books on running for local elections.

Dave Medved, a Novi resident, cast his vote at Village Oaks Elementary School early on in the

"It was a fairly tough decision," he said. "I just went by word of mouth and what people were saying about the candidates. I didn't feel there was a great differentiation between several of them. They all

seemed to be very good candidates."

Austin celebrated his victory with few close campaign colleagues at his home.

"It's nice to have this done. I feel good about the experience, and I

#### FINAL TALLY

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Paul Flavin	76
Mario Fundarski	51
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\* winners of four-year seats

feel good about all the candidates," he said. "I thought they all did a great job, and I'm very pleased to be a part of the good history of the Novi Board of Education."

Austin attributed his success to his communication skills and the fact that he's a straight-forward person who is data-driven.

"I think we have a good legacy of education in Novi, and I certainly want to contribute any way I can, he said. "I'm very appreciative of the work the two retiring board members put in. I think they have a terrific legacy they're leaving for all of us to aspire to."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

As friend Ainsley Crum, 12, center looks In, sisters Natalie, 12, left, and Stefanie, 14, watch as their mom, Linda Blain, works on her city of Novi office computer on "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" last week. Blain is an accountant for the city whose work includes payroll.

# Working mom sets examples for daughters

#### Blain's focused on family, kids, kindness

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

Since they were young, Linda Blain's two daughters have helped their mom tend to children on a 10-acre New Hudson farm.

Blain, now a city of Novi accountant, for years ran a day care center on the old stead. At the time, that was just what the full-time

working mother and student wanted. "It begs to have children running around," Blain said of the farm. "It was also an opportunity to stay with mine when they were

young. Last week, she brought Stefani, 14, and Natalie, 12, to her post at the Novi Civic Center for "Take Our Daughters and Sons to

Work Day."

Friend Ainsley Crum, 12, came, too, along with about 17 other kids interested in seeing how government jobs work.

True, the girls are more intrigued by massage therapy and the theater stage than accounts payable. But both say they've learned from a busy mom.

"She taught me how not to yell and have more patience," Natalie said. "I don't think I've ever heard my mom yell."

#### Making work work

When growing up in Pennsylvania, Linda Blain said her mother stayed at home early on. But after a divorce sent Blain's mom to the work force, the matriarch set two examples: baker of homemade bread and university law

"She was just a tircless worker," Blain said. "She was very nurturing. Maybe that's what

enabled me to have the temperament to have a

lot of kids." Bookkeeping at corporate offices was

Blain's earliest experience. When Stefani was born, she said, a trusted

family friend helped baby-sit. "We are a two-wages family," Blain said. "I unfortunately did not have the choice to stay home. It's very difficult to turn around and

leave your child." By the time Natalie was 1, Blain said, the family had moved to the farm. Soon, she switched gears, earning a childcare license.

With two barns and 60 Aracuna chickens, the land offered plenty of hands-on opportuni-

"I'm selling kindness," Blain said. "I had to totally reeducate myself."

Her daughters helped pluck eggs, clean coops and supervise kids making crafts.

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# Chamber hosts Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

#### ■ Tickets still available for May 14 event

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

If you want to play the hottest poker game around, it's not too late to purchase tickets for the First Annual Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night this month.

This new event, produced by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, will be from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, at Lucky's in Fountain Walk (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96). Sponsorships are still available,

For a tax deductible donation of

\$75, donors can enjoy a strolling dinner from Lucky's menu, two tickets for cocktails, a \$20 arcade pass, plus a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. The Novi Hold 'Em Poker

Tournament is an additional \$75 per person. Two \$500 cash prizes and one championship trophy will be awarded. Attire for the 21-and-older

event is business casual.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the chamber relocation With the Novi Expo Center

moving Grand River Avenue, Novi Chamber of

Commerce is its losing home and facing relocation rent

and the contraction of the contr

expenses for the first time. The fund-raiser is sponsored by Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC,

Toll Brothers, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, Community Financial Credit Union, Fox Run, Credit Johnson's Printing & Marketing Services, Lucky's, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, Metrocom, Triangle TDS Village Development/Gateway

and Twelve Oaks Mall. "We're really excited to try this new program," said Peggy Hayes, chair of the chamber board of directors. "It's different than what I've done in the past. We think it's going to be a lot of fun for everyone involved."

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# Crash kills 3

#### Drunk driver takes Weinstein mom, two sons

By Kim Kovelle

In an instant, a Novi jeweler



Police

said speed-T. Wellinger ing and alcohol - more than five times the state's legal limit for safe driving were to blame.

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# It's a FIRST!

■ Frog Force 503 takes first in Robotics national competition

By Courtney Ratkowiak SPECIAL WRITER

Apoorva Rastogi knew that it was going to be a long day.

The din of over 20,000 people and the oppressive humidity in Atlanta's Georgia Dome made it difficult for the anxious high school junior to concentrate on the task at hand. Despite these distractions, first the

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The Novi Robotics team prepares for its division finals match in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. The Novi robot, 503, is in the mid-



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# Mom heads out for big adventure

#### Campbell will bicycle across the country

By Kim Kovelle

Growing up in Switzerland, Doris Campbell's mother often took the family on a spatziergang a leisurely walk. "But that wasn't quite the way

it was," laughed Campbell, 64.

"You put your hiking boots on and you went and trudged up a The Northville Township resi-

dent now has decided to take a 4.000-mile detour. This Sunday, her own four children will see their mother off

from New Jersey on a canary-yellow recumbent bicycle. Her destination, along with six others, is Astoria, Oregon -- the other side of the country Daughter Terry Kotlensky, who works in Novi, said her mont made the announcement in

"I just thought, 'Wow," she said, "but it doesn't surprise me, because I know she could do it."

December.

Starting May 7, Doris Campbell of Northville Township will bicycle across the country. Track her journeys at www.er2005.crazyquyon-

On the go

abike.com

Since her youngest days in Europe, Campbell said an active lifestyle has been the norm. "I ve always been a wanderer," Campbell said. "I like extreme things that go all day."

Badminton, hiking and folk dancing were hobbies as she moved to locales worldwide. Settling in Michigan during the 1980s, she decided to pursue a mechanical engineering degree. Daughter Becky Campbell was 16 when morn returned to college.

"She was determined to get it no matter what age," she said. "It doesn't matter how old you are. It doesn't mean you can't get there.' Moving to Northville, Doris Campbell soon took to the road

After 10 saddles caused plenty of pain, she discovered recumbent

DETAILS

bikes — the reclining style. Before long, she was hooked. "Just for laughs and giggles, I go from my house here to Ford Road and back on Hines Drive," Campbell said. "That's 38 miles." Her Easy Rider Gold Fold is painted canary yellow. On May 7, she'll dip its rear wheels in the Atlantic Ocean — a tradition for those cycling the country.

Then, she'll head west with a group of others, mostly seniors, for a road tour sprinkled with plenty of stops at historic sight seeing spots.

Traveling light, they'll put on 60 miles a day, ending their journev in three months' time. The entourage calls themselves "Six Warriors and a Wench." Campbell, who learned of about the group in a bieveling magazine. had long clipped out stories of

those who'd made similar treks. "I had a passion for the Lewis and Clark route," she explained - part of the group's home stretch. "I thought, 'Oh my God, I've gotta be in on this!" Back roads will be a standard path, but out west, interstates may be thoroughfares, too.

Food will be snagged at local cafes. Some nights, motels will offer shelter; others, pitched tents.

High-power winds in Kansas steep Colorado terrain are expected to demand harder pedaling. "It's the same thing as cating an elephant," Campbell said, "One bite at a time.

Heading to Becky's home in Atlanta, Campbell's ridden the 80-mile Silver Comet Trail. She's also training six days a week, often on Hines Drive. 'They've all got a sense of humor. I think it's going to be a fun group," Campbell said.

Recently, Campbell sat down with her granddaughter to map out her ride.

Plenty of pushpins show where she'll be stopping. Grandma plans to send post cards to all her family members along the way. On the ride she'll also bring family memento: a teddy bear. Designed by Becky and her

daughter, the bear is clad in a red shirt and khaki pants that come up to its armpits - just like her mom's, Becky said. Campbell outfitted her friend in a crash helmet and a raincoat. "He is riding with me," she reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

explained. "When I told my 107

daughter and granddaughter, they

spanning New Jersey to just roared, It's such a close fami-Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be

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Terry Kotlensky said good-

Northville for a three-month

bye to her mom. Doris

Campbell, 64, is leaving

cross-country bike tour,

■ Blain's focused on family, kids and kindness

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The girls have kept busy at home, too. Blain said she's tried to teach her daughters life "Chores is the most impor tant thing," Stefani said. She pitches in with Ramen Noodle

She and Natalie made specialty spinach pies, too. While managing her company, their moni even returned to school to get an accounting degree. Joining the city of Novi last July, Blain aims to renovate a barn into another childcare cen-

guiding her daughters from allowance hudgeting to gen-

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be

#### ■ Drunk driver takes Weinstein mother and two sons

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At 3:30 p.m., Judith Weinstein, 49, was taking children Alex, 12, and Sam, 9, to the dentist. Their Honda Accord was in a center-turn lane on 12 Mile Road when it was hit by a 2005 GMC

Denali, police said. A four-vehicle crash resulted near a medical center east of Orchard Lake Road, All three Weinsteins, who live in Farmington Hills, were

Judith's husband, Gary, who owns Weinstein Jewelers of Novi, was not in the vehicle. The family has no other children, police said.

Suspect Thomas Wellinger, 48, of Farmington Hills, reportedly had a blood alcohol content of .43. Police said he is in critical condition at Royal Oak's William Beaumont Michigan's legal limit is .08, and

police said .3 is the point at which most people are hospitalized. "It's a tragedy," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said. "The mother and children never had a change I don't think in the history of this department we've ever had

anyone that intoxicated.

"We're not even sure how he's

Police released Wellinger's name early Wednesday prior to issuing an

have been driving from Traverse City, police said. We assume that he started (drinking) very early in the morning," Dwyer said.

Authorities said the man had no prior alcohol-related offenses on his Wellinger's vehicle reportedly was impounded, but as of yesterday

police were unsure if alcohol was Pronounced dead on the scene. Judith and Alex were seat-belted in tence. the front seats of the family's car, police said. Sam, who police said was sitting

in the back, was ejected 20 feet from entire community sympathizes with the car, landing in the medical center's driveway Police said he died en route to

Beaumont. Two other vehicles also were involved in the crash, police said - a Ford Escort and a Jaguar, each had a lone driver and neither was injured. The speed limit on 12 Mile Road

"We do know that he was exceed-

ing that," Dwyer said. There were several witnesses, and police expect an Oakland. County prosecutor to handle the case today Traveling alone, the suspect may

Wellinger could be arraigned at the hospital, police said, where he's under police guard. Details on Wellinger weren't released, but police said he lives

near Halsted and 12 Mile roads in Farmington Hills. As of yesterday, a house search had not yet been performed. Police said Wellinger faces charges of operating under the influ-

ence of liquor and causing death, a felony carrying a 15-year jail sen-"Alcohol and speed has again killed and basically wined out an entire family." Dwyer said. "The

Weinstein Jewelers has been part of Novi for 18 years. Funerals will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Dorfman Chapel in Farmington Hills (248-406-6000).

the husband, relatives and friends."

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### ■ Frog Force 503 takes first place in competition

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team are amazing.

The teamwork.

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Rastogi and her teammates took the field, the Novi Robotics team never looked back on their way to capturing first place in the Robotics World Championship. On April 21-23, 340 teams from six countries competed in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics World Championship Event. FIRST, an international, non-profit organization, started the competition to provide an interesting way for students to learn about science and technology by building robots to

mentors, which are adults who

typically have interest or experi-

Jennifer Harvey, a Parkview

Elementary School art teacher

and mentor of the marketing

group, founded the Novi Robotics

team five years ago after attending

a robotics competition at Eastern

engineering industry, she found it

easy to relate her creative back-

ground to the experience of men-

need to accomplish and what you

are going to do to get there,"

Harvey said. "It's the same thing

with painting. You have an idea

"Robotics is all about what you

Although Harvey is not in the

ence in engineering.

Michigan University.

toring robotics students.

solve engineering challenges.
The Novi Robotics team, sponsored by Intier Automotive includes 41 students and over 20 mentors. Within the team, students join sub-groups to focus on In the meantime, she'll keep a specific aspect of designing and creating a robot. The groups are supervised by

"They're very hands-on with everything," Blain said. "I think being kind is a reward to yourself, as well as a reward to

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elements of design.

Hayes said she was thrilled the venue, too, "Lucky's rast been so helpful to us hroughout this whole process. Whether you play poker or not, there's something for every-

president, hopes at least 300 'It looks like it's going to be really fun event. There's a lot to attend the casino night.

time for everyone," she said. Champion said silent auction items include a trip to St. Maarten, a sign that will go in front of city hall, jewelry, a plasma TV, and gift certificates

from Hagopian rugs in Novi. Keith Wilson, chairman of the relocation committee, said there are a couple options the chamber is investigating as a new home. He encourages residents

It should be an absolute blast."

else they've ever attended." he said, "Hopefully, it will be what we'll be doing from here on out. Contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743 to

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I talk to (mentors) who are four times my age...and I talk new alliance. The Novi team, in an alliance

regular friends. The whole team is finals match. very close, and we 340 teams that gets the win, you help each other can't put it into words. It's just

amazing," Gee said. Apporva Rastogi Navi High School juniar

they want their robot to attain. It's the same concept with different

To promote teamwork during the competition, FIRST requires each team to work with two other teams in an "alliance." Junior Ryan Gee, president of Novi Robotics, said that working in an alliance with unfamiliar people was not a problem for the Novi

"It wasn't a big factor that we and you want to capture it, so the hadn't met the other people painter sketches out the idea and because we all came to the table considers all the principles and with a common goal of winning," she said. "Between our three The (robotics) students have idea, and they need to capture teams, we worked together and and choose the abilities that made a strategy to complement

titled "Triple Play." According to the official FIRST Web site, two alliances compete to score as many points as possible in the two minute and 15 second time limit. To score points, robots must stack tetrahedron-shaped game pieces in at least one of nine goals, set up

like a tic-tac-toc grid. At the world championship, teams were divided into four divisions and were assigned to an alliance. After playing seven qualification matches, the too eight teams in each division advanced to the championship and chose two other teams to join them in a

with teams from Hermosa Beach, Calif., and Milford became world champions after winning the "To be the (one alliance) out of

75.000/105,000 Miles The success of Novi Robotics can be greatly attributed to the \$119<sup>95</sup> presence of team chemistry. "The teamwork, the relation- Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 quarts) • Rotate tiret
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the team are amazing," Rastogi Replace fuel filter \* Inspect engine cooling system, hoses & clamps \* Lubricate all hinges & latches, door locks & door wealherstrips \* Inspect accessory drive belt conditions \*Add \$45 for cabin air filter said. "I talk to (mentors) who are four times my age...and I talk to them like I would talk to my regular friends. The whole team is very close, and we help each other Harvey added, "FIRST is all

about helping each other, and that's truly exemplified in our team. A lot of the time, I'm helpstudents discuss their houghts, just like a mother or a friend, We're a family...when the (team) gets together, it's like having a family reunion every night. I've never had anything like this."

Courtney Ratkowiak is a junior at Novi High School.

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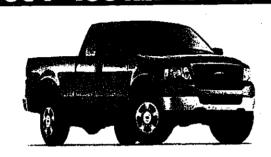
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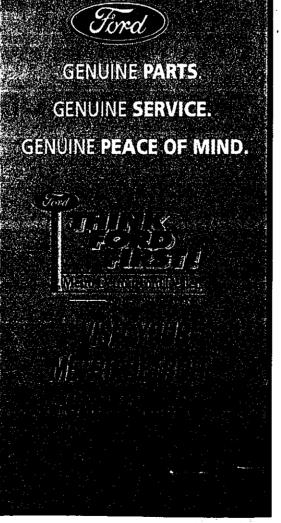
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Bridge funds OK'd

City hopes to open street by August 18

By Pam Fleming

engineering services in the their proposal. Meadowbrook Bridge replace-

Members voted 6-0 to ear-Members voted 6-0 to earmark \$74,070 for design and we think it's doable," Helwig construction engineering servic- said. es for the bridge replacement over Ingersol Creek to Fishbeck, adopted May 9, \$600,000 will be Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. set aside to replace the bridge. Member Toni Nagy was absent. Member Lynne Paul asked cost \$74,000, leaving \$526,000 City Manager Rick Helwig why for bridge construction. URS Engineering was not select-

ed for the project even though the firm had the lowest bid. Helwig said in the past, the city when the low bidder is selected. Fishbeck's bid was \$52,000 high-years. er than that of URS.

a little upsetting, and you have concerns," said Helwig, "But we poured over this and feel very strongly about recommending the second cost proposal, Helwig said.

Primarily, the difference in the bids was due to the number of man hours assigned to the job. Murder charge follows two-year investigation Plus, URS staff omitted crucial steps, such as a topographical study, officials said.

Novi police

witness in Hawaii

years, with an investigator travel-

ing all the way to Hawaii to inter-

Mykolaitis was arrested April

26 by Novi police, arraigned April

27 in 52-1 District Court in Novi

and appeared in court again for a

"Without a doubt, it's one of the

department," said Det. Sgt. Matt

resident Cameron Sanders.

pre-examination May 4.

interview

By Pam Fleming

Helwig said the city wants the bridge reopened by Aug. 18 before school traffic begins. To City council members award- move the project along, Fishbeck ed a contract for design and staff members came up with

The city could buy the beams ment project at a special meeting once the design is known and award funding for the beams at The bridge on Meadowbrook council's June 20 meeting. Then, Road between Nine Mile and 10 general contractor funding could Mile roads has been closed since be awarded at the July 11 meet-

> view a key witness for the prose-But Kevin Mykolaitis If the 2005-2006 budget is Farmington Hills was finally tour, though. We didn't let him go Neil Rockind of Farmington Hills arrested last week as a suspect in the April 2003 murder of Novi design and engineering services

Bridge abutments won't have to be replaced. City engineer Rob Hayes said he inspected them and saw no damage. has often received change orders. Consultants have said the abutments should last another 50

The bridge project will "I'm sure at first glance this is include a pedestrian walkway.

> for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflem-

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standing job. You hear that a lot, but in this case, it's really true. It's been a great investigation." been aware that the Novi Police McNamara said this has been one of the more intricate cases in recent history pursued by Oakland County prosecutors. The He said that Mykolaitis has case has since been turned over to worked for Ford Motor Co. for 11

prosecuting attorney Paul Walton.

he was going to be charged for the

murder of Sanders in 90 days,

"They literally waved a red flag

in front of him, and he never

attempted to flee," Rockind said.

prosecuting attorney assigned to

Kate McNamara was the first

"We have strong evidence,

motive, opportunity," she said.

"We have financial records, wit

ness statements and videotaped

"The Novi police did an out-

statements from the defendant."

years and has two children, a 7year-old daughter and a 3-yearfor the Novi News. She can be old son. Rockind said Mykolaitis reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. allowed himself to be questioned 105, or by e-mail A member of the Novi Police



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was responsible, they still needed icy payoff, according to

was going to be pretty key in the closure as a result of this," he said.

State Farm Insurance represen-

when Mykolaitis attempted to

make a claim on the policy he had

"It looks like it's going to be a

successful conclusion. Obviously,

we can never bring back the

deceased, but at least the family is

going to get some sort of relief or

at \$1 million for his client, which

the judge denied, defense attorney

said, "For two years now, he has

Department has been investigat-

ing him and considered him the

years, has been married for nine

principal suspect in this case."

