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#### **Ring in the holidays**

How can you beat free food, an electric light show, tons of children's activities and Santa Claus? The answer is simple: su can't. All of that and more will be available and on display from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry's "Ringing in the Holiday" cele-bration next Thursday.



#### It's better to give...

Our Holiday Gift Guide fea-Our Holiday Gill Olide tea-tures toy and video game reviews, tips for staying stress free and gift ideas for everyone on your list. We call it the "ulti-mate shopping guide" designed to take the stress out of the hol-idam idays. - Special Section

#### SPORTS Well done, girls

Oh, to be Bill McCord and his Novi Wildcats swimming ど and diving team. The young squad came into this season with high hopes. Those hopes were fulfilled Friday and Saturday when the girls scored 14 points in the Division I state

finals ---- 18

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projects, knows as the Greenlight projects, over the next two years as part of the Governor's Jobs Today I-96 project planned in next nitiativ

"Local communities will benefit from transportation system improvements, and our state will benefit from the significant econom ic impact of the more than 11,000 jobs supported by these projects," Granhelm said.

#### **County Commissioner pleased**

Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter (R-South Lyon), who covers District 8 that includes Wixom, Walled Lake, north Novi, Lyon Township and South Lyon, was thrilled with the decision He has been employed as an lourly worker at Ford Motor Co.'s Wixom Assembly Plant on Wixom

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Road since 1977. "This is about Michigan jobs," Potter said. Potter said. "We've spent two years, with UAW Local 36 lobbying, going to MDOT hearings," Potter said. He noted that Dave Berry, president of Local 36, that serves Ford's Wixom Assembly plant, was vocal in his support of the interchange. "We were informed in the early mer of 2000 that the project had

part of 2003 that the project had been pulled from the MDOT Five-Year Plan," Potter said.

"This has been a tremendous effort of cooperation between the state, county and local officials."

#### Mike Dornan Wixom city manager

# Hungry with no place to go? Head to Moe's

### Restaurateur has enough food for 3,000

### By Pam Fleming

two years

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm did an

Gov. Jennier Grannoim die da about-face this month and approved the new interchange at Wixom Road and 1-96 late last Thursday. The governor said the state will accelerate an additional \$618 million

in spending for critical road and

bridge projects across the state. This investment will fund 158

WRITER

For Moe Leon, serving a turkey dinner to 3,000 people this week is a piece of cake.

in past years, the local resta owner has served 10,000-12,000 of owner has served 10,000-12,000 of his delicious free dinners on the day before Thanksgiving when he had 10 restaurants participating. So, 3,000 people? No problem. "I feel like I'm taking a break," he said. This year, the meal was served from 2 to 8 p.m. This year, Leon served the holi-day meal at only three restaurants—

day meal at only drive restaurants – Moe's on Ten Family Dining on 10 Mile Road west of Haggerty Road, Leon's Family Dining on Wixom Road north of 1-96 and his Dearborn location, Leon's Family Dining on Michigan Avenue just east of Telegraph.



Photo by PAM FLEMING Moe Leon serves free inksgiving meals annually. "I nat's a great question," he said last week. "I'm just very pleased that I'm able to this to pay back the commu-nity, because the community has here year out to mit it."

p.m. Mayor David Landry, Police Chief David Molloy, and some city council members helped serve the

noodle soup, rolls, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, pumpkin pie and a beverage of

en noodle soup," he said



Brighton resident Adam Szerlag, 4, chats with Santa at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mali.

Promotions and sales grow for the holidays

losephine Jacobson gets in the shopping mood once she sees

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Christmas decorations.

Although the 36-year-old Novi resident said she doesn't enjoy fighting the holiday season shopping crowds, the colorful lights and decorations make it a lights are little better.

"I try and get my shopping done early," Jacobson said. "I never start until after Thanksgiving, but I make sure to get it done early enough that I can still find a parking spot." The holiday shopping kick-off

is Friday, and for most shoppers, the key to their business in par-ticular stores lies solely on the

sales and promotions. Peggy Hayes, marketing and sponsorship director of Twelve Oaks Mall, said aside from individ-ual store sales, the mall entices customers with contests, radio broad casts and a daily visit from Santa Claus now through Christmas.

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He won't accept paying cus-tomers during those hours — it's all free and anyone can come. "All customers are invited," he said. So, why does he do this? "That's a great question," he said

Leon said this year, his 15 provid-ing the free meal, he's scaling back the operation a bit. But that doesn't

mean there's not work to be done.

here very good to me it all the years 've been in business,' Leon said, "I feel fortunate I'm able to give back in this way. We love to see all

the people who support us all year long — not just the seniors. This is our way of saying 'thank you' to

Preparations began as early as Nov. 17.

ioes. Restaurant staffers voluntcered

meal.

The full dinner included chicken

"But, I was able to huddle with

Wixom city officials and elected officials and also enlightened the UAW Local 36 about the public input process.

Potter said key people attended MDOT hearings in Troy and

Pontiac. He and Wixom City Manager Mike Doman, for exam-ple, went to one hearing in Lansing. 'The UAW got interested in concontinued on page 2

"We cook 200 tarkeys," he said, plus hundreds of pounds of pota-

their time on the big day, and the icity of Novi even provided the sen-ior transportation van from 2 to 4

choice. "We appreciate the city's efforts in previding transportation for our seniors," Leon said.

seniors," Leon said. Formanately, Leon likes turkey. "All of our turkeys are fresh, not processed, and we even use the broth from the turkeys for the chick-

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Krupic has written "Felicia's Family Divorces"

#### By Ramez Khuri AFF WRITER

Novi resident Janice Krupic has really made a name for herself. She went from serving in senior

leadership roles in organizations, and has done executive leader-ship, coaching and what's called organizational development, to starting ber own business, called PARAGON Leadership Leadership ternational.

But she didn't stop there. After successfully launching her own business, Krupic decided to turn her attention to her other passion, which is writing children's books. She developed a second company, called "Children's Concept Publishine." Publishing. Both of her businesses are suc-

"I've made great decisions," Krinic said. "Without a doubt.

Krupic said. "With Owning a busi-ness is not for everybody, but we have been

very successful and 1 do what 1 love to do, so it doesn't feel like work at all." PARAGON Leadership International is an executive

coaching and leadership develop-ment firm. It houses two offices, in Novi and in Portage. Krupic works with blue-chip client com panies, both in the Detroit market,

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and on the west side of the state "Most of our clients are at sen-