In his request for bond to be set

taken out on Sanders.

tatives contacted investigators according to Rockind.

more evidence to be able to push. Conquest.

"As a result of the hard work by

Sgt. Victor Lauria and Det. Mike

the warrant, which, hopefully,

will lead to prosecution,

Warren, they were able to obtain

Lauria was the officer sent to

"There was one guy we thought

investigation, and we ended up

having to send an investigator to

Hawaii. We made it a whirlwind

for six weeks," Chief of Police

Couldn't Honolulu detectives

"It takes a great deal of detailed

case knowledge before you can go

in and conduct an effective inter-

view with somebody," Shaeffer said.

The two men met in prison, and

making each other the beneficiar-

He said there were times when plan was to take one of their by detectives in the case.

ies. It's believed that their original

Doug Shaeffer added.

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villages. As of today, there are

17 communities that have

expressed an interest, and more

are coming in from Oakland

Crawford added that some of

those communities are partner-

ing with other communities, and

that that could be an option for

The pilot program represents

no expense to the city. It just

requires the cooperation from

the city to go into the communi-

ty and designate sites for the

towers, whose antennas are usu-

ally no bigger than a micro-

objectionable to the communi-

ty," he said. "They won't even

know it's there.

"It's not going to be visually

The commissioner encour-

aged the city of Novi to become

a pilot community in the project.

in the southwest part of the

county than Novi with all the

we want to bring to the county,

"I can't think of a better spot

phone, according to Crawford.

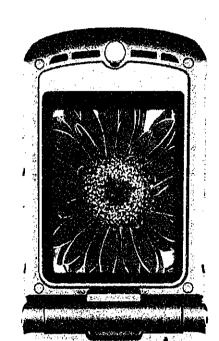
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# Population up, crime down in Novi

Chief says the force has been with us

By Pam Fleming

Even though population and the number of calls for service have increased, the crime rate has actually gone down in Novi. And, this phenomenon is a testament to the work of the Novi Police Department, according to

Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer. Shaeffer talked about the department as the guest speaker at the April 28 Novi Rotary Club meeting at the United Methodist Church on 10

> would need to add eight officers only 2.8 to achieve this average. when

wo in Novi's entire - Shacffer, who has served for 14 years, and Lee BeGole, who served from 1954 until Shaeffer assumed the post in

Shaeffer said Novi is fortunate because in an era when many police departments can't afford to place a patch on an officers' uniform, the Novi Police Department is financially sound and poised to obtain several million dollars soon from a March 2004 drug money scizure in Novi and Northville.

The growth is Novi in recent 2004, according to the Novi years has been tremendous, Police Department. With the first

according to Shaeffer. In 1990, Novi's population was 33,000. Today, it's at about 52,000, repre-

senting a 58 percent increase in a 15-year period. Arrests have gone up 61 percent since 1990, with calls for service increasing 144 percent.

same 15-year period. week in May designated as Auto But, how does one measure Novi against other communities? Farmington Hills, for example, has a population of 82,000 with Traditionally, in law enforce-

Shaeffer said. Novi currently has 1.3 officers for every thousand group included Michigan residents. The national average is Attorney General Mike Cox, two officers for every thousand The current average in the immediate area is 1.5 officers per thousand, which means Novi

Startup costs for a new officer, however, are \$110,000 for the first

gone up 37 percent since 1990. and traffic is a big concern in Novi. Tickets written by Novi officers have increased 170 percent over the last 15 years. "In 1990, we wrote 6,000 tickets But, with six malls and the a year," Shaeffer said, "We write

#### AUTO THEFT IN NOVI

Auto theft in Novi decreased 8.64 percent in 2004 compared Vehicle thefts in 2003 —

But crime has gone down 42 per-• Vehicle thefts in 2004 ---

Department rose from 50 officers Source: Novi, Police Department to 68, a 36 percent growth in the

Theft Awareness Week in Michigan, Shaeffer addressed the audience during opening ceremonies May 2 of an auto theft investigators conference May 1-5 ment, the ratio of one officer for at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi. Investigators from 13 states and every 1,000 citizens is used, Canada are in Novi for the event. Others who addressed the

> Director of the Michigan State Police Col. Tadarial Sturdivant, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel. A featured topic will Michigan's approach to fighting

auto theft, which has produced a 26 percent decrease in thefts since Motor vehicle accidents have As for motor vehicle accidents in Novi, road improvements will help drive the number of accidents down in the city, Shaeffer said.

Novi Expo Center within a mile of I-96 and Novi Road, Novi has become a destination city, which increases calls for service, according to the chief. The city also has Motor vehicle theft decreased 84 liquor licenses, with 42 within

city of Novi," Shaeffer said. from 81 thefts in 2003 to 74 in a mile of I-96 and Novi Road. Shaeffer added that most calls

The national average is two officers for every thousand citizens. The current average in the

immediate area is 1.5 officers per thousand, which means Novi would need to add eight officers to achieve

May 9 meeting. from residences and businesses. alarms in one year," Shaeffer said. The chief credits the high standards set for Novi police officers as one reason crime is down in the city. The minimum requirements are a bachelor's degree plus two years of experience in a law

enforcement-related job. The chief currently has two positions open on the force and is interviewing six candidates including one female.

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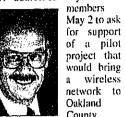
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By Pam Fleming

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford of Novi addressed city council



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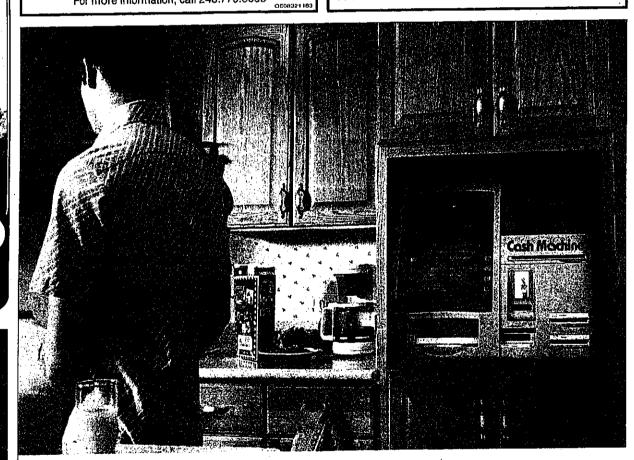
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PLANNING BRIEFS

Frank Brennan is the new

# The momentum is building.

#### ■ Library kicks off capital campaign By Pam Fleming

Concerned citizens came to the Novi Public Library April 30 to lend their support to a capital cam-

paign for a new building. A "Share Our Momentum" event took place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the library on 10 Mile Road east of Taft, with refreshments, a the library board members will use silent auction and comments from

several members of the community. The Better Health Market donated the food for the event, and Caribou Coffee donated hot beverages. Dave Staudt helped with the campaign brochures.

cost of printing the library's capital The goal is to raise as much 30 event. money as possible by the end of the

family will match up to \$1 million. Margolis, also donated a container going on, too. Myrtle Walker and the late Charles — full of pennies that evening. Walker donated \$1 million to the library for a new building in 2004. Charles Walker, unfortunately passed away before he could see his dream become a reality.

Guests at the "Share Our Momentum" event could play "Library Jeopardy!" where they tried to answer library-related questions for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate at Borders Books & Cameron Lewis, a senior at Novi

High School, designed the brochure in their fund-raising efforts. Plans are to meet with the school board May 5 about a piece of prop-

erty the library may acquired from the school district at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads. Conceptual plans of a new library were displayed at the April

year, which the Charles Walker library board president Terry

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momentum and getting more people involved in raising funds," said Richard Smith, new library board The current library, which opened in 1976, is about 23,000 square feet. Research has shown that the library needs to be at least

60,000 square feet to serve Novi's current population. Brenda Evans, library director, noted that the library was started by volunteers, and that only 9,000 peo-

ple lived in Novi when it opened. "Now we have more than 13,000. young people alone, and the library is the first learning place for children," Evans said.

Terry Margolis announced several events for the coming years, as also been having conversations with well as old and new partnerships The Novi Lions Club plans to spon sor an event benefiting the library Jason Margolis, son of former and the Friends of the Novi Library Million Pennies Campaign is still

### WHERE TO GIVE

To make a donation to the library's building fund, send cash, check or money order to: Novi Public Library Development Office, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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Emagine Theater management,

series followed by a movie for more

mature audiences, with revenue

going to the library building proj-

have also talked to Providence

Hospital representatives about sup-

porting the cause. And Novi

Newcomers and Neighbors have

The library also offers naming

opportunities for area donors, and

library board members encourage

residents to plan, sponsor or attend

"Remember that your help can

"Opportunities to help are end-

Terry Margolis said.

a community fund-raising event.

agreed to donate funds to the

annual spring kickoff.

mean millions.

She noted that board members

Local Girl Scouts have already who has agreed to do a family film

Town Hall Series planned to start in library with proceeds from their

collected about 121,000 pennies for

"We're really appreciative of

everything people do," Terry

The former Novi Ambassadors

Kathy Crawford, former Novi

Senior Center director, announced a

November that would feature three

lunches, with proceeds going to the

library's new building or renova-

tion, "These will include celebrities

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Terry Margolis said the board has

we've even invited Laura Bush to

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were introduced to City

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Station #4 on 10 Mile Road at

Wixom Road, where they

watched a training exercise in the

tower. Then, they shadowed their

family member until a pizza lunch

Following lunch, the children

traveled to the Southwestern

Oakland Cable Commission in

Farmington, where they taped an

edition of Undate Novi to be aired

on TV 13, Novi's government

young people can ask some prob-

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bunch of questions.

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**By Pam Fleming** 

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people in the city."

thing about Novi, what would it "I think it would be kind of interesting to have a light rail system that would go from the Main Street area to Town Center, over the expressway and to the other malls. People could park in one location and go around. That seems like an intriguing idea that would hold down traffic a little

bit," Csordas said.

"If you could move to another city, where would you live?" asked another. "I'd would move to Italy. The food's very good. The mountains are beautiful, there are very nice people, and there's a lot of history here, like Pompeii and Naples.

"What is the main problem that concerns you most?" "The main problem that concerns me about the city is financing the day-to-day operations of the city," Csordas said. "And insuring that employees who work in the city are able to maintain their henefits without raising taxes." To find out when the students

Sicily is nice, too," he said.

13 contact SWOCC Studios at (248) 473-2800 or visit www.swoccstudios.com. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

"I agree with all the decisions

that I made," was Csordas' politi-

"No, you can't agree with every

decision that's been made for the

city. Maybe that's what got me

involved. But you never know

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cally correct response.

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> vice chair, and former chair Cynthia Gronachan will now serve as secretary. There is currently a vacancy for the alternate position on the ZBA. Applications are available in the city clerk's office or by calling (248) 347-0456.

#### Commission OKs plans

Novi's planning commission unanimously approved two pre-liminary plans pitched by devel-

opers.

Citizens Bank, proposed for almost two acres near Grand River Avenue and Wixon Roads, received the initial nod for plans, wetland permits and storm water management. Brought forward by Marcos Makohon, the building would be 3,180 square feet. Zoning variances would be needed for a

loading zone and select land-À possible light-industrial business may one day sit on an acre in Beck North Corporate

Park, located near Beck and West roads. Planning commissioners approved all clements of

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Mayor answers youths' probing questions

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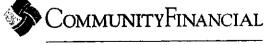
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#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Free comic book day

Nove's Comic City will partie ipate in a fourth annual free comic book day and "super here visit" this Saturday, May 7. From 10 a.m.-9 p.m. or until supplies run out - kids of all ages can pick up one each of 15 selected titles including Star

Wars, Batman Strikes and The Simpsons, A Spider-Man character will visit from 2-5 p.m. to greet fans. On both Saturday and Sunday, the three-store chain also will offer 25 percent off regular prices of graphic novels. Comic City's Canton and

Pontiac locales will participate in the worldwide event, hosted by independent comic stores. The store is located at 43538 W Oaks Drive in the West Oaks II plaza. Visit www.comiecity.com for details.

#### Ballinger appointed VP Novi resident William

Ballinger recently was appointed Allstate Insurance



B. Ballinger will oversee the north central region including Michigan, Indiana and Ohio

With the company since 1985 he previously held a number of underwriting and marketing positions in Florida, Chicago and Washington, D.C. Ballinger's other activities include helping elementary

school students and spending 27 years with the city of Hudson's volunteer fire service. Holder of a business administration degree, he lives with wife, Linda, and two children.

#### Shoe drive to benefit teens

Pamela's Salon in Novi is having a shoe drive during May for the girls at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights

Vista Maria is a private, nonprofit treatment agency for highrisk adolescent girls and their

families. The Michigan group provides education, therapy, shelter and care to young women and families coping with abuse,

neglect and other traumas. The salon's staff is asking area women to donate pairs of gentlyused dress shoes for the girls to wear to their prom on June 10. The staff will also treat four girls who recently graduated from Vista Maria to some salon

services. Shoes need to be delivered to the salon no later than 3 p.m., May 28. Pamela's Salon is 23965 Novi Road, Ste. 160. Call (248) 349-9925 for more infor-

#### Auto investigators conference

More than 300 auto theft investigators were expected to come to Novi this week for the 42nd Annual Training Conference.

Spanning May 1-today at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi, the event was being hosted in tandem with Auto Theft Awareness Week, declared by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Investigators were to attend

four days of training, including essions identifying stolen vehicles during traffic stops, vehicle arson, imports or exports of stolen vehicles, interrogation techniques and construction equipment theft. Factory tours of local auto manufacturers and hands-on demonstrations of cloned vehicles also were fea-

Hosted by the North Central Regional Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, the event was expected to draw representatives from 13 states and Canada.

#### INCAT profits up

INCAT International PLC, a software company with a Novilocale, last week released unaudited results as of Feb. 28, its half-year point. Listed among highlights: operating profits were up 58 percent,

stock share earnings increased to 11.8 cents from 5.5 cents a year earlier, and sterling turnover was down \$200,000.

INCAT also announced

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#### Cooper extends offer

Cooper-Standard Automotive, Inc., a Novi-based automotive manufacturer, announced it would extend an offer to exchange various stock notes. Outstanding senior notes, sub ordinated or not, can be exchanged for like principal amounts in the form of other

notes, company officials said The exchange offer expires at midnight on May 23, Learn

more on the Web at www.cooperstandard.com. State targets Vonage Michigan Attorney General

Mike Cox recently targeted

Vonage Holdings Corporation

for allegedly misleading consumers about an emergency 9-1 service. The Internet-based telephone service, based in New Jersey, does not specify that customers can't access traditional 9-1-1 services, the attorney general said April 29. Routed through centers, calls may not be answered outside regular busi

operators can't dispatch emergency vehicles. Vonage has 10 days to respond, Cox reported. To file a complaint, call (877) 765-8388.

ness hours, the state alleged, and

### Retailers prediction steady

For the third consecutive month, Michigan retailers predict steady short-term sales according to the Michigan Retail

Surveyed by Michigan Retailers Association and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 67 of retailers in March expected increased sales for April-June compare to last year.

The index reported 38 percen of retailers had increased sales over March 2004. All told, the March performance index was

un slightly from February but still six points below the overall positive industry mark. Comerica Bank's Michigan Business Activity Index showed

similar results, holding at steady at 108 in March. It's fluctuated around that level since last June, the bank reported.

#### Auto production update

Nationally, automakers are expected to make 240,410 vehicles this week, down 3.7 percent from last week, according to Ward's Automotive Reports Thus far in 2005, the tally is about 4.18 million, down 2.1 percent from this time last year

#### Renewable energy projects

Statewide, renewable energy developers have submitted 26 proposals to Consumers Energy in response to the company's request for endeavors.

Twenty-two projects represent more capacity than the 265,000 megawatt-hours of renewable energy sought in a competitive bid process. Consumers said. A recent order by the Michigan Public Service Commission reportedly approved the renewable energy program.

Consumers said it would next follow the commission's guidelines to eventually increase the amount of purchased renewable energy by 25 percent. For details, visit www.consumersenergy.com.

#### 'Blue' has new plan

Blue Care Network of Michigan announced that by July 1, it would offer a flexible

The Blue Elect Self-Referral Option offers cost savings and health management benefits of an HMO, the network said; it also allows members to self-refer to any Michigan doctor. Physicians still must be selected from the network. Higher copays and deductibles apply, Blue Care said. For more information, visit

Wanted: lasting dishwasher To honor its trademark dish-

Benton Harbor, Mich., announced it's looking for the owner of the country's longestrunning machine. The grand prize winner of the

ongest Running KitchenAid Dishwasher Sweepstakes will receive a \$15,000 kitchen annliance makeover from the company. If desired, that includes a 2005 dishwasher model. KitchenAid's dishwashers first were introduced in 1949, accord-

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lasts through Aug. 31. Enter at

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#### Local author coming to **Borders**

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It's not everyday that a New York Times Bestseller author comes to Novi. But at 2 p.m., Saturday, May

7, Robert Wilson of Northville, author of the 1980s bestseller "Crooked Tree," will appear for a book signing at Borders Books & Music at Novi Town Center. Novi Town Center is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd., north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road.

Reviews on Wilson's book have appeared not only in the New York Times but also in the New York Post, Boston Globe and local papers. Now Hollywood producers have expressed an interest in taking Wilson's story to the big screen "Crooked Tree" is actually a

25-year-old book that Wilson wrote when he was 23. It "slipped through the cracks" at the New York publishing house and has been unavailable for 15 years until the University of Michigan Press decided to reprint the work.

The thriller is based on the

Native American legend, the bear walk. Wilson graduated from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School and is a former trial proecutor in Detroit. He later started a leading, environmental management systems firm. His other novels include "Icetire," and "Second Fire," He is currently working on his

fourth novel. Compiled by Kim Kovelle

### Lucky's to open Tequila Rain today

By Kim Kovelle

Every summer in Spain, thousands of people flee a storming herd of bulls. A few months early, the new Tequila Rain at Lucky's of Novi offers something close: a mechanical bull.

Slated to open on Cinco de Mayo, the complex's second phase plans to add flavor for the Mexican holiday. The dance club, located in the Fountain Walk shopping complex, will open at 5:05 p.m. today, said General Manager Eddie Bourque. "With the theme being the

#### thought it was an appropriate day," Bourque said. Open to ages 21 and up four times a week, Tequila Rain offers an indoor bar and dance area.

Mexican Cantina feel to it, we just

Five large garage-style doors lead to a patio packed with large picnic tables, umbrella-covered couches and a second bar, Bourque said.

Music fare will include Top 40s dance plus '80s rock-n-roll, featuring the likes of Bon Jovi and Motley

During a grand opening party, radio station WRIF-FM radio and tequila-maker Jose Cuervo will give away a three-day trip to Cancun.

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Birmingham Seaholm High the fall. Bourgue said. Bourque said since its opening The award is given to employ-Lucky's has found a core base of ees of Oakland County school regulars from their mid-20s to mid-

transportation departments for going above and beyond their normal duties. Those up for the award each year are nominated by

Each winner's name was nut on a plaque in their respective departments, they were given individual plaques, a copy of the letters their peers submitted and a dinner, which, included students singing, a piano player and a gui-

and Novi's Linda McFachian

Two Walled

Lake drivers

win as well

By Ramez Khuri

Lake drivers even received gift certificates from Target.

"This reflects on the driver because you're nominated by because you're the first person your peers, and that's really speand the last person they see every cial, too. It's a great honor, but I day," McEachia said, a Novi bus think we have a lot of employees driver for 11 years. "You can who deserve this award, and I'd make or break their day. If I can like to see everybody get their somehow let their day be a better chance." day, it's a great feeling. I love my

Mayville was totally surprised has been a bus driver paraprofessional since 1993 and has never won anything comparable in the

Three school bus drivers from the Walled Lake and Novi school districts were given

Trio's excellent in transporting

Transportation Supervisors, From left, Walled Lake's Mary Mayville and Ann Ridge

an "Excellence in Transportation Award" recently from the Oakland County

"I think it's great, Mayville said. "I always love the kids and I do the best I can to make them comfortable and to make them

Ridge has been a bus driver for the award, she was also one of the Year for the state of Michigan

She described the difference between the two experiences. "(The 2001 nomination) was a great honor because my supervi-

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Ridge explained that her school district of Walled Lake was the first to start the Excellence in when she found out she won. She Transportation Award four years ago. Each district in the county year, and those that have already hosted are Walled Lake, West Bloomfield, Farmington and now

feel greatly honored," McEachin said. "It's a good feeling to know that other people think of you in that way. We all 15 years. In addition to winning come in and do our jobs, and I feel we're all a team. It makes you feel three finalists for Bus Driver of special to know that you're making a difference in these kids'

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# The little redhead's back

grade, which is exciting."

most of the cast is in the seventh

1930s during the depression.

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when she gets adopted by the rich-

est man in town, by the name of

Oliver Warbucks, who helps her

The story takes place in the

Little Orphan Annie to be presented at middle school

By Ramez Khuri

**EDUCATION** 

Where on earth could someone find a multi-billionaire who's in the eighth grade? Why, at Novi Middle School, of course! Well, that's not really true, but eighth grader Sean McDonald will perform as Daddy Warbucks.

plays Little Orphan Annie. The musical will be performed by the youngsters and their classmates tonight and Saturday night. It is being directed by Middle School Drama Director Elena Garcia, who explained that she has never worked with a more talented group of kids.

"I used to run a high school a lot farther ahead than many of the high school groups I've seen very talented group of kids. I didn't know anybody when they went

find her real parents. When they find out that they are deceased Warbacks ends up loving the girl and takes her in as his own. This is Letson's seventh play

and one of her very first main roles. Most of her previous work was done at Novi Theaters. "I wasn't really that good when I first started, but doing plays has along with his co-star, Miss Sarah helped because the more experi-Letson, a seventh grader, who

ence you get, the better you do," she said, "This is fun, and I actually don't have to work that much more on line memorization because this is a musical, and it is a junior version, which means they still have all the songs, but the dialogue is shortened."

McDonald has been in four previous plays, but this is his first musical. He said he's a little nervdrama program, and these kids are ous about singing, since his voice is in the process of changing, but he still finds it pretty fun. Like over the years," Garcia said. "It's a Letson, he started at Novi

"I play Daddy Warbucks, this

DETAILS

The Novi Middle School performance of Little Orphan Annie will be presented tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m each day. Tickets are \$5 a piece and will be on sale at the door. It is open to the commu-

very rich multi billionaire," he said. "He started out as a poor orphan and was very successful in life. At first he was a strict businessman, who was very disappointed that his secretary brought home a girl orphan instead of a boy. Near the end of the first scene I'm in, he realizes that she's very nice and funny and he's amused by her, It all works out pretty well in the end."

Garcia attributed her impressive cast to the community they are growing up in.

"I think this community really supports the arts," she said. "The kids have so many opportunities to participate in them while growing

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#### It's alive!

The Living Science Foundation of Plymouth visited Orchard Hills Elementary School recently and brought several different live animals along. All students witnessed the animals and even got to touch them. Most of the animals live in rain forests. Pictured here, third grade student Sarah Bertrus cries out, "Oh my gosh, it moved!" as she got the chance to hold Pixie, an African bullfrog (the biggest type of frog in the world).



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Who are you calling snake? Novi Woods students recently enjoyed meeting interesting animals through a Science Alive program. The children saw an anteater, an armadilio, a chinchilla and

many other creatures. Pictured here is Dawn Long's

second grade class with a Burmese python.

Novi residents Eric Deighton and Tiffany Lin

thy leadership in the choral and instrumental music

program. Gonba was recognized for choral music.

have been awarded Merit Scholarships. Both are

On Campus

seniors at Novi High School.

# **Greenhouse effect**

#### Novi High's facility brings textbooks to life

#### By Ramez Khuri

What makes Donald Crockett, advanced placement biology teacher at Novi High School hout the words "YEAH BABY"? When his students solve reallife problems with what they have learned in textbooks and other educational resources.

Case in point; Just recently when some of his students were growing tomato plants in the greenhouse attached to his classroom, one noticed that the stems were nurple. Another student said he looked up why that happens on the Internet and found out that a Kentucky blue grass in containpurple stem is a sign of phospho-ers, with some being cut and some rus deficiency. In order to correct not. They're collecting the cutthe problem, the kids increased the phosphorus content in the soil

for the plants to be healthy. That is just one example of how students are using the greenhouse the grass, so that's interesting, as a learning tool, to make what Crockett said, "They're also lookthey study in class come to life by ing at things like the impact of

applying it to special projects. Crockett, who has been teaching A.P. Biology for eight years, explained that traditionally, students seemed to have a lack of appreciation and awareness for hat with the greenhouse facility. "I wanted to provide students

with a location where we could develop a teaching collection," the ovaries and the reproductive a lab where we're studying the And then there's "the beast." water flow through a plant."

ting.
Dan Coleman, a junior in Crockett's class, says that the greenhouse has given him a hands-on opportunity to work with plants and to observe different stages of growth.

"We did a lab where we actually dissected parts of green bean plants," Coleman said, "That was beneficial because it helped us with learning the different parts of the seeds and the leaves."

Students have also developed their own independent experiments where they investigated such things as the effect of crowding on plant growth. Some of Crockett's students are also trying to find the answer to the question, "Does cutting grass impact how fast it grows? The students are growing

tings and determining the biology mass over a 14-week time period. "They're trying to find out if

the cutting has had any impact on using soft drinks on plant growth. They used concentrations of lemon juice to see if it has an impact on how fast the plants grow, and they're relating that back in the class when we study plant life. He wanted to change the movement of nutrients in the soil. They have a real-life application in the greenhouse."

Students have also taken advantage of the greenhouse to grow Crockett said, "I grow things like their own food for fun. Some of geraniums and tulips to use in sec- the different plants they're grow- book, it was easier for Crockett to out of the three classes I teach, ions of the class so they can study ing are mustard, lettuce, carrots, explain exactly what some of the there are probably 15 to 20 kids beats, beans, pepper plants and structures of the plant. We also do watermelons, just to name some. the plants.

Crockett said that the green-that's about six and a half feet tall the opportunity to conduct long- Crockett said, "All the kids were lot easier," Hoving said, term experiments that could last saying they thought sunflowers several weeks or months, which is only had one flower on them each day in the greenhouse, which rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Novi High School junior Dan Coleman waters a green bean plant in the school's greenhouse. Students atttend to a variety of botanical projects in the south-facing greenhouse that was built onto the school's new addition.

because that's all they've ever has led to many conversations like

Adrienne Hoving, a senior,

"It's kind of complicated to fig-"We have a sunflower out there - ure it out just by looking at the drawings in a book, but when you house has provided students with - and has all kinds of blooms on it." - actually see it first-hand it was a -The class spends a few minutes 110 or by e-mail at

seen growing in the fields. We've that. Crockett believes, because of been able to have a conversation that, his students have a whole about how to use the seeds to get - new sense of fascination for plant

explained that when the class plants, kids used say they hated studied plant chapters in their plants," Crockett said, "Well, now terms were by showing students - who are growing all kinds of stuff.

Arvind Nagarajan, Prasanna Venugopal have won

Joshua Phillips, a 2002 graduate of Novi

Achievement Award in German at Marvville

Christian School, was presented the Outstanding

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Compiled by Karen Whikeharl.

Novi Meadows fifth grade teacher Amy Mardigian, left-rear, organized many students recently to knit a bunch of hats for children undergoing treatment at the Barbara Ann

# Novi students make close-knit relationships with Detroit kids

By Ramez Khuri

She didn't really know how to knit very well to begin with, but that didn't of Miss Mardigian," Sarah Kolis matter to Amy Mardigian, a fifth said, a fifth grader who is currently grade teacher at Novi Meadows Elementary. As long as she was able to —feel really proud that I'm making all get some kids involved and enthused about her idea, she'd be happy.

But, to her surprise, more than just some of her students expressed interest, and before long she had a duced at Meadows. When the sixth whole club of kids, mothers and even grandmothers helping her out. The project was to knit scarves for teacher organization bought gloves. Maybury Elementary School in Detroit for long winter months.

"It just kind of took off on its about that. The surprising thing was own," Mardigian said, "Before I the moms asked if we could continknew it there were 30 girls, five ue with the club after we sent all the morns and a grandma interested in scarves. They came to every meethelping. We started meeting every ing with their daughters; they liked other week, and within a month, we had 75 scarves done."

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work schedules sent in scarves with their children.

knitting, but this year I am because working on her second sweater. "I these things and that someone can use my work."

Scarves and sweaters weren't the only clothing artifacts being prograde heard about the project, they made hats, and the school's parent "It was very satisfying," Mardigian said. "We felt very happy

just relaxing and slowing down their pace, and it was a great time for all." In addition, Mardigian has about the project from out of town, expanded the project to make "Kemo Caps" for children at the

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We delivered the searves, but we're still waiting to deliver the caps," Mardigian said.

Just like their teacher, some of the students' work wasn't necessarily perfect to begin with. Mardigian explained that the scarves the students made would have holes. dropped stitches, added stitches, or lost stitches, but by the end of the scarves, they were flawless,

"Donating my work means a lot to me because when I finish I feel really great that someone's going to wear it and it's not just going to waste," Katherine Ferris said, a fifth grade student. "If I made it for myself I probably wouldn't use it. but these kids probably would." Ferris has made many scarves and

learning how to crochet a hat. "The great thing is the girls never said they couldn't part with the scarves," Mardigian said, "They couldn't wait to put it in the box to donate. That warmed my heart more Even mothers of Mardigian's stu- Karmanos Cancer Institute. She got than anything, that after hours and dents who couldn't attend the bi- that idea from going to a knitting hours of hard work, the kids were

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Educators

By Ramez Khuri

Teachers throughout the Novi Community School District are used to having some of the best equipment available in their classrooms when it comes to supplies and artifacts they need to do

their jobs the right way. That comes almost as a given many other Michigan school districts. But, who foots the bill for

According to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance, it's a combination of the district and the teachers themselves.

He explained that each school still feel the need to spend out of in the district has its own budget, their own pockets. And at least which is an X amount per child. That amount of money fluctuates year to year. Each building then are second grade teachers at Novi allocates that money, and each Woods, They both estimated that principal dispenses it with the concurrence of his or her staff. It's then used to purchase classroom supplies and books.

Still, however, there is always something a teacher might stumble onto while at a local office ed the average teacher probably supply store, or while surfing the spends about \$500 out of pocket web, that he or she might want to during a given school year.

when that happens, the usual result is that teacher ends up pursaid. "Not everybody spends that chasing it out of his or her own kind of money though. We chose

Learning the price of teaching

"I know my teachers spend a lot out of pocket," Novi Woods Elementary School Principal Pam Quitiquit said. "They really shouldn't have to be spending their own personal money, and I

would reimburse them if we had

the money. I'd be more than

happy to do that, but at this time

of the year, we're spent on our

Quitiquit also said that Novi is many different aspects. One being its Parent Teacher Organization, which assists financially for special functions or various teacher needs. The PTO does not provide basic sup-

Also, teachers can apply for Novi Educational Foundation grants that they feel they could benefit from.

plies, however.

But even after all that, they two of them don't mind one bit. Dawn Long and Janet Bickner they each spent about \$1,000 out of their own pockets this school year on supplies. That figure is a lot less for Long than when she first started teaching three years ago, however. They also estimat-

"I probably started my career

to do portfolios in my class this year, and on my own, I bought three-ring binders for each of the kids, which we will use next

Long's class also does projects

so sometimes we buy materials to make a little project with them incentives, we do good behavior fortunate, however, because of parties. We provide snacks and treats. We had a poetry powwow where we had s'mores. I buy all

> Bickner emphasized that the district supports its teachers tremendously, which she feels very fortunate about. She's also satisfied that all of the materials she uses in the classroom are undated on a regular basis.

"Everybody knows, it's no secret money is tight, but they continue to support us," Bickner said. "I do enjoy supplementing what the district gives us, and it's my choice. I enjoy it. It's something that I want to do, and I love doing it. We're nurturers as teachers, and we are enthusiastic, and we like it. We want to have all the good stuff. It comes down to mak-

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Matt Jezior, a sophomore from Novi, received the Hope College during commencement exercises.

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Adrian College Scholarship Award, She is a 2001 graduate of Novi Novi residents Erin Darlington and Michael

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Northville High School student Christina Miklos shoulders a heavy workload, like many of her peers eschewing hallway lockers.

# Forgotten COMBINATIONS

Once a prime high school address, have hallway lockers become obsolete?

By Alexandra Hollmeyer SPECIAL WRITER

Northville High School junior Kevin Pouget uses one word to sum up how often he uses his hallway locker --- never. Like most Northville High-School students, Pouget does not know where his locker is, let alone the combination.

He carries everything in his backpack, lugging what he need from one class to the next. "I'm strong, I don't mind it." Pouget said. "And all I have is a binder and maybe one book in

Like Pouget, senior Christina Miklos doesn't use her locker

Since the first day of school freshman year, she learned hardly anyone uses their locker at Northville.

"Everyone just carries backpacks," she said. Miklos carries all her stuff in a think twice about using their assigned locker. tote hag and a purse along with a coat when it gets colder. "Most kids probably don't use

year, junior Matt Waggy started their lockers because it's too much using his locker. "I got sick of carrying my back-pack everywhere. It weighed 30 of a hassle; the size and length of the school makes it a problem," said Robert Watson, Northville pounds," he said. Waggy uses his locker about five High School assistant principal. Watson said the school is too big or six times a day and leaves at

and passing time between classes is too short, making locker use a major inconvenience. Socializing between classes is another reason between-class lock-

The question: why provide fock-

Watson said the answer is rooted mostly in tradition. "We feel obligated to provide students with a place to store their

things; it's just like the parking-Currently 2,200 space-taking lockers line Northville's high school hallways. About 20 percent are in use. Watson said.

Winning combination In Novi, it's a completely differ-

Unlike Northville, most Novi ch School students use thei lockers daily. In fact, Novi's building addition

included new student lockers.

are almost like a closet," said

School assistant principal.

Stephanie Schriner, Novi High

"Well over 50 percent of the

kids use their lockers. The lockers

Schriner said most kids don't

Halfway through his sophomore

Two worlds apart

Students from each school agree on one aspect of hallway locker use; their counterpart's daily routine is bizarre. Miklos was surprised when she Jearned Novi students use their

He also carries his books in a

"I need my backpack, that's how

Novi students even take locker

use to another level, often sharing

There's two hooks and two

And decorating the home away

Girls decorate their lockers with

mirrors, magazine clippings and

shelves in each locker," Waggy

said, "It's enough room for two

from home is a must for most

female students.

them with locker partners.

backpack.

Loperate," he said.

"I think they're weird," she said. That's so out of the ordinary for

Karn simply does not understand Northville's nomadic prefer-

"Their backs have gotta hurt with all those books," he said. The Novi High School student isn't about to abandon his storage

"We'll always have lockers; that's just how it is." he said.

Alexandra Hollmeyer is a Northville High School senior and a former Northville Record intern.

"Most kids probably don't use their lockers because it's too much of a hassle; the size and length of the school makes it a problem."

school what he doesn't need to

Tim Kam also uses his locker.

"It's a storage bin," he said.

Inside his locker, Karn stores

books he's not using and his coat.

Like most Novi students, junior

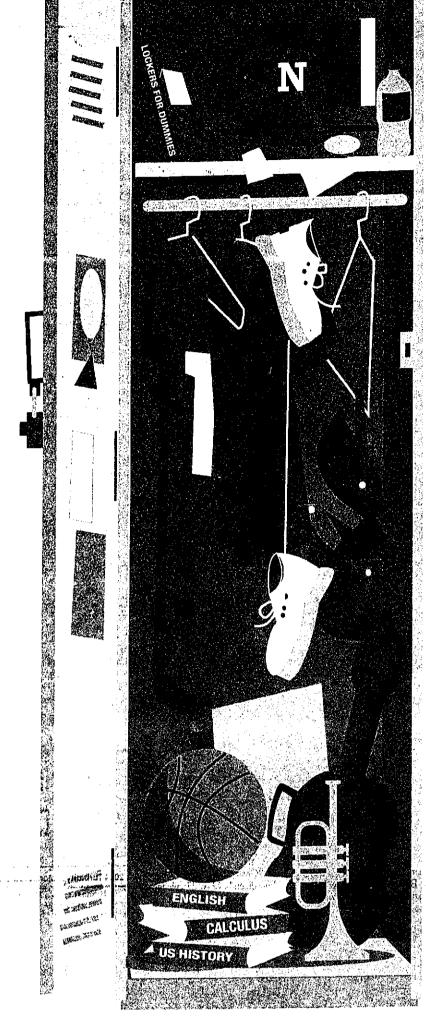
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Robert Watson Northville High School assistant principal



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Novi High School student Tim Karn stores his school supplies the old fashioned way - inside his school locker.



# School locker? Oh, please!

Practical and fashion-conscious students agree: toting the right bag is everything

The Backpack: Old Faithful. Endless versatility, able to hold pretty much anything and everything. Practical and affordable, the backpack is here to stay.

**Entry Level: Boys** 

The Backpack: Once again the trusted backpack makes the list, only to prove it's not going anywhere. Mostly seen with freshman and sophomores, the backpack is most practical when it comes to carrying all



#### Mid-Level: Girls

The Tote/Mailbag/Athletic bag: Sensibility meets style. Any of these bags can double as a backpack or everyday bag. Increasing in popularity, the tote and mailbag have easily

#### Mid-Level: Boys

The Mailbag/Sideline/Athletic Bag: For the more stylish, the mailbag is the way to go. A step-up from the backpack, the mailbag can be slung over one shoulder or across the chest. This makes it

The Designer Bag: Practicality out the window, the designer bag is all about style and status. With designers like Coach and Louis Vuitton, a bag can cost between \$200

#### High-End: Boys

No Bag: Ironically, the most status savvy bag is actually no bag at all. The coolest way to lug your stuff around is to, well, lug your stuff around. A folder, planner, pencil and the occasional book is all you need. This look is mostly seen with sen-



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### FIT FOR LIFE - WEIGHT LOSS

What is the right diet for me? Hnumm? I have a friend who lost 15 pounds points. A

friend who dropped 30 ting out all who knew a

carbs. A friend guy whose friend lost 20

pounds eating nothing but cabbage roup (that sounds yummy). So what should I do?

#### Walking up to the counter

The first step to improving any part of your health and lifestyle is to make the conscious decision to start. You can't buy an Extra Value Meal without driving to the restaurant. Equally, you will never transform your body without eating a structured menu. Once you've decided to make a change, it's time to evaluate all of your choices.

You must understand that each of us starts at different points. Some people are working out four days per week. Others couldn't tell you what a bench press is or does. You are not everybody. Realize that when you read about all these diet plans, that millions of other people are also reading the same thing. In order for them to work, they must be developed to be effective for everyone who does it, even those who start at 100 pounds. You are

that is right for you. You need to What foods can you absolutely

not everybody. You are more than

that. You must find the program

not live without? Potato chips? Cheese? Mine is ice cream. So don't eat them, celebrate them. If your mind tells you that cheese tastes good, enjoy it, but don't go crazy. How much time do you have to eat the right way? If time constraints abound, you need to find a program that allows you to enjoy great tasting, convenient food. Find the program the fits into your lifestyle, and make your decision.

It takes determination to change your body. The faster the weight comes off, the faster it goes back on. Choose the plan that not only helps you look different, but also feel different. You'll never come off medications by eating bacon all day long. Once you've decided on your plan, stick with it. Remember that you are in control.

You have the power to cat the right foods. Make healthy choices and eat small portions throughout the day. Stay consistent, and you will realize that what seems like the impossible is very much possible. If it took 25 years to put on, it's going to take a while to take off. Make three-month goals, and stay

Aaron Pintar is a certified personal trainer at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, He can be reached at (248) 449-7634 or

### Wolverine Lake resident swims for a worthy cause

STAFF WRITER

Some people will go great lengths for something they believe in. An area resident who is a victim of the disease himself will participate for the second year in "Great Lengths for a Cure," a fund-raiser this month in which he will swim 10 miles to raise money to combat

muscular dystrophy.

Ken Begjan of Wolverine Lake, an auto interior designer for Visteon, began swimming 720 lengths (which equates to 10 miles) on May

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy

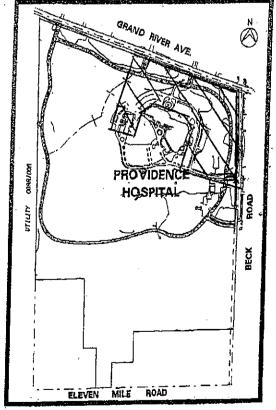
Individuals or businesses who would like to make a donation can contact Begian to sign the MDA pledge sheet at (734) 710-4616. All noney collected goes directly to the

"Every contribution makes a difference," Begian said. The "Great Lengths for a Cure" fund-raiser ends May 27; pledges will be collected the first week of

For more information about mus-2. He will swim half a mile a day or — cular dystrophy, call the MDA office 36 lengths from May 2-27 at one of in Farmington at (248) 474-0235.

#### CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to onsider PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT RECONSTRUC-TION, SITE PLAN NUMBER 05-16 FOR PHELIMINAHY SITE PLAN, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVALS, THE APPLICANT IS ALSO REQUESTING A PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED HELISTOP LOCATION, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17, AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND BECK ROAD, IN THE OSC, OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.



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

(5-5-05 NN 210703)

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

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#### 2004 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

The City of Novi is pleased to present the 2004 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report contains mandatory information about water quality issues and potential health effects, lists the source of our water and provides the results of the water quality monitoring tests for 2004. The treatment and monitoring, of our drinking water, complies with all mandatory Federal and State Drinking Water Regulations. If the water quality is compromised we will notify our customers immediately.

Title XIV of the United States Public Health Service Act (Chapter 373,

38 Stat. 1660), commonly known as The Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399 as amended to 1998 PA 56) require a supplier of water to provide annual Consumer Confidence

CONTAMINANTS AND THEIR PRESENCE IN WATER: Drinking Water, including Bottled Water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More informa-tion about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by lling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (600-426-4791).
SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER: The sources of drinking water

both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from Lake Huron and/or the Detroit River, as appropriate. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting om the presence of animals or from human activity CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may ome from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be natally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domeswastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources uch as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the

cult of oil and gas production and mining activities. Organic chemical contaminates, including synthetic and volatile ganic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and etroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminates in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants bottled water, which provide the same protection for public health.

VULNERABILITY OF SUB-POPULATIONS: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminates in drinking water than the general popuation. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer (under

going chemotherapy), persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and intants can be particularly at risk from Infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Center For Disease Control (CDC) and the risk of infection by guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection b

Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WATER DISTRIBUTION

The City of Novi purchases treated water from the Defroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). The DWSD water supply source is from surface water. The majority of the water supplied to the City of Novi comes from the DWSD Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant. This plant is located north of Port Huron, Michigan at the lower end of Lake Huron. The DWSD reatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chlorine is used for disinfecting the source water and Fluoride is added to the treated

water for the dental care benefits. In 2004 we purchased 2,238,167,100 gallons of treated water from DWSD. The City of Novi currently has more than 11,450 customers on our Water Distribution System. The City of Novi has completed a major twoyear project concerning a Water Distribution System Study and Master Plan Update. The purpose of the study is to develop a vulnerability survey of our system under current conditions, identify major improvements that will be required in the next five years based on our projected growth, an to identify major improvements that will be needed for total development of the city. The Master Plan Update will prioritize the implementation of the critical components identified in the vulnerability survey. In our current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) we have identified construction projects valued in excess of \$13,400,000 for potential construction in the next five to six years.

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements

We will update this report annually and keep you informed of any probiems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are mailed to all 11,450 water account customers, as enclosures in their regular quarterly water and sewer bills (April, May, or June). Additional copies are provided to all multi-family complexes for internal distribution. Copies are also available at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road and the Novi Public Library, 45245 West Ten Mile Road.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report contact: Gary Clark, Assistant DPW Director, (248) 735-5652 or

gclark@cl.novi.mi.us.
For more information about safe drinking water, visit the United States vironmental Protection Agency (US EPA) at www.epa.gov/salewater/.
DETECTED CONTAMINATION TABLES:

The tables and information contained on the next pages are based on tests conducted by DWSD and the City of Novi in the year 2004. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the

Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant

#### 2004 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemic	als – Annu	al Monito	ring at Pla	nt Finished	Water Tap			
Fluoride	8/14/04	ppm	4	4	1.2	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Disinfectant Resi	duals and D	isinfection	n By-Prod	ucts – Mon	itoring in Dis	tribution Sys	tem	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2004	ppb	n/a	80	19.6	9.1-42.1	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2004	ppb	n/a	60	16.6	7.3-31.3	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (chlorine) Residual (ppm)	Jan-Dec 2004	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.81	0.71-0.84	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Radioactive Cont	aminants-Pi	iant Finis	hed Water	Тар				
Alpha Emmitters	11/16/01	pCi/l	0	15	3.19	n/a	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits

2004 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 ho	urs at Plant Finished Water Tap		19 10 19 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting <sup>[[]</sup> Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.13 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness	of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator	of the effectiveness	of our filtration system.

Regulated Contaminant	Trealment Technique	Running Annual Average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	actual TOC removal a	urbon (TOC) removal rational the TOC removal recause the level was low, to	quirements. The TOC w	as measured	Erosion of natural deposits

#### 2004 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5	Erosion of natural deposits
	and for which EDA by	ac not established	contaminants occur and who	other it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established frinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain

#### Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant

Contaminant	CITY C	F NOVI 2003 Microbiological Contamina  MCL	nts - Monthly Monit Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Inibution System  Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform 0 Bacteria	Presence of Coliform bacteria ≥5% of monthly samples	in one Month O	No	Naturally present in the environment	
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year O	No .	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

In 1992 we began testing homes with plumbing systems which may ntribute lead and copper to the household water supply. The results of Hotline (800) 426-4791.

CITY OF NOVI Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources In Drinking Water
Lead	2002	Ppb	0	15	0	5	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2002	Ppb	130	130	72	5	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th per-

Key to Dete	ected Contaminants Tables	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb .	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
П	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
n/a	Not applicable	
≥	More than or equal to	

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# PEOPLE

#### IN THE SERVICE

Army Spec. Richard A. Elliott establishing security, defeating is deploying to Afghanistan to Al-Qaida and Taliban forces, and serve as a member of Combined deterring the re-emergence of Joint Task Force-76 (CJTF-76). terrorism. The soldiers are com-The soldier is regularly assigned mitted to staying the course in to the Southern European Task. Afghanistan and standing firm Force (Airborne) based at with the Afghan people against Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy, forces actively working to prevent the establishment of a stable CITF-76 is a combined and and secure environment.

joint rotation unit supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The soldier will more than two years of military join other units that comprise CJTF-76 to help the Afghan people continue on their progress to Dan B. Elliott of Walled Lake.

Mission objectives of the com- uate of Walled Lake Western bined joint task force include. High School,

Send us your announcements! For more information, call the Novi News at

(248) 349-1700.

### Names in the News

Angela Hospice celebrated the Hospice in a variety of ways duties, gardening and flowering dedication of its 450 volunteers at including patient companionship, arranging, fundraising and event hours in 2004 alone, supporting volunteer appreciation dinner mealtime assistance, bereavement held at Westland's Hawthorne marked five-15 years of service.

time service hours.

Valley Country Club on April 18. Receiving special recognition were volunteers who logged from 500-5,500 lifetime hours, or Novi residents Karen Drescosky and Peggy Malloy, recognized for five years of service; and Terry Gahman, honored for 1,000 life-

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10 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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**NOVI NEWS** 

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· Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you o worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, Sunday School is offered at both services for children of all ages, preschool brough 12th grade.

. This week, Director of Family Ministry Jann Martin will preach on "Love is Obedient." The golf league has started. and 20 men and women play at

Coyole Creek Golf Course each

Dr. Henderson is leading a class on world religions at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The class started on May 3. Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 to cover materials.

The ongoing women's Bible study is Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and again on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The Empty Nester group will be traveling to see the Mud Hen's baseball team on Saturday,

The Christa Grix Harp group will be performing at Faith on Sunday, May 22, at 7 p.m. This group has performed world wide. On Saturday, May 7, the Christian rock band, "Unsung Hero" will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at

The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345. Visit www.faithcommunity-

• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invite all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at the 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric

Adult Bible Study is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and W. Henry II is assistant priest. Worship Service of Compline

is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggert roads), Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe

 Meadowbrook Congregational Church invites everyone to at 10d a Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7-Pilgrim Fellowship members will be holding a car wash from 10 a.m.-| n.m. in the church park ing lot. Langsford Men's Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a free will offering. The choir will present its young adults, but all are wel-

from sacred to classical to popular spirituals. Monday, May 9-Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies-7:30 p.m. Book series, "The Heart of

Spring Concert, which will

Christianity.' Wednesday, May 11-Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies-10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Book series, "Meeting Jesus for the First Time." The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Call (248) 348-7757 for

 Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday For more information, visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-

more information.

is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-· First United Methodist

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ice with prayers for healing of

Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths. It is a serv-The church is located at 777

body, mind, relationship and

spirit on the first Monday of

W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. Phone (248) The Holy Family Church What it means to be Catholic.

holycross.com Are you interested in the Catholic Church? An invitation to come in and get your questions answered will take place on June 6 at 7 p.m. at the church. It will be an informal social evening. Bring a friend and save room for dessert. Please RSVP or call the church with any questions. Ask for The church "Theology on Tap" program is designed for

include musical styles that vary O'Connor's on the corner of Grand River Avenue and Market Street from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m The schedule is: · Monday, May 9 - "Yes Lord,

BUT...Discerning God's Will Moderator: Fr. John Budde, Pastor, Holy Family, Novi Monday, May 16 – "Are You" Saved? Is Baptism Enough?

Understanding that Key Question" Moderator: Fr. John Budde Pastor, Holy Family, Novi The Church of the Holy Family is located at 24505

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> Church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jacqueline E Holdsworth, Call (248) 349-2652 for more information.

Church of Northville phone number is (248) 349-0911.

Church of the Holy Cross'

Outreach Committee presents its first annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 7. Experience chic fashions presented by Smart Chicks, a Novi clothing consignment shop, while nibbling on fresh fruit and scrumptious desserts. Relax with a steaming cup of coffee, hot tea, or try a refreshing glass of ice cold punch Surround yourself with family,

#### NOTICE

old friends and new friends. Share

Notice is hereby given that on 5/26/05 at 3:30 p.m. the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Storage 21650 Novi Rd., Novi, MI,

(Space No. 434) Susan McParland 8 boxes, 4 clothing, 10 furnishing:

(Space No. 18) Gary L. Fischer 75 misc, household goods 3 power tools, 20 other misc. (Space No. 309) Jeffrey Balser

l refrigerator, 1 washing machine, 1 dryer, 7 misc. household goods, 20 boxes, 1 power tool, 6 hand tools 6 household furnishings 2 exercise equipment

neighbor. Come and smell the roses. We'll even capture the memory of your special moment

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 A one-of-a-kind necklace A floral arrangement. The event is for mothers. grandmothers, children and nonnoms as well. It will be held The First Presbyterian from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 W, 10 Mile

Road (between Meadowbrook & Haggerty roads). Tickets are \$12 a piece, but children 3 and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at

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www.churchoftheholycross.com for more information. · Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery. The church is located at

29200 Meadowbrook Road, jus

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# **OPINION**

Novi News

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

#### WHERE WE STAND

#### To Mom: Thanks for everything!

She carried you long before you knew what it meant to be carried and long after you began carrying someone else. She pinched you by stealth when you acted up in church, then made sure you were inside by the time the street lights came on at a time in your life when playing it safe was the last thing on

She quietly looked the other way when Dad came looking for the wrench he couldn't find and found just the right way to not say exactly the wrong thing when the chips were so low you couldn't see up.

She was a confidante and a friend. A clubhouse leader and a dictator you dared not cross.

Beguifing and clever, somehow she always got things to work and figured things out while you conveniently slept. Somehow your future, your safety, your life was always center stage, pre-

She took the job at first without much experience; mostly just high hopes. She smiled as she stumbled and never seemed to take much offense when she became the easiest target in the room, the most readily available punch line.

She threw like a girl, sang odd songs and remained loyal to strange rituals. She bathed and clothed you, disciplined and encouraged you.

She bit her lip as you grew, and insisted you chase your curiosities, your fame, your life.

The only way to catch a dream is to chase it, she said. And yet she never let on that all she really wanted was for you to stay exactly where you were, never grow another inch, never move another mile. Instead she cheered when your brand new bike carried you to

the next block, cheered when your height surpassed her own and smiled through gritted teeth when your perfect job meant moving across the country. She cried silently, away from the crowd. She flattened her regrets with a rolling pin and turned them into cookies she now

bakes for your own children, idyllic reflections of the moments she once cherished most — then relinquished. She was part sentry and part inspiration. Her arms offered quiet salve for life's open wounds. Her heart

was the drumbeat for a better day. Yet all she ever dreamed of having was all you ever had to give. Sunday is Mother's Day. Her payback will be a greeting card. Dinner. Or a weed trimmer.

Make sure you add one thing more: "Thanks, Mom. I love

### Wildcat girls: Soc' it to 'em

It's not easy being recognized as one of the best teams in the country, but the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team has managed to do it. The squad has been named as the 18th best team in the nation and earned the top ranking in state polls recently. This is one of the few teams we feel are actually deserving of such recognition. Most teams get ranked and wouldn't stand up to the

best an unranked team may have to offer. Novi's soccer team is different. The top ranking in the state is deserving, as is their country-wide recognition. We hope there's a state title somewhere in that mix — if they can get by Northville in the playoffs, that is,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A couple of Novi High students try some green beans from a vegetable plant growing in the school's

# TARESTO TO EE

Remove the Social Security cap

In response to the letter on Social Security proposals by President Bush, they are just that, proposals. So far there is no specific plan but more details are now coming out. Some things are known. One is that private accounts will do nothing to save Social Security. In fact, if enacted they will hurt the system by taking away needed funds, and those with private accounts could run the risk of actually getting less in benefits.

Changes to the system are needed but it is not in crisis. There is currenly enough in the trust fund to pay full benefits until 2041 or 2042 - even without any changes. The problem there is that the government would have to make good on the trust fund IOUs. The money has already been spent on other things and not held for its intended purpose.

I started working in the late 1960's and move well above the reach of the average worker (I surpassed the cap four consecutive years in the late 1970's, the last being 1978

However, being that Social Security oper-

ates as a pay-as-you-go plan with no contributions being held or invested in individual accounts, as President Bush has stated, why should there be a cap? If we all pay into a general pool that benefits are drawn from, we should all pay equally. If I pay 6.2 percent on all my earnings, why does someone earning \$180,000 pay FICA taxes on only \$90,000 of it, or only 3.1 percent of their

earnings, into the Social Security system? The easy answer is take off the cap and don't give benefits to those who don't need them. Change it from a system of greed to a system of need (if you don't need it, you don't get it). Or are we just saying, "I am only concerned with mine; the other guy is on his own?"

Lam a resident of Meadowbrook Lake subdivision, which has been dramatically affected by increased traffic since the closure of the Meadowbrook Road Bridge, Sgt.

Perfect time for

28) that the bridge closure was an "unforeseen circumstance" is hard to believe. The Meadowbrook Bridge has been in a deteriorating state for years. When you add in the increased traffic these past two years due to ongoing road construction throughout Novi. it was inevitable that the bridge would buckle. Now, the residents of this city have to suffer through many long months of yet another roadblock

Fanning's comment in the Novi News (April

I am hopeful, however, that when the bridge is reconstructed, it will include an improved sidewalk passage. I have written several letters over the past few years and spoken with Mayor Csordas personally about the dire need for sidewalks along Meadowbrook Road, I know that budget is always an issue, but it seems timely and cost efficient to coordinate the installation of sidewalks along Meadowbrook Road during the bridge reconstruction, particularly between Nine and Ten Mile roads. Let's use this "unforeseen circumstance" to give the residents of Novi something they have been requesting for years — an efficient sidewalk

system throughout our growing city.

Susan Harrington

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# Sure it just snowed, but plan now for summer camp

Hello Muhdda, Hello Fahdda, Here Lam, in camp, Guess I'm

dating

myself with

that one, eh:

many of my

never attend

ed summer

camp. My

Unlike

friends, I



mom staved home, so us three kids did, too. Nowadays, with both parents working, camps are a luxury

and a necessity. Thankfully, the Novi Parks Department offers the Road Warriors Camp with eight sessions throughout the summer. The Monday-through-Friday

slots are June 20-24; June 27-

July 1; July 11-15; July 18-22; July 25-29; August 1-5; August 8-12 and August 15-Early registration Novi residents wraps up tomorrow, and placements will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 at

the Civic Center (non-residents

can sign up May 23).

with such a serious illness.

they don't have to.

the Children's Leukemia

Foundation have a unique way of

helping put some much-needed

money in their funds by hosting

marathon that brings in people and

"Hollywood Nights," a movie

donations from across metro

The list of activities for this year is pretty staggering ropes course, swimming, canoeing, wave pool, rock climbing, bowling, Cedar Point, Detroit Tiger games, a water park... I didn't do that much stuff in my entire child-

hood! Naturally, participation is expected to be quite high, and a lottery system will be used to place children. If your child is placed in one session. After all applicants have been placed, your child can be entered into

a second lottery for more placements if you wish Road Warrior hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but arrival is required between 9:15 and 9:25 a.m.

If this sounds like something you would like your child to be a part of, you can call the parks department at (248) 347-0400 or send them an e-mail to noviroadwarriors@hotmail.com.

· If you haven't already bought your tickets for the Novi Congratulations to Dan Chamber of Commerce's big Austin and Ann Glubzinsky, I fund-raiser (see our front page) know they both will serve the please do so, lt's a great organi-Novi School District proudly. zation, and I know they have a

people he'll never meet.

right up his alley.

The Clarkston resident said he

could do other things to raise

money, but watching movies is

"I'm not into other kinds of

marathons," he said. "I'm not

into running around and physi-

did much more than that, raising

an average of \$157 each.

cally exerting myself until I

great choices.

They will be part of a seven-per-

son board that faces some majo

challenges in the future. I think

And to those who weren't

selected, I know you will remain

involved and continue to con-

tribute. Hats off to all for a fine

the people made a couple of

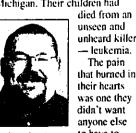
great evening planned.

· Lastly, a friend of mine called me on the way in to work Wednesday morning, asking if I had heard about the terrible car crash involving the Weinstein family. I hadn't, but as she relayed the details, my speed dropped and I thought about my family. What a completely senseless tragedy. Gary, you will be in my prayers...

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

# Movies, food and helping children - what could be better?

In 1952, grief had struck the hearts of several parents in Michigan, Their children had



anyone else to have to S. Eggleston igain. The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan was

"There are a lot of movie families across the state and the lovers out there," said Jim programs they provide are Blackledge of the foundation "They are filling the theaters designed to help people cope every weekend, and this is basi overcome barriers and maintain cally a dream come true for or improve their quality of life as

they face the challenge of dealing A straight 24 hours of first-run movies with all-you-can-eat pop-The foundation, however, can't corn and pon as well as breakdo it by themselves. Thankfully, fast, lunch and dinner? No wonder the program has continued to Emagine Theater in Novi and

grow over the past few years. This year, the Children's Leukemia Foundation's movie , marathon raised over \$27,500 and had 175 participants. Both numbers were increases over last

None other than Dave Mengyan, 38, of Clarkston. His name may not be well known in Novi, but it's well known at the foundation that he chooses to help. This year. Mengyan raised \$958 to be

the top fundraiser. Out of the six

years he's been attending the

event, he's raised the most money for five of them. "It just happens. I have generous friends, family and co-work-

ers," said Mengyan. "I may have raised a good amount of money but it's nothing I'm doing except beating the bushes." Mengyan earned two year-long

said is the best he has been to for

this event, and the gratitude of

puke. I like movies and this event is a lot of fun." Mengyan does more than just raise money and watch movies, He adds to the pot by recruiting family and friends to join him. Each participant was asked to bring in roughly \$95 to be included in the marathon. They passes to Emagine, a theater he

Novi did its part, too. Besides having participants from the area joining in, they helped myself and my wife collect a total of \$895 between us. Novi and Northville High School coaches, athletes and parents were the majority of our fund-raising

I'd like to personally thank all of you who helped with this great cause. You have my appreciation. that of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and hundreds of people you'll never

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

# OTHER OPINIONS

# Fractional not fractured representation might be better

across all districts, so there would

be no point in fooling with dis-

election victories to one party or

Second, it would provide each

voter, whether on the winning or

losing side, with real representa-

tion. A Republican candidate run-

ning in Detroit might get only 10

percent of the

vote, but the GOP

vote system every

citizen's vote would count, it

election for granted.

would encourage each candidate

to campaign hard and not take re-

Fourth, it would curtail the ten-

dency of each party to nominate

Two-member districts would give

political parties new incentive to

nominate attractive, middle-of-

appeal to a broad cross-section.

vote. Republicans would quickly

realize it would be smart to nom-

inate moderate candidates to run

in Democratic areas to win the

biggest possible share of voting

power; conservative Democrats

still have influence on policy-

obliged to consider moderate

have the effect of causing our

political action committees, or

(PACs), to spread more money

around. Currently, most PAC's

contribute overwhelmingly to

incumbents, especially those in

safe districts. Under the proposed

system, PAC's would have to fig-

both "winning" and "losing" can-

Sure, there are problems with

Dual representation from each

legislative district could double

the numbers of legislators (God-

forbid!) and double salary, fringe

The trouble with The Tube

ing us that we would no longer

was one reason there was a

actually true...for awhile.

charge for the service. At the

time it made sense, and it was

have to watch commercials. That

Over the years we have gotten

to the point where we are watch-

ing more commercials on cable

TV than ever. We are even pay-

ing for the "privilege" of watch-

ing "Paid Advertising" programs

Give me a break. All of the

advertisers have paid to have

their commercials shown, and

company again to watch them?

We not only have less actual

minutes/hours of programs for

our money, but we have more

Kids are not the only ones

developing short attention spans;

the parents are even more inun-

dated with interruptions and

to watch commercials, then I

way of reduced fees for the

should be compensated in the

increased viewing time devoted

actually did get what we paid for.

instead of commercials, then at

least cable television would be

worth the price. Regular televi-

limit ads, especially during

ion, on the other hand, should

shows devoted to families and/or

television, in general, seems to

be there to just entertain us and

relaxation for adults, who do not

home, and a cheap babysitter for

our children. It is a numbing

want to think when they get

We all need to think more, and

to commercials. Perhaps if we

mental manipulations. If I have

interruptions than ever.

then we get to pay the cable

Fifth, split-vote districts would

making.

thereby increasing their total

the-road candidates who can

the most extreme candidates.

trict boundaries to guarantee

. In last week's column, I argued that our politics have become excessively partisan, sterile and uncompetitive, largely because both political parties have mastered the art of gerrymandering boundaries so that the vast major ity of districts are now virtually always safe for one party or the

The political process has been further distorted because activist partisans of both left and right often hijack our primary selection process by nominating candidates who are extremists of one sort or another. That, in turn, causes each party to largely play to its hardcore supporters meaning that all too often, reason

Phil Power able moderates in both parties feel left out. But what can we do about it? Lots of well-intentioned people

have proposed fixing the ways district lines are drawn, but no solution solves the problem that partisanship will inevitably creep into any redistricting process. So I think we need to look at it in a new and different way. I've come to the conclusion that the core of the problem is not in the ways that district lines are drawn but in the fact that we have only singlemember, winner-take-all districts. Life is much more complicated

than that. And way back in 1989, Bernard Apol, the universally respected Michigan elections director from 1967 to 1980, wrote a paper for Public Sector Consultants in which he suggested we seat in our legislative bodies the two highest vote getters in each district.

Each would be allowed to vote on every bill - but their votes would be weighted to count just as much as the percentage of the vote they received in the general election. The Republican who won 70 percent of the district votes would have 0.7 of a legislative vote: the Democrat who won 30 percent of the votes could cast——ure they need to buy access to 0.3 of a legislative vote, and so

Here's why that would be better: First, it would do away entirely with gerrymandering. Each political party would get the same share of legislative voting power as it received in the popular votes

. Back on January 23, 2005,

Parade Magazine ran an article,

written by Norman Mailer, enti-

tled, "One Idea," where he had

answered the question, "If you

would it be?" His article ended

with this quote: "I believe that

to go. Let us pay directly for

what we enjoy on television

elevision commercials have got

rather than pass the spiritual cost

on to our children and their chil-

The magazine then asked if

readers agreed with his article. I

never did hear back, but here, in

I would have to say that I both

sn't worth remembering, anyway.

I agree that there are too many

commercials on television, but

they often display more thought

and intelligence than the shows

they interrupt. I agree that com-

nercials are designed to get a

points are often made in inappro-

priate manners, while exhibiting

I really found a portion of the

last sentence in the article very

funny, but not in a ha-ha way.

Mr. Mailer writes, "Let us pay

directly for what we enjoy on tel

tual cost on to our children and

their children." When cable tele-

vision first came on the scene, it

was promoted by telling/promis-

evision, rather than pass the spiri-

point across quickly, but the

nappropriate behaviors.

agree and disagree. I agree that

commercials do break our con-

centration, but usually the pro-

gram we are concentrating on

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opinion, on his opinion.

could do one thing to change

America for the better, what

with two lawmakers for each. plit-vote repre-Would voting in each chamber centative would be unnecessarily complicated, still have 0.1 of a with each member having a fraccounted every tional vote? That would perhaps have been a problem in the old time. Under our current system.

days, when many legislators were citizens who vote hard put to add fractions (or for a loser wind much of anything else) without up entirely unrepsquinting at their fingers and toes.) But today's computerized resented. Third, it would tote boards could solve the probmake our political lem of recording proportionate system far more votes for each legislator in a competitive. Because in a split-

What about voting in committees? It's arithmetically possible, for instance, for committees with members holding fractional votes to have fewer total votes than the numbers of members. If this proves to be a problem (and I don't think it would be) simply give each legislator a full vote in committee, and a partial vote in

and staff costs. One solution

have in Nebraska.

would be to create a unicameral

(one house) legislature, as they

Another, which I prefer, would

be to double the size of each cur-

and Senate. That would give us a

state House consisting of 55 dis-

tricts, each represented by two

legislators, while the Senate

would have 19 districts, each

rent district in both the House

the full chamber. Apol concluded his paper with these words: "Of all institutions in U.S. society, none has changed less than our political process and governing structure. Essentially, we run for office and run government much the same way as we did in the early years of the 19th century.

'Our dedication to a vital, rep-

could run in Republican districts resentative form of government requires us to question age-old and emerge with enough votes to conventions and to seek means to make government as accountable, Both party caucuses would be responsible and fairly representative as possible."

Amen. Anybody interested in improving our currently sterile, bitter and increasingly ineffective politics ought to be excited about the possibility of a change like this. Of course, current incumbent politicians will pooh-pooh the idea ... but what does that tell you? To me, that makes it even more clear that this is an idea whose time has come.

Phil Power, the former chairman of Hometown ications Network and regent of the University of Michigan, is a longtime observer of politics, economics, and education issues in Michigan.

have the time for them, or the

do not really think that a child

desire to spend time with them. I

actually "comes to recognize that

concentration is not one's friend,

but is treacherous." A child, as

well as an adult, is just condi-

tioned to not concentrate more

than necessary in order to get a

message across. This philosophy

produce, and television/cable sta-

tions can run more of them every

hour, and, consequently, generate

would be my "One Idea."

Commercials shown during a

the same "rating" as the show

ads for other television shows,

Commercials should have rat-

more than we want, when it

motivating television shows.

Now go find a good book and

read it to your child, but stop at

encourage/help him/her to finish

Rawland Storm

the most interesting part, and

reading the story.

comes to commercials, and less

than we want when it comes to

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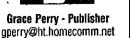
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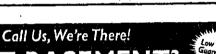
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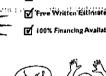




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are required to have these

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Avoid emotional overspending

dress a loved one in a favorite outfit

# **SENIORS**

# Men are really cooking now

Senior men decide to fend for themselves

By Aileen Wingblad

kitchen and finding a path to like a spatula, ladle or cheese They're "Men Making Meals,"

themselves for breakfast, lunch meets at a local grocery store, home, but she's not interested in good first step. and dinner, or to pick up some where students learn about wise cooking. new tips on how to do it better. The men, Joe Quinlan, Mel labels. Sinai Hospital in Commerce last food storage. For that class, month. Held, at the hospital's. Sylvia Treitman, a food and nutri-

"My wife did all of the cooking. She kept everybody out of the in New York.

experience - or none at all.

(of men) just didn't cook." helping him with meals since his Treitman said.

learning their way around a asked to identify common utensils cinnamon oranges.

food choices and how to read Friedman, Jerry Connor, Ted Session three focuses on food her isn't much to his liking, how-week, I will be." Practet and Paul Motdoch, partic-safety, including effective hand ever, so Motdoch usually cooks Meals program at Huron Valley- while food is prepared and proper class to get some tips on nutrition planned for June. The cost is \$45. Krieger Center, the class is run by tion educator from Michigan when we learned what to buy and tal's Krieger Center at (248) 937-Rich Kelley, hospital community. State University Extension is how much, and how to read. 3314. health educator, and Samara brought in Treitman, whose spe-Long, a registered dictition at the cialty is food safety, helped write hospital. It is designed for men—the Men Making Meals program age 60 and up with little cooking with staff from Area Agency on

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Aging, modeling it after a similar

course developed a few years ago

#### about eight months ago, "And like their wife is not able to prepare FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wyndham Garden Hotel of Novi is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent to show case four (4) vehicles at 42100 Crescent Boulevard. This request is for May 16, 2005 through May 18, 2005. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:30

TUP 05-018

am on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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#### FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-017

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start cooking on his own, dents at each class, as well, yet at. Men Making Meals program, "I "They've done real good, but I session four the class puts all its used to get a panic attack in the can't expect them to do it forev---new skills to the ultimate test, cre----kitchen, like I stumbled into the ating a multi-course meat. For ladies room, I'd ask myself, what The class meets once a week April's program, the final menu am I doing here?" for four weeks, beginning with was spinach orange salad,

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and learn new recipes, he said.

away. It's the first time they have Fellow student Joe Quinlan of about cooking a few weeks ago wife died, but he's now ready to Lunch is prepared by the stu-but that's all changed with the

Ouinlan said he never thought measuring and stirring, simmers—the basics. Students are quizzed—spaghetti with meat sauce, oven—he'd need to learn to cook, since ing and sauteing - and ultimate- on "Kitchen IQ," where they're baked garlie bread and poached there was always someone willing to do the job for him - his mother. Student Paul Motdoch, a the cook in the army, his wife. After 42 years of marriage, howniques and how to substitute be quite a leap from the canned ever, he divorced and for the first a group of five senior guys, wid- ingredients in recipes when nee- spaghetti sauce he was accus- time ever, it was up to him to preowed, married or divorced, who essary, such as sugar for honey or tomed to. A truck driver by trade, pare his meals. Three weeks into decided it was time to fend for soy sauce for bullion. Session two Motdoch said he has a wife at the class, he said it had been a "I don't feel ready to take con-

"She'd just as soon eat Froot trol of the kitchen - yet," Loops," he said. A cold cereal din- Quinlan said. "But maybe by next The next four-week session of

To sign up or for more informa-"The best part of this class was tion, call Rich Kelley at the hospi-

#### CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-016

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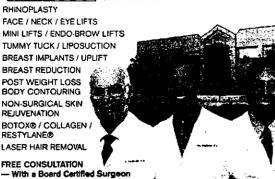


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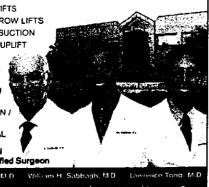
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Jerry Connor of Novi gets some tips for making stir fry from Samara Long, a registered dietitian, during a session of Men Making Meals at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

Aileen Wingblad is a reporter 1507 ext. 22 or by e-mail at ipated in the first Men Making washing, avoiding contamination for himself. He signed up for the Men Making Meals is being for the Milford Times. She can be awingblad@ht.homecomm.net.

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# Making last rites more manageable

**■** Funeral pre-planning and paying ease burden

By Kim Kovelle

Audrey Wright still has a few good years to live, but she's planned The 81-year-old Novi resident

already has purchased a gravesite and marker. She's interested in prearranging other details with her chil-"I'm a realist," she said. "I just want to get it all in place. You just

Last week, she and a handful of

other seniors attended a seminar on pre-arranging and funding their unerals at the Novi Senior Center. Joe Piekacz, family service manager at Novi's Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens cemetery, was on hand to address the increasingly common practice.

As basic as funeral home and grave plot and specific as cremation years, Piekacz said. scattering or casket material, early plans can save extra grief - and "It's not so hard on the family,"

or make arrangements." Preparations can be daunting. A casket and vault alone can cost \$6,000, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. That doesn't include flowers,

SENIOR CALENDAR

From the Heart of the Classics Trip

Monday 5/9

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9 a.m. .....Stretch and Strength

10 a.m. ......Body Recall

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9 a.m. .....Stretch and Strength

10 a.m. Body Recall noon Lunch and 12:30 p.m. Pinochle\*

1:30 p.m. . . . . Mother's Day Party (adv. ticket req.) 

Tuesday 5/10

9 a.m. . . . . . . Line dance

10 a.m. ..... Asian Pacific

11:30 a.m. ..... "Sexuality and Aging," by Sharon

12:30 p.m. .... Bingo

Pickacz said. "It's the worst possible bursed to your beneficiary." day of your life to pick out a casket Over 40 years, Northville funeral director John Sassaman has helped families at Northville's Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors.

Pre-paying freezes costs, which

"The money goes into a trust that

"Whatever you put into the contract is guaranteed," he said. funeral home, Sassaman said, more and more aware.

..Lunch/clogging

. .Duplicate Bridge

money is kept in trust accounts or insurance policies and monitored

Interest stays with the account.

Michigan funeral homes ultimately

nobody can touch," said Piekacz. can keep up to 10 percent of the funds as a fee, according to the Because it's an insurance policy, it Michigan Funeral Directors accrues value. The benefit is reim-People on the move have helped

bolster the trend. "Todav's families are not as everyone lives in the geographic area," Sassaman said, "In the last 10

12:30 p.m. . . . . . . Focus Hope

9 a.m. ...... Women's Golf begins

10 a.m. .....Body Recall

10:30 a.m. Quilting II a.m. Blood pressure
II a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class

1:30-3 p.m. .... Book Discussion "A Hiding Place"

\*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175

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Wednesday 5/11

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Thursday 5/12

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the locale a church or a park? Will close-knit as they used to be where the casket be solid oak or stainless When a check is written to a years or so, people are becoming

Oakland Hills cemetery representative Joe Piekacz talks with a group at the Novi Senior Center on "Your Last Wishes, Prearranging Funerals" on a recent Wednesday afternoon.

For that reason, two-grave sites

are more common. Even so, mau-

details also can be planned in

soleum arrangements or cremation

Locale can vary widely, too, from waterfronts to backyards. There's also a flood of last rites. Will it be a quick cremation or traditional, full-service burial? Are one

or three viewing days preferred? Is

spending more money than you would have had you consulted with

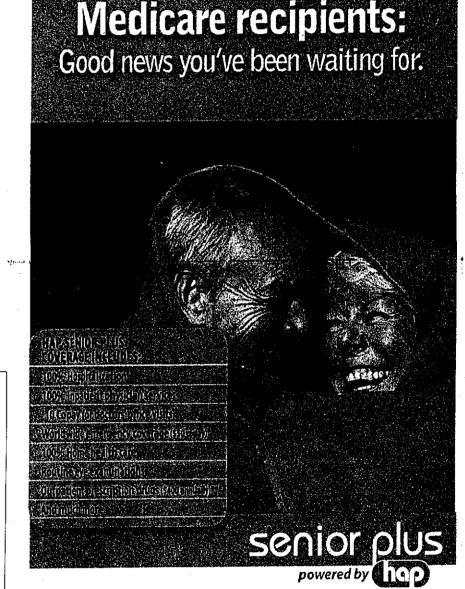
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"A lot of times there's a lot of up and not handy in time for funerguilt," Piekacz said, "You end up als, Sassaman said.

signed. Last wills might be locked

Note: by federal law, funeral homes must accept and handle urns and caskets purchased elsewhere

When the death certificate is in tapped, and plans are put into action. plans written out and preferably said. "We want to do it with digni-



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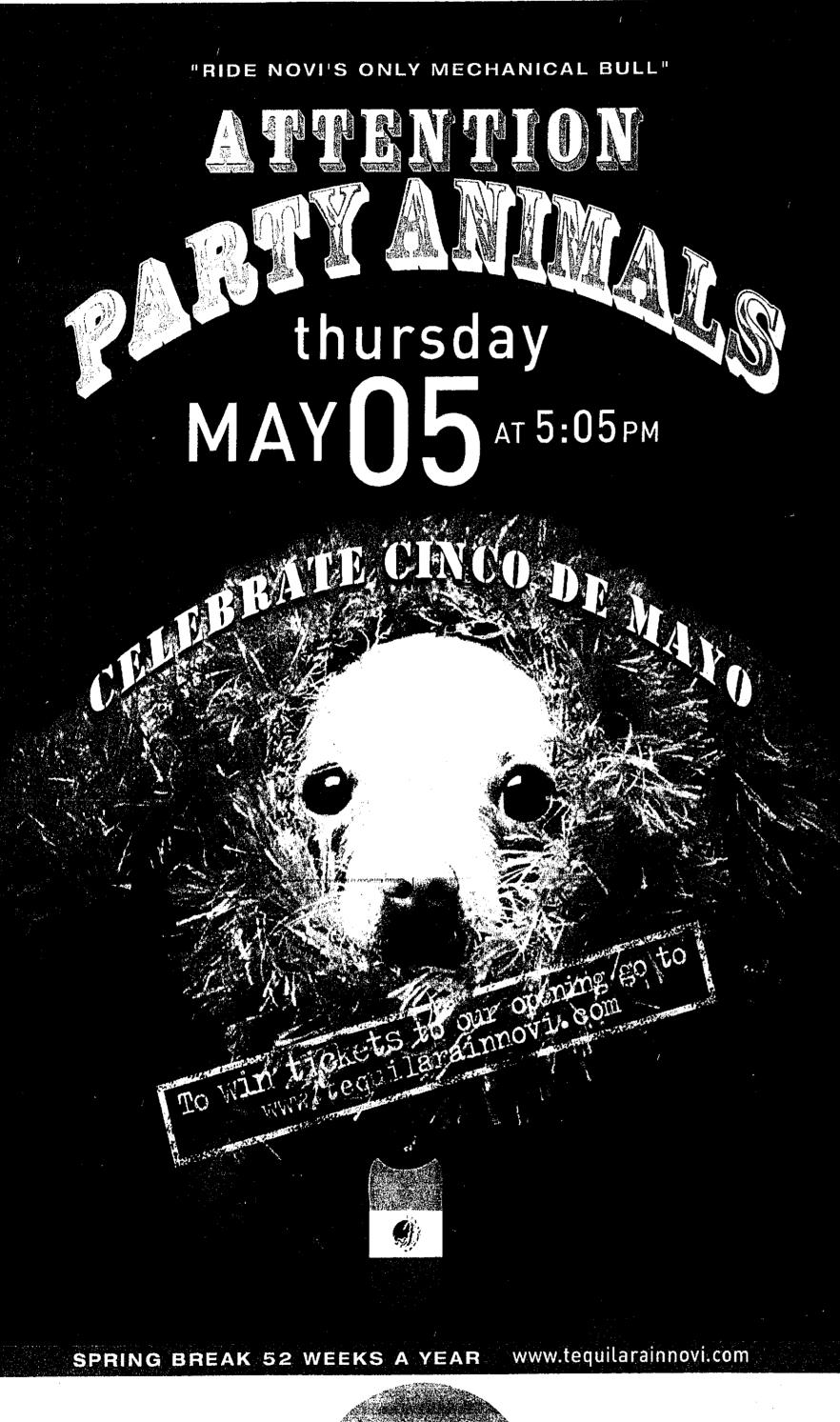
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onal Building Safety Week May-8-14. With the city of Novi specting to issue about 1,000 ilding permits for homes this ar, Novi Building Official Don Soven keeps busy. He recently dok a few moments to talk about iob - and life beyond.

### Building official

• Age: 58 • Marital status: Kathleen; farried 37 years · Children: Mary Ellen, 27;

dark, 25 Hometown: Detroit, east

· Current residence: South Education: Associate's legree in construction engineering from Lawrence

hnological University Community volvement/activities: Veterans of Foreign Wars; den leader, assistant scout master for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts · Faith/religious affiliation: Roman Catholic, St. Joseph in

Place of employment: city Title: building official

· Length of time in that position: since 1991 • Previous experience: city of Novi deputy building official, 1985-91; Highland Township building official, circa 1979-84;

licensed builder, circa 1977-78;

city of Novi inspector, 1973-76 Job description: Making sure the buildings are safe for the reviews. I'm kind of like the cen-Ier of a wheel, the hub of a wheel where all the information is fit to this department. On the outside are the concepts and ideas. You're putting the project together and actually putting a shovel in the ground. It's probably anywhere from 65-70 hours a week : Favorite aspect of job: The cople. Love the people. I love

ic. I can't say enough about my Least favorite aspect of job: When people don't understand why certain things are done. It's just that they haven't done a thorough job in investigating what needed to be done before they

tting packages together. This

is so exciting and so dynam-

 Biggest challenge you face: Dealing with major projects and making sure everything's going

• If you could have any other iob: I think I'd like to be a teacher. It's primarily a pipe dream. I have the opportunity to talk to third-year architects and teach them a little bit about building codes. I used to do this at Lawrence Tech. It's really exciting. You've got people that want to learn.

#### Personal side

· Your best advice: Be thorough. From a building code standpoint, just remember the environmental concerns are so important. If you're talking about life in general, life's almost like a milking stool, with each leg representing life in itself, where religion becomes a balance in your life, your work and your family.

doubt. Nothing matters more than your family. I like to see end results - goal oriented. Most influential person That can go back to my father. We have one person in this com

munity that I look to and he probably doesn't even know it. That's Ernic Harwell. That man is the greatest person that that I've ever run across. · Quality you most admire in

people saying "no" sometimes without really reviewing all the

That's my wife. She is love of

thing about yourself: Stop taking things to heart too much. I beat myself up too much. I want to see things go well. • First car: A 1952 Ford, It

• Favorite film: The Rock · Favorite music: Easy listen-

ing jazz. George Howard, Dancing in the Sun, that type of

was sea mist green.

right, specifically for those which

were involved in litigation.

 Three words to describe you: A people person, without a

a person: Honesty and integrity. Those are two major, major • Pet peeve: Negativity. I hate

· Greatest fear: Stress. Most treasured possession

· If you could change one

• Favorite writer: Clive Cussler ("Raise the Titanic"). The guy does so much research before he writes the book it just makes you sick. It was unreal.



Novi Building Inspector Don Saven takes a look at some blueprints in the building department at the Novi Civic

Everybody here knows that I go to Kim's Gardens. I love that

· Preferred TV shows: Really not into it, except ESPN Sports. Baseball, definitely.

· Any hobbies: I collect baseball cards. I got interested because they changed their style. They're a little more elaborate now... but I still like the old ones. I collect the 1959 All Stars - Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams. I do have a signed Babe Ruth picture. Those are my pride and

I love to do a lot of water sports, I swam with the manatees and definitely the sting rays. I'm a critter person, and so is my wife. We love getting out snor-

 If you won \$10 million in the lottery tomorrow: Probably pay off the bills, my house, certainly take care of my church, my kids — just the normal

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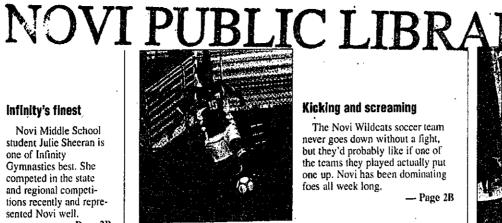






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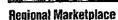
Novi Middle School student Julie Sheeran is one of Infinity Gymnastics best. She competed in the state and regional competitions recently and represented Novi well. --- Page 3B



#### Kicking and screaming

The Novi Wildeats soccer team never goes down without a fight, but they'd probably like if one of the teams they played actually put one up. Novi has been dominating foes all week long.

# **SPORTS**



Chris Meredith's Milford shop, Your Nesting Place, is celebrating its 10th year offering one-of-a-kind boutique items.

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# Season switch stalled

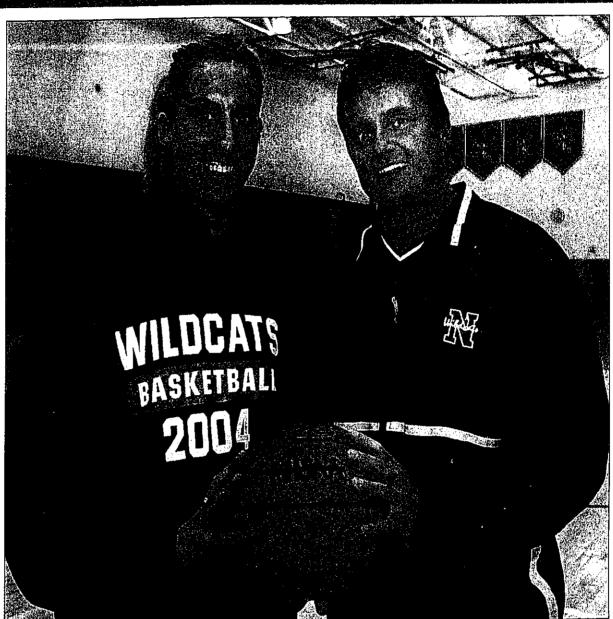
The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Monday the expected change of seasons will not take place - for

The United States Supreme granted the MHSAA's Court request for an appeal in the sports season litigation. Had the seasons switched, as ordered by a lower court, volleyball would have moved to the fall while girls basketball would have moved to the winter season. Also switching would have been girls golf and boys tennis to the fall and girls tennis and boys golf to the spring.

"Thousands of student-athletes. parents, coaches, administrators, officials, board of education members, sports media and fans of high school sports are breathing a sigh of relief that they will have another day in court," said John Roberts, the executive director of the MHSAA.

The Supreme Court's decision sends the case back to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, which previously upheld the ruling in the case. In granting the appeal, the Supreme Court vacated previous orders in the gender equity lawsuit by the Sixth Circuit Court.

According to a prepared statement by the MHSAA, all indication are that no chance in tournament dates or seasons will occur in the 2005-06 school year.



Novi High School Varsity Başketball Coach Bill Kelp, right, will be losing star player Rachel Folino to Division One school Niagara University this fall.

#### Well done!

Jessica Westfall, a Novi golfer, set two school records when team made the trek to Traverse City last weekend.

The golfer set the school's nine-hole and 18-hole records for low strokes.

### Speaking of golf...

Novi graduate J.J. Balagna is well know at the high school for his work with the wrestling and boys golf teams.



Balagna decided spread the wealth though, picking up a coaching gig with

Northville Mustangs girls golf team. When the head varsity coach was away. Balagna even helped the Mustangs to a victory!

#### Whew!

We're not sure the games could get any closer for Novi's girls soccer team.

Let's see - in just the past three games they've managed to secure 23 goals while earning three shutouts.

Yeah, that's right. 23-0 over the past three games. The KVC is theirs unless something goes hor-

ribly wrong. The team is ranked 18th in the entire country right now and 1st in the state. That's what we like to call serious recognition here at the Novi News.

### Novi standout verbally commits to

Niagara University

By Sam Eggleston

It was only a matter of time before Rachele Folino found the right home for her basketball skills.

Niagara University, in New York, was the lucky team to earn her ability in exchange for a scholarship.

"I really like the atmosphere there," said Folino. "The coaches are great too and I really feel comfortable there.

"Academically and athletically, it's the best step for me.

The Novi junior, who averaged 14 points and 8.8 rebounds a game this year, hasn't signed her name to the dotted line as of yet she can't officially until November. However, the Wildcat standout can give a verbal commitment to the school of her choice.

"I think it's a great choice for Rachele," said Jim Halverson, the coach for Folino's club team, the Michigan Belles. "She's an outstanding, versatile player. She can play just about any position on the floor. Niagara's lucky to have her."

Folino said though she's excited about playing for the Eagles, she also plans on focusing a lot of her time and energy on stud-

Niagara is a top-flight educational school. "Freshmen need to have a 3.0 or better," she said of grade-point averages. "There's a study hall, every week, that's mandatory if you need it or not. They definitely stress academics there."

The Eagles play in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and are Division I. Folino is the first Division I recruit out of

Novi's girls basketball program. "We're really proud of her," said Novi coach Bill Kelp. "She brings everything to the court. I think she can do everything well, but her biggest strength is her work ethic and her dedication to being the best basketball

player she can be."

Folino is well aware she'll have to continue striving to be that kind of player if she hopes to continue her success at Novi. She's already adding strength to her alreadyimpressive arsenal as she's been hitting the weights three days a week at the high school.

She's going to keep playing with the Belles and with the Wildcats as well, hoping to add to every facet of her game.

The Novi junior's going to have to over-

come a lot this year. "I'm definitely going to have to learn to deal with that in the KVC this year," she said. "They know who you are after three years. They know your flaws because they know what you're good at and what you need to work on.

"I've got to work on all aspects of my game if I want to overcome what I'll face in the KVC this year."

Picking a college means Folino has a lot of weight lifted off her shoulders. She had several interested in her, asking her to come out for visits and to meet with the coaches.

Despite having Niagara nearly a done deal, she said there is still pressure to showcase her ability on the hardwood.

"There's always going to be stress," she said. "I want to win because I never want to lose. I'm always out to impress people because I'm always out to play my best. I'm not going to play any worse just because I know where I'm going to college. I'm not that kind of person. I want to make my senior year the best I can."

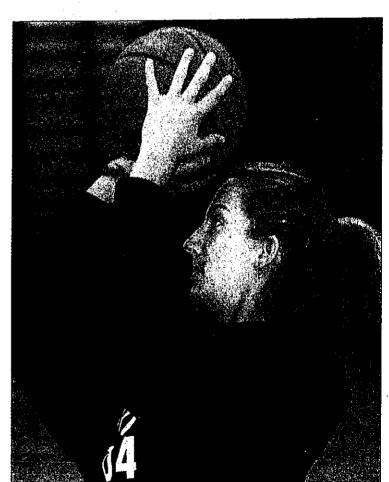
Kelp said he'd expect nothing less from a player like Folino, who he hopes will help lead his team to a KVC title next year.

He added his star forward will most likely have even more tools for the job this fall.

"I expect her to be even better and not just the same-old Rachele," he said. "I believe she can be better because I know how hard she

Halverson said Folino brings more to the table than many players. Players are normally capable of being good at offense, defense, shooting or rebounding. Folino has all of it.

"I liken her to Tayshaun Prince," he said. "He's not a great rebounder or a great defender, but he sets screens, rolls off of them and does everything you want him to



Soon-to-be-former Novi Wildcat Rachel Folino shoots some hoops in the high school gymnasium.

do. He may not lead the Pistons in scoring, but Tayshaun is always doing something to win a game. That's exactly what Rachele

And that's exactly what Folino hopes to continue to do. She said it's nice to be able to lead a team in scoring, but she hopes it's all the little things that continue making her capable of being named All-Area Player of

the Year.

"It's not all about scoring," she said. "It's about defense and it's about the little things. How do you move without the ball? How well do you set screens? Roll off them? It's all the little details that improve all the aspects of the game.

"I hope to be the best I can be in all of the

Jessica Westfall's new school record for 9 holes of golf.

Westfall's new Novi High School record for 18 holes

of golf.

Shutouts earned by senior soccer goalie Kim Herbst so far this

Goals scored by Stephanie Crawford over three games. The team has scored 23.

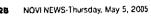
Points by which the

season.

Place the Novi Wildcats boys track team took at the Holly Invitational.

Novi girls track team lost to Brighton last week.

Last time boys track lost a dual meet.





Shannon Cody and Kelly Herbert defend against





Kristi Timar runs past a Hartland player.



# Wildcats: #1 in state; #18 in nation; 23-0 last three games



Jessica Barndt kicks against



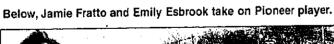
A Wildcat goes up for a header against

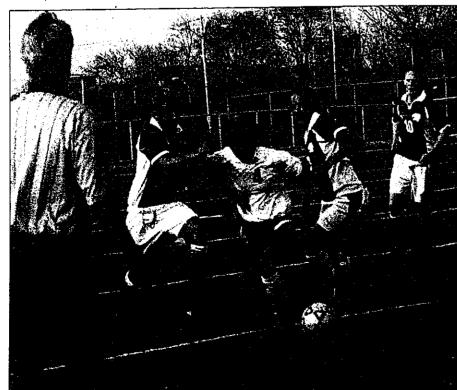


Shannon Cody clears against Hartland.



Above, Shannon Cody battles for the ball against Hartland.





**Photos by Barbara Herbst** 







# Julie Sheeran succeeding with Infinity Gymnastics

Sheeran, who goes to Novi
Middle School, is a member of plenty of success at with Infinity. This year she qualified She's a level eight gymnast out for the regional competition but

"I didn't think they cared about At 13 years old, Novi's Julie the gymnast and didn't appreci-Sheeran already puts in more ate them. When I went to hours than many young adults Infinity they showed me around apply toward their part-time and how they did things. I liked

couldn't compete on the vault "I tried out a couple of other due to an injured ankle. She did,

gyms and thought they were however, compete on the bars way too serious," Sheeran said.

pretty high score, If I wouldn't

To qualify for the regional, Sheeran had to showcase her ability at the state level. There she took an all-around score of 35,425. She took tifth on the vault with a season-high score

It wasn't just the state finals or the regional where Sheeran showcased her ability.

"Her best overall performance was at the Chicago Style Invitational," said Darlene Hadley of Infinity. "There she earned a third place all-around with her season high of 36.175." Sheeran put in plenty of hours of practice to get at the level where she currently competes. On an average week she puts in anywhere from 16-20 hours in preparation for her meets. It's worth it though. Beyond

placing in events, Sheeran just enjoys being involved in the "I really love gymnastics," she said. "It's fun, You get to flip around and then you say 'Wow, I can do that. I don't know too many people that can do that,' It's cool and it's fun."

Though Sheeran has the option of joining the high school's gymnastics team next year, she said she'll most likely choose to stick with Infinity. She said out of all of the events she prefers to participate in the bars and the beam.

The Novi Middle School student said she clearly remembers when she first started in gymnastics. She wasn't nearly at the level she is now. "I remember all of the big

girls doing all the cool stuff," she said. "I didn't think I'd ever do that. Now I can do some of but it's real scary to try it for the

plenty to learn though. As a including a very difficultlevel eight gymnast she isn't sounding maneuver. to her skill levels. However, there are still plenty of skills to back handspring full twist," she student with mostly As and Bs level 10 and the Olympic-ability

Novi Middle School student Julie Sheeran is a standout gymnast with the Infinity club. level nine next year," she said. "We're finished with the season now, so I'm working toward all new skills for next season."

Working on those skills will help Sheeran advance to the next level.

"Right now, on the floor, I'm

Sheeran — who's also a good

said, "It's a lot of fun and I love on her report card - will hope to become an English teacher when she gets older, though she said that's not set in stone.

at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

Cup, the Goodwill Cup will be

awarded to the most successful

women's, men's and mixed

teams. Also new at this year's

Classic will be the presence of

golf pros who will provide mini-

throughout the day.

ner package for \$50.

lessons on the driving range

There will be two shotgun

starts. The 8 a.m. shotgun start

includes a continental breakfast

and lunch. Costs are \$195 per

person for a four-person scram-

ble, with morning players hav-

ing the option of adding the din-

The afternoon package for

\$250 includes the 1 p.m. shot-

gun start, lunch and dinner.

Evening activities begin at 6:30

p.m. A live auction and a silent

auction will be held, with items

including a ride for two in the

WJR Traffic Copter and four (4)

suite tickets for a Tigers game at

Comerica Park. Dinner packages

for \$50 also will be available for

non-golfers wishing to partici-

Registration deadline is May

not register a full foursome will

For information on the Golf

visit www.goodwillclassic.com,

or call 313-964-3900, ext. 302.

pate in the Classic.

the day.



#### "I'm almost positive I'll be at She's currently working on Infinity Gymnastics' Julie Sheeran performs a handstand.

graduate James King was growing up, he made a casual mention to his mother, Judy, that he'd like to play in the National Football League.

tion. She prob-

and be whatev-

er he wanted to



already decided. He wanted Sam Eggleston to be in the

"I knew as far as talent goes I'd be able to play in the NFL," King said via phone interview Monday after returning from rookie camp. "Now I have the opportunity. I view it as a blessing from God. I'm ready to take advantage of it."

#### The phone call

King, who won a high school state championship with the Warriors under coach Mike Zdebski in 2000 before playing at Central Michigan University, said he waited through the full two days of the draft before he finally received a phone call.

Cleveland Browns were interested in picking him up via free agency. Disappointed about not being for the chance the Browns offered. "I had worked out for some guys from Cleveland two weeks before

He hadn't been one of the highly

the general manager thought I'd fit in with their program and liked the And who wouldn't? King, who plays strong safety, is a dream come true for any squad looking to give a boost to their special teams. In college he set an NCAA record against Michigan State University with

the draft," he said. "They told me

four blocked punts. He went on to block 10 that year. Ten? Yeah, 10. Players have to blocks in order to get their hands on would have likely played collegiate the ball before it's kicked. That's no football somewhere else.

King will have to keep working hard, too, if he wants to catch the Browns' eye. King started off on the right foot, making his way through

King fighting for NFL roster spot

#### ably even told him he'd be able to grow up

"It went pretty well," he said. "I wasn't sure how it was going at first because I hadn't had any interpersonal conversations with the coaches. I was assuming camp was going well and that assumption was confirmed when the coaches told me I did a good job and were shocked with some of the things I did." The NFL hopeful said the four-

day stint was nerve-racking. "Honestly, I was really kind of paranoid," King said. "They were cutting people left and right. My heart was racing a thousand miles per hour because guys who they had signed came up to me later on

"I thought 'Oh my goodness, I didn't know they cut the guys they

and would tell me they had been

had already signed." The Browns didn't hand King his walking papers. Instead, they've invited him back to training camp May 16 where he'll prepare for passing camp, then mini camp and then training camp where the team will make their final cuts.

"I'm looking to up my stock on special teams right now," King said of one way to make the final roster. "If all else fails and they decided I drafted, King said he was thankful can't play defense for whatever reason, I'll get in there on special

King said he's looking forward to playing in front of true football fans, like rabid Walled Lake Western fans. His Central Michigan University experience was differ-

"I can't wait to be around other fans," he said. "I want fans who care about players and fans who are in the stands during the good times and the bad. That will be a signifiuse speed, agility and strength and cant difference from Mt. Pleasant." Looking back, King said he

am right now. I have to keep my faith in that because if I don't I'll drive myself crazy."

He knows he has a lot to prove to the Browns and to himself. "I think he can do it, with a little

"I'd by lying if I said I didn't

James King, of Walled Lake, is turning in his Central Michigan uniform for one from the Cleveland Browns. proud of all (five) of my kids."

King can play defense, tackle, regret it," he said. "I still feel God lets everything happen for a reason. block punts and, most importantly, he knows he can outwork anyone There's a reason I went there and there's a reason I'm in the position I on the field. "I've got to let my work ethic speak for me over the course of the summer," he said. "I've got to let my talent show."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at push from me," said his mother, (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggle-Judy. "I'm very proud of him. I'm ston@ht.homecomm.net.

# **SPORTS SHORTS**

#### Girls basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 27-July I at the Novi High School

Field House. The camp, hosted by varsity coach Bill Kelp and members of the girls varsity basketball team. will teach girls, grades 2-9, the

fundamentals of the game of basketball. Cost is \$126 and includes a Tshirt and a basketball in addition to the experienced coaching of skills and basketball basics. Registration begins May 2.

For more information, please call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

#### A ride of silence

In honor oc cycilists killed or injured on the roads, a group of cyclists invites interested particpants to a silent ride May 18 at 7

The ride will be a 10-mile loop, in silence, and traveling 30, 2005. Individuals who do no faster than 12 miles per hour. There is no fee, no registration be matched up with others on and no T-shirt. The ride will start at Nankin

Mills Pavilion on Hines Drive Classic, or a registration form, just east of Ann Arbor Trail. Please arrive early to line up. For more information, please contact Jeffrey Osowski via email at jeffrey.osowski@sbc-

Murray will be one of the play-

Goodwill Industries of Greater

Detroit's 22nd Annual Goodwill

Classic on Monday, June 6,

2005. The Classic is moving this

year to the Meadowbrook

Country Club at 40941 Eight

Featured this year will be a

Mile Road in Northville.

global.net.

Golf classic

#### Northville coaching postitions open

The Northville High School athletics department recently announced several openings A 19-year NFL veteran and with athletics teams. former Detroit Lion, Eddie The high school recently announced an opening for head ers taking to the greens as an

football coach at the varsity honorary co-chairperson of the The Mustangs are also lookcoach for the girls swimming and diving team as well as an assistant gymnastics coach who has spotting experience in all of

special Corporate Cup, with tions with the Northville football companies challenging each teams. For more information or to

the events. Northville still has

open assistant coaching posi-

other to win this inaugural traveling award. apply, please contact Bryan In addition to the Corporate Masi at (248) 344-8414.

#### Thursday, May 5, 2005-NOVI NEWS 58

# Westfall sets new school golf records

playing at the top of her golf game - and at the top of Novi High School's as well. The senior golfer set two new

school rectors at the Traverse City Invitational last week. Grand Blanc won the two-day tournament.

The trip to the Grand Traverse Resort was the first in school history and Westfall is definitely happy the team made the trek. Westfall shot a new school record

38 over nine holes and recorded an 82 through 18 holes for another school record. Both are also careerbests for the Wildcats. Other Novi linksters who also

had career lows include Audrey Oh, who shot a 98, and Ashley Simms with a 99. Also recording her bestever was Abby Greulich with a 103 for 18 holes and a 47 over nine. "It was our first two-day tournament," noted coach Deb Harris. "Although we didn't' win the tour-

nament, we had some real success-The Wildeats showcased their talents while playing against some of the best teams in the state. Westfall recorded an 82 and a 95 for a 177 for the tournament while Asako Akamatsu shot a 101 and a 101 for

a total of 202. Jackie Chudy recorded a 110 and a 115 for a 225 while Oh put up a 98 and a 109 for a two-day total of 207. Also shooting well was Simms. who recorded a 102 and a 99 for a 201 white Greatich shot two 103s

for a 206 total. Novi, as a team, shot 383 on the first day and 398 the second for a coach Bob Smith. team score of 781

#### Soccer on a roll

The Novi Wildeats girls soccer team has made short work of their opponents as of late, dominating Milford, 40-0, Monday after trouncing Brighton, 3-0, and Hartland, 10-

Against Milford, the Wildcats didn't look back as they crushed the Mayericks, 10-0 as Stephanic Crawford scored three goals and Pia-Janssens added two. Scoring a goal each were Katie Chaklos, Megan as the pole vault. Stee, Emily Esbrook, Sarah Schmitt and Kellie Walker, Kristi Timar had three assists and Crawford had two while Lauren Troher, Schmitt, Kelly

one each. Kim Herbst is well on her way to reaching her goal of 14 shutouts this season as she earned her eighth with Novi climbed to 9-0-1 overall

Hebert and Jamie Fratto notched

Kensington Valley Conference. Against Brighton, the Wildcats winning a meet against Brighton were just as ferocious as they ousted and I'm really proud of the girls." rivals, 3-0. Once again Crawford started things off for Novi, scoring the first goal of the night that turned into a 1-0 lead through the entire first half Just 20 minutes into the second half, Timar made a move through was Erin Haynes, who finished sec-

Novi senior Jessica Westfall is the Bulldog defense and put a crossing pass in front of Crawford, who finished it off for her second goal of the night. The final tally was scored by Kellie Walker, who put a comerkick past the Brighton goalie for the 3-0 final.

> It was, quite simply, a great week to be Crawford as she led her Wildcats to a 10-0 win over Hartland last Thursday, The stellar forward tallied three goals while Timar and Troher added two each in

the victory. Novi's success has propelled them to the number one spot in the state's soccer polls and 18th in the

### Young track stars have suc-

The Novi Wildcats boys track and field team showed how much energy the youth in their ranks has when they took first at the Holly Invitational last week.

Out of 26 teams - all made entirely of freshmen and sophomores - in competition. Novi proved to be the best with 92 points Milford was second, scoring 59. while Brighton finished sixth. Pinckney was seventh and Hartland finished ninth.

Novi was well represented at the meet as Brand Carnegie took first in the long jump and Jon Craven finished first in the high impo-Novi finished first in the two-mile relay as well as in the 800-meter

to come at Novi High School, said

The Wildeats showed just how alive they are as a full-fledged team when they pounded out an 81-56 victory over Brighton last week. The Wildcats climbed to 6-0 with

the dual meet victory. The Wildcats swept the 800 and 1600-meter runs as well and earned took first and second, respectively, r victory in the 400 relay. Novi's sprinters won the 100-meter relay and the 200-meter relay while the 'Cats won the shotput and the discusand took second and third in the long jump, the high jump, the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles as well

The Novi Wildcats girls track team was close to beating Brighton last week. But, alas, close doesn't The squad, coached by Marsha

Reid, lost 70-67 against their KVC "It came down to the 4-by-400 with the win and 5-0 in the and we lost the meet, said Reid. "That is the closes we've been to

Novi was led by several standout

athletes. Katie Shannon too charge in the mile, winning in a time of 5:32.6, while also taking second in the two mile in 12:06.2. Also having a strong showing

Jason Dudek assist made it look like

the Wildcats might send the Grosse

first loss of the season but it was not

Pointe South team home with their

ond in the 400 in just over a minute — to squeak out an impressive victory before taking first in the 800 meter

Novi was led by Lofgren and Policicchio, who scored four goals Kramer in the long jump as they of the night for Novi, including the while Emily Reid and Allie Sisson game winner with just a few minwere first and second in the 110 hur-Keven Gee did well, scoring two dles. Taking first in the 100 dash of his own while Mike Kolis. was Janer while VanDerstein was

first with a leap of 4-feet-8-inches. In the 300 hurdles, Sisson took first in 49.5 seconds while Barlage was second in the 200 dash. Pani Ramos had a solid day as

two-mile races. "I think our team is better than what our record currently shows,"

### **Surging Wildcats**

The lacrosse program at Novi High School took a few more bumps in the early week of this season than they would have liked. stan winning instead.

The Wildcats defeated Forest Hills, 9-8, after blanking Grosse Pointe South, 13-0.

before the dust settled. Leading the way for the Wildcats none other than Jeff

Wildcat Justin Namm, Novi's #3 singles player, gets in a backhand at the net during his match against Ann Arbor

Invitational last Saturday

Against Howell, Kyle Goodman

won at one singles while Roshan

Ramachandran and Justin Namm

took wins at two and three singles.

Lai earned a convincing victory.

respectively. At four singles, Kevin

The doubles team of Rvan

Heffernan and Felix Liu beat their

Highlander foes at the first flight

while the two doubles squad of

made short work of their opponents.

Riche Fetters and Eric McQueen

At three doubles, Mike Mehl and

Adam Duster earned wins while

In exhibition play, Nan Jiang beat

Howell's Jacob Reich at five sin-

Against Pioneer, Novi just could-

"Pioneer is a very good high

school tennis team," said Novi

coach Jim Hanson, "They had 10

returning state champions from last

year and one of those players wasn't

Novi fared better at the Novi

Invitational last Saturday. They tied

while Brighton finished third. Other

teams in attendance were Berkley,

Flint Powers, Stevenson, Canton

good enough to make the team."

n't get anything rolling.

Jason Hsu and Chris Shah won at

four doubles.

George Riegel and John Favorite second in the discus. Novi swept the high jump with Christina Lis taking notched a goal each.

Corey Simone earned the victory in the net for Novi, which is now 3-3 on the year. Against Grosse Pointe South, it was all about Novi and their ability

well, taking third in the mile and to score. The team pounded out a Policicchio, not surprisingly, led Novi with six goals and three assists while Travis Blackledge had a breakout day, scoring three goals in the victory, Bobby Watts, Ryan Belt

### Tennis splits week

and Favorite had a goal each.

Simone also earned the victory at

The Novi Wildcats tennis team for first with North Farmington split their week with a solid victory over KVC opponents Howell, 8-0. before falling by the same score to state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer. Against Forest Hills, the Wildcats Novi also tied for first in the Novi found their hands full, but managed

gles; and both Krystin Cordes and Ali Thomas chipped in for one hit.

#### **Oakland Schools Flower Sales** DATES: Saturday; May 7, 14 and 21 and Sunday; May 15 and 22

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Oakland School

DATE: May 6-8; 12-15; 19-21 TIME: 8 p.m. (Sunday shows are 2 p.m.) LOCATION: The Farmington Players Barn Theater is located on Twelve Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake

**EVENTS** 

"State Fair"

DETAILS: Rodgers and Hammerstein's "State Fair" is a terrific show for the whole family, from small children to grandpar ents. Join the Frake family as they leave the routine of the farm for three days of adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. There is free parking and the theater is handican accessible. Mothers get special pricing on Mother's Day. The reguar ticket price is \$15; discount Thursday tickets are \$12; mother are \$10 on Mother's Day. CONTACT: (248) 553-2955

#### **Euchre Tournament**

DATE: Saturday, May 7 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Sponsored by Novi Lioness Club, prizes, all proceeds CONTACT: (248) 348-0531

### **Novi Choralaires Spring Concert**

DATE; Saturday, May 7 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School, Fuerst Auditorium, 10 Mile and Taft

DETAILS: Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. or at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons. CONTACT: www.novi-

#### Church of the Holy Cross Show

DATE: Saturday, May 7 TIME: 1-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (one half mile east of Mcadowbrook) DETAILS: Tickets are available at Holy Cross, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday --

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175

### American Red Cross Blood

DATE: Monday, May 9 TIME: 1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington

CONTACT: For more information or to make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

### **Gardeners of Northville &**

TIME: 6:30 p.m. 212 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Greichen Voyle presents "Danger in the Trees"; public

#### City of Wixom Photo Show

Oakland County arts, culture and

CONTACT: (248) 624-2850.

#### Chamber of Commerce Casino Night Fundraiser

DATE: Saturday, May 14 TIME: 6-10 p.m. LOCATION: Lucky's in Fountain

CONTACT: For more information, contact the chamber at (248)349-

### 2nd Annual Antique/Classic Car

TIME: noon LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School (29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south o

Thirteen Mile Road) **DETAILS: Crosspointe Meadows** Church partners with the Ford and Mercury Restorer's Club to bring an afternoon that would delight any car enthusiast young or old. Come and bring the entire family to view some of these award-winning cars. Free

CONTACT: Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi offices (248) 427-2700, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### ing creative uses of insurance, college savings plans, and retirement plans to attract and retain good

at (800) 525-2731 or trevor.w@raymondjames.com

### DATE: Wednesday, May 18

TIME: 5-7 p.m. LOCATION: Michigan State University Tollgate Conference DETAILS: Enjoy a barbecue dinner and dessert with other chamber members. CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

DETAILS: Performances will be Connection \$270. Rehearsals will begin noon-4 CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

#### Commerce Township American Red Cross Blood DETAILS: Opportunity to meet

TIME: noon- 6 p.m. LOCATION: Walsh College, 41500 Gardenbrook Road, Novi CONTACT: For more information or to make an appointment eall the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

#### **Spring Perennial Exchange**

DATE: Saturday, May 21 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Old Novi Township Hall, Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. DETAILS: Bring your perenni als to exchange and trade, free of

charge. CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

#### SCHOOL/ **GOVERNMENT**

**Wixom City Council** DATE: Tuesdays, May 10, 24;

June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27: Oct. 11, 25: Nov. 9. 22: Dec. 13 and 20 TIME: 7:30 p.m. the public. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall 49045 Pontiac Trail

#### CONTACT: (248) 624-4557 **Novi City Council Meeting**

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center. 45175 W. Ten Mile Road

DATE: Mondays, May 9 and 23

**Novi School Board Meeting** DATE: Thursday, May 5 and 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educationa Services Building, 25345 Taft

Oakland County Planning and License Class **Economic Development** DATES: Tuesday-Thursday May 24 and 26 or May 31 and

Legal Issues in Business DATE: Thursday, May 12

DETAILS: This seminar covers the five main entities available in Michigan, contract considerations

DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The fee is \$40, which includes materials. **Bookkeeping Basics for Small** 

DATE: Thursday, May 26 Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. and community plan-DETAILS: Learn the reasons to ners, McKenna Associates. Inc. are keep good records, the differences tearning up to present, "The New between bookkeeping and accounting, a variety of ways to keep the Contract Zoning Legislation in Michigan: Is Your Community Ready?" The seminar is open to worth of detailed records and deterlocal elected and appointed planmine a monthly profit of loss. The ning and zoning officials as well as fee is \$45 and includes the Big E-Z private developers, property man-Bookkeeping book.

All workshops will be 9 a.m.noon, at the Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. For more information or to register, call (248) 858-0783.

DATE: Thursday, May 12 TIME: noon-1 p.m. LOCATION: Johnny Carino's, 500 Loop Road, Commerce

DETAILS: Come have a free lunch and hear how to: Keep Good

# People and Save On Taxes includ-

CALENDAR

CONTACT: Trevor Wisniewski

#### **Evening Connection**

Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road

#### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Mornina

DATE: Wednesday, June 8 TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Big Apple Bagel 45175 W. Ten Mile Road (activity room, 2510 Union Lake Road, main floor)

#### one of the newest members and network with others. CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 Ten Mile Road TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to

increase word-of-mouth referral Grand River Ave. business. Various classifications open and cager to bring you qualified business leads. CONTACT: (734) 462-6460 pastels, watercolor, and mixed media There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in

### CLASSES

#### **Boost Camp Day**

LINES DATE: Friday, May 6 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave.

DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to Mile Road provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. living through wholeness that can be beneficial to the participants. Open to

The cost is \$50 per person, including lunch and materials. Registration

#### CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 **Contract Zoning Seminar**

DATE: Wednesday, May 25 TIME: 7:30-11 a.m. I OCATION: Walsh College 41500 Gardenbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: The seminar is open to local elected and appointed planning and zoning officials as well as private developers, property managers and surveyors interested in understanding the amended laws and how they will impact develop ment. The cost to attend is \$49.

TIME: 6-10 p.m

LOCATION: Walled Lake

Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac

DETAILS: This course is for

construction of their own homes,

and building trades people who

real estate investors and developer

want to work legally in Michigan.

tions from the license examination.

CONTACT: (248) 956-5000 to

DATE: Wednesday, May 25

LOCATION: Walsh College

DETAILS: The law firm of

agers and surveyors interested in

understanding the amended laws

and how they will impact develop

CONTACT: (313) 496-7548 or

herrick@millercanfield.com

TIME: 7:30-11 a.m.

#### CONTACT: (313) 496-7548 or DETAILS: The library's Youth herrick@millercanfield.com by

teen volunteers to help with our Summer Reading Program. Volunteers should be in going into the 7th grade or above in the fall and be able to work two hours a week from June 20-July 29. Applications are available at the library. For more information, contact a Youth Services librarian.

#### Blackthorn Concert DATE: Friday, May 6

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle

nformation, support and social School DETAILS: The Friends of the activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Novi Public Library present the Mothers of multiples living in and popular Detroit-area band around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome. tion, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496. Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday, May 7 DETAILS: Mothers and daughters are invited to share some time together and each make a beautiful bead bracelet on memory wire. A nominal materials fee will be charged at the door. Call the library

**Super-Duper Spring Story** 

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

#### **Real Heroes Read**

DATE: Tuesday, May 10 TIME: 7-8 p.m. DETAILS: David Anthony and Charles David, co-authors of the Knightscares Series, will entertain and educate us with readings, songs, humor, fun, and costumes. For elementary school children; parents are welcome. No registra-

#### **Library Board Meeting**

DATE: Tuesday, May 10 TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend. Meetings are also broadcast live on cable channel 13. Note: This meeting was rescheduled from its original date of May 18.

Starlight Story Time DATE: Tuesday, May 17 TIME: 7-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy hedtime stories. No registration.

### GOLF **OUTINGS**

Young Life Golf Outing DATE: Thursday, May 19 LOCATION: Links of Novi

50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. CONTACT: Paul Ankerl, (248) 349-8425 or Mike Neville, (248) 449-8234.

#### Lakes Area Chamber of

Commerce Golf Outing DATE: Monday, May 23 TIME: 11:30 a.m., registration; 1:30 p.m., shotgun start LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township

DATE: Friday, June 24 TIME: 6:30 a.m., registration for 7:30 a.m. shotgun start; 11:30 a.m.,

registration for 1:30 p.m. shotgun LOCATION: Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile Road, South Lyon DETAILS: Proceeds will assist

Cardiology Services at the hospital.

#### CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 Novi Lions Club 12th Annual

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: second Thursday of

300 Dorothy St., South Lyon.

DETAILS: This group provides

CONTACT: For more informa-

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship

Wixom (parking behind the church).

DETAILS: Come for encourage-

ment, help, hope and prayer as you

trations. Drop in for five minutes or

CONTACT: Nancy and Susan,

(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow-

**Breast Cancer Support Group** 

DATES: second and fourth

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai

Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C

on the ground floor of the hospital.

Tuesdays of the month

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

DETAILS: No registration

ship@comcast.net

face life's problems, issues and frus-

DATE: every Saturday

TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail,

each month

TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun start LOCATION: Links of Novi Golf DETAILS: Proceeds will go to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Taylor, Mich. CONTACT: Lion Jerry Coonce

#### at (248) 348-0531, Lion Pete Hoadley at (248) 960-9042 or Lion Terri D. Taylor at (248) 960-3562

**SUPPORT** GROUPS

TIME: Thursday and Friday, 10 DETAILS: The ultimate cropping, shopping, learning experi-

### www.megamect.com

TIME: Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. DETAILS: ITEC 2005 is packed with new products features and benefits that will enhance your. event experience. The combination of the exhibit floor and expert content is designed to give you access to technologies you need to transform your business. Register online: parking is \$5.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 **Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes** DATE: Mondays through May 23.

TIME: 6-8 p.m. DETAILS: Classes taught by pub lic health nurses. Topics include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feed ing, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25. CONTACT: (248) 858-4003 or

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue) DETAILS: A nonprofit, nondenominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-a-

#### CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 960-3257

(TOPS) chapter DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook Meadowbrook Road, Novi TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

#### a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome

### HEALTH

Oakland Physical Therapy Class DATE: May 11 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Class will discuss the latest advances in exercise for low

### (248) 380-3550.

ONGOING SWOCC Studio Tours

> have an opportunity to make a short CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248)

### **EXPO CENTER**

The Novi Expo Center is located a 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest comer of 1-96 and Novi Road). Call (248) 348-5600 for more information.

a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ence. Cost is \$10; free for children 5 and under; parking is \$5. CONTACT: (248) 583-7133 or

#### LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, **Motor City Comic Con**

Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: The Motor City Comic Con is a multi-media event with over 1 million comics and collectibles for sale and trade. Two hundred comic book creators and 30 television and movie stars, art auction, anime room and gaming. Cost is \$18 for one day for adults (\$45 for three-day pass); \$10 for children ages 6-10 (\$25 for three-

CONTACT: (503) 596-3600 or www.goitec.com

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# **Underclassman Scores**

The Novi Wildcats JV squad man down goal due to a crosscheckplayed a strong game against an April 27 and lost in overtime, 7-6. Goalies Kyle Simone and Eric

Hepler equaled their best combined goal game with a quick goal off of a game together with a total of nine the first half and scored the first four goals of the game scoring twice on Novi's way as Jason Dudek tied the man up situations. Novi players never dropped their heads, though, and got two back in the last four

minutes of the half on goals by Kyle Potocki and Nick Zoroya. The score at halftime was GPS, 4-2. The third quarter was looking bad

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ing penalty but Nick Zoroya put in his second goal with about a minute and a half remaining. Ten seconds later, Craig Howell made it a one ground ball following the face off. At the end of the third quarter, Novi was down 6-5. The fourth quarter seemed to have everything going led the team with two goals and an game on Novi's only man up goal of the game. Craig Howell's second assist. Nick Zoroya also had two

majority of the play in the overtime

again came out strong and held the with seven. broke in on goal. GPS scored the winner and took home their fifth straight victory 7-6. Craig Howell

but with only 14 seconds left, the defense got caught out of position and Hepler did not have a chance as two Grosse Pointe South players

for Novi as they gave up their third—to be, Less than a minute later, GPS—and two assists and Kyle Potocki got put one in to send the game to sud- his first goal of the season. Zoroya den death overtime. Novi once also led the team in ground balls

The freshman softball team lost to Milford, 25-6 and 15-7. Kelly Turek took the mound for the first time and threw six innings, striking out six. Top hitters were Valerie

STATE MUNION

Jessie Sally, with a double and a singoal with 2:26 remaining off of a goals. Jason Dudek had one goal gle; Kaitlyn Stanford, with two sin-

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SHOWCASE WESTLAND

in the last inning in two great Celeski pitched the entire game.

The junior varsity baseball team's record now stands at 12-4 after losing three-of-four games last and Brandon Schwanz. Schwanz Friday and Saturday, On Friday at also pitched the game, before Milford, Novi lost both games 8- being relieved by Brian Smith.

games. Pitching for Novi were Tyler Scott, Taichi Hibi, Alex Tollis and Matt Hohenshil. Saturday, Novi split with Aur Arbor Huron. Novi lost the first game 10-8 with big his coming from Phil Celeski, Mike Slack 7 with the winning runs coming Novi won the second game 4-3.

**EMAGINE** NOVI

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

teams won their flights.

against the Mavericks.

Baseball earns three wins

The Novi baseball team earned

two convincing KVC victories

last week with wins over Hartland

and Milford, 10-4 and 11-1. The

team found Billy Morrison earn-

ing the win in the first game and

Kevin Cislo earning the win

Against Hartland, Zach Flavin

went 2-for-3 while Cisto was 1-

for-3 and Ryan Regan was 1-for-

2. The team had seven stolen

Milford's game against Novi

lasted just five innings. Cislo went

3-for-4 while earning a double, a

triple and three RBIs. Regan went

for-1 with two walks and two runs

scored. Cal DePotter had a nice

doubleheader with Ann Arbor

In the first game the team went

Steve Hart carned the win and

Compiled by sports writer

Sam Eggleston

for a victory, 6-3, but fell in the

Richard Vanderveer got the save.

Novi also split their weekend

day, going 2-for-2 will it is

2-for-4 and Mat Perelli went 1-



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CRITICS ACROSS THE GALAXY ARE

#### Technical Campus Southwest, 1000 Beck Road, Wixom DETAILS: Annual flower sale

pre-orders taken through April 29 Open house, 3-7 p.m., Thursday, May 19, including new swan fountain and waterfall display. CONTACT: (248) 668-5673 **Novi Theatres Auditions "Kids** 

on Broadway"

DATE: Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20 TIME: 4-6 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road August 12, 13, and 14. Auditions are for 7-18 years old. The fee is

DATE: Thursday, May 19

Purchase tickets at Novi Civic Center

# Mothers' Day Tea and Fashion

Novi Meeting DATE: Monday, May 9 LOCATION: Northville Library,

# CONTACT: (248) 348-1946

DATE: May 9-May 31 LOCATION: Wixorn Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom DETAILS: "Visions of a Child" is a program in its fourth year with a grant from the Michigan Council for arts and cultural affairs and

#### DETAILS: This is the only fundraiser that supports the Nov Chamber of Commerce.

DATE: Sunday, May 15

Hot dogs and pop.

# CONTACT: (248) 449-1200 **BUSINESS**

Workshops How to Start a Business DATE: Thursday, May 5 DETAILS: This is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business, including how to implement ideas and receiving a list of pitfalls to avoid. The fee is \$30.

The cost is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample ques and other related questions and answers. The fee is \$30. How to Write a Business Plan DATE: Thursday, May 19 Zoning Seminar

# books, how to track a month's

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon

#### **Providence Center for the** Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at Assarian'

ment. Cost is \$49.

DATE: Every Tucsday night TIME: 5-8 pm LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: Variety of activities for the

#### fee (no more than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

adult community to come and enjoy a

unique mix of classes sponsored by the

Providence Center for the Healing Arts.

Some activities may include a supplies

**Line Dancing Classes** DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive (activity room, main floor)

### CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

**Line Dancing Classes** DATE: every Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center.

DETAILS: No partner needed for

lessons in this pay-as-you-go program.

Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for

those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-resi-

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#### dents (fees are for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 Providence Center for the Healing Arts — Artist in

Residence

LIBRARY

ONGOING: Thursdays TIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 **DETAILS: Artist May Teevans** instructs. Class will include drawing.

### CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

DETAILS: Unless noted below.

all programs take place at the

DETAILS: With "A Million

CONTACT: Chamber office, **Novi Public Library Hours** LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten St. Mary Mercy Hospital 10th HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 Annual Golf Classic a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10

#### CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 **Help Match the Walker**

Books" going up on the walls. there are more books than usual these days at the library. By pur Charity Golf Outing chasing one of the paper signs in DATE: Thursday, July 14 the shape of a book for \$1, you can help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. The Course, 50395 10 Mile Road book signs may be purchased at any service desk in the library.

#### Summer Teen Volunteer **Applications**

Services department is looking for Walled Lake Builder's Pre-

# those who want to subcontract the

Blackthorn in concert. Blackthorn combines traditional Irish music with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased in person or by calling the library. **Bracelet Beading Program** 

#### Mother's Day Closing DATE: Sunday, May 8 DETAILS: The library will be closed on Mother's Day.

DATES: Monday, May 9; Wednesday, May 11, Friday, May DETAILS: Drop in for stones. song, and movement. For all ages;

no registration.

LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake.

### **Adoption Playgroup**

(888) 350-0900, ext. 84003

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month

#### month meetings provide opportunity to play and talk (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan

**New Take Off Pounds Sensibly** Commons Activities Room, 25075

LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River CONTACT: RSVP by calling

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organ izations, such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and service clubs. Groups

Scrapbook Mega Meet DATE: May 5-7

# TIME: Friday, 1-8 p.m.;

day pass). Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (248) 426-8059 or www.motorcityconventions.com The Detroit ITEC Show DATE: May 18-19

# Send your calendar items to Cal

# Why most Web sites don't work

Have you ever wondered why your Web site is not getting you any sales! Do you even know how many people are coming to your site and when?

Do you think that the money you spent on getting a Web site developed could have been better spent on other marketing methods? Are small changes to the site taking weeks to implement? Or are you just so fed-up with

the hassles of managing your Web site, that you don't want to have anything to do with it any-

Well, read below to see if these may be the reasons why your Web site may not be working for

#### Amateur Hour

Would you show a potential client a homemade business eard printed on flimsy paper? Why then, would you allow your company to be represented by a Weh she that was not designed by an experienced solutions company?

The following are reasons why people may come to your site but not stay there.



N. Shah

Excessive load times: Remember, your Web site should be designed with those customers in mind that

1.

have a slow, dial-up connection. Not everyone has cable or a high-speed connection and therefore go easy on the graphics that contribute to excessive load times.

2. Small or unclear text: Many Web sites have real small print or information that is salesfocused. This type of information fails to provide a customer with information related to the value that the company provides. Many sites have spelling mistakes and grammatical errors that really turn people off. Make sure that your Web site content is written by someone who knows how to write and always make sure that someone proofreads the written text to eliminate errors.

3. Lack of functionality: Do you have a site that requires a customer to call for more information? Or, do you have product information that is incomplete and therefore does not allow you to complete a safe with a potential customer? If yes, you must recognize that nowadays, most users want to be done with their shopping in three or four clicks.

I know that I get annoved when I am unable to buy a product online because the Web site is not an e-commerce site or because the company did not post the product price on their site. Provide customers with all the necessary information so that they can purchase your products online or have the interactivity needed to make their shopping experience pleasurable.

4. Poor navigation: Are customers able to logical find information on your Web site? Is there a site plan available for them to navigate to the page that is of interest to them?

If you go to your own Web site, are you able to answer the following questions: What does the company do, what products /services do they offer, what is their experience in this industry, etc? If you can't, then I would recommend that you reorganize your Web site so that it 'flows'

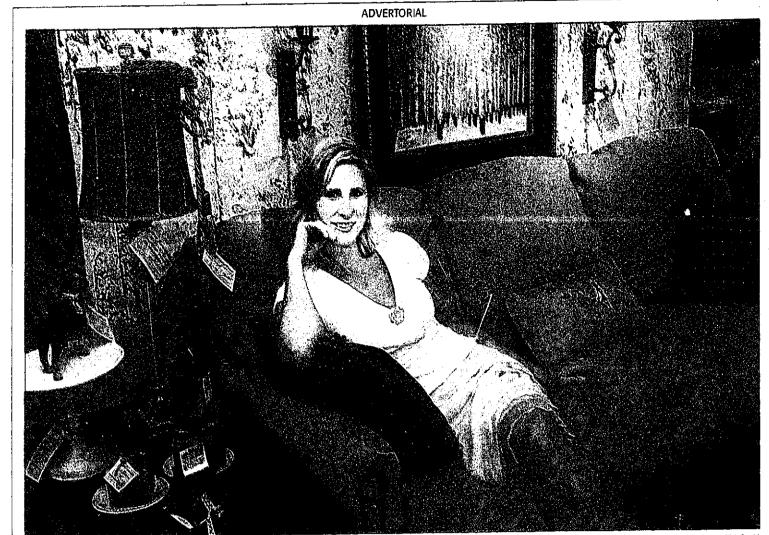
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Photos by Hal Gould

(Above) Chris Meredith's Milford shop, Your Nesting Place, is celebrating its 10th year offering one-of-a-kind boutique items (below).

# Your Nesting Place

#### Call it high fashion for the home

By Annette Jaworski STAFF WRITER

You could wait for the latest trends and pay higher prices, or you can find it now at Chris Meredith's Your Nesting Place. Faithful customers know they can find the latest in home décor from Flexsteel furniture to fine art at the Milford shop right now. Celebrating their tenth year in business, they we become a destination stop for those who've discovered Meredith's one-of-a-kind boutione style furniture store.

Whether you window shop or browse inside, you never blow what you might discover. Rest assured it's one of a kind. Your first clue the store is different might be the vibrant colors, like robin's egg blue wall or leopard print crown moulding. Inside are fresh and fun displays, where you'll find everything from fuzzy frogs and toadstools to elegant crystal and antique furniture. A collection of china dogs might be grouped with an antique hanky or country French

As a designer, Chris Meredith refuses to play it safe. Rather, she dares clients to be different.

"If it's not fun, what's the point?" she asks. "My philosophy of design is still the same. It's eclectic, not stuffy. It doesn't need to match it just needs to flow. We get people to think outside the box," she explains.

Although her taste favors the girly side of shabby chic, the store is a warehouse of ideas in every style and taste. For example, clocks might include a funky art deco square, a delicate white porcelain piece or an intricate wire design. Best of all they keep the prices affordable.

Meredith prides herself on continuously providing fresh and exciting pieces, trends and ideas. Along with the new and larger facility, they've picked up new vendors to offer even more of a good thing. There are no specific guidelines other than

it's unique and catches her eye. "We like to keep them guessing," she smiles.

Although it's bigger and better at 3,900 square feet, they continue to maintain their same high standards for merchandise and customer service. With the larger facility, they've also found are traveling from farther destinations specifically to shop there. Many make regular visits to the store for ideas.

"Talk about very stimulating, People come in here for inspiration. We're changing the floor constantly so they can see something they might not notice the first time.'

The storescape is ever evolving as Meredith moves a candle or picture here, and a pillow there. Just like the big overstuffed chair that is their logo, the store is warm, comfortable and inviting. Even the expansion won't change the way they deal with customers.

'We still knock ourselves out with service and personal attention. We know people by name and they know we'll help them put things together."

Not a consignment shop, Meredita selects a combination of new and refinished pieces for her collection. When it comes to merchandise, move quickly to avoid disappointment, she advises. Since the merchandise is literally one of a kind, if you love it, buy it, because it won't be featured again.

"We never have duplicate things, so if you see it, buy it," said Jeanne Imboden, member of the design crew.

"People who hem and haw can be disappointed," says Meredith. "It blows my mind to

see how quickly stuff moves." True to her free spirit, Meredith's sales and specials are also unplanned, unstructured and at a whim - so always check the window, or come inside to say hello. You might be sur-

prised at what you'll find.
Your Nesting Place is currently featuring one of their rare sales of 30 per cent off their entire line of merchandise with floor samples up to 60 per cent off. It's a great time to add a major piece at a great price, such as sofas, chairs, armoires and

Because of their expanded facilities, they can feature an even larger display of Flexsteel sofa and chairs, which is the backbone of their furniture offerings. There are literally 1,000's of fabric options. The new addition of the Wrangler and Christopher Lowell lines will add approximately 400 more fabrics.

"We just went to market and bought tons of new stuff. There's a lot of new spring merchandise. It's a good time to come to come check us out."

Due to popular request, they've also purchased large wall art objects for those larger

homes with cathedrals. Their design service has grown to become a larger piece of Your Nesting Place's business. So popular, those clients who are interested should schedule a few weeks in advance, so plan ahead, she recommends.

"We help a lot of people pull their places together" she says Kimberly Dyczkowski of

Milford recently used the service to redesign her living room and plans on using it exclusively for all of her home decorating needs.

"She (Chris Meredith) took a

#### RULES OF DESIGN

Although Meredith doesn't believe in rules, she does notice the following trends.

Vibrant colors include shades of pink, spring green and orange, more like melon, taking the lead.

"Let's punch up the grange. All the latest home magazines have it paired with chocolate, not black."

Brown and animal prints continue to be popular neutral pieces. Furniture is no longer the overstuffed look of the past, but featuring smaller pieces with clean lines. "Everyone can use a little bamboo. It's one of the latest

Don't be afraid to ask for help. An objective person with a designer's eye can work miracles.



French country design without being too stuffy and made it livable. When you have children, you can't be stuffy. It's elegant but comfortable, it's furniture you can use and live in," said

Other changes, Some Gals will be moving in upstairs, to offer a complimentary blend of merchandise. Along facilities,

Nesting Place also offers expanded hours. Business hours are Monday 11 a.m. to 5p.m., Tues and Weds 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5

Your Nesting Place is happy to be where the action is at 332 North Main Street in downtown Milford. Or, call (248) 685-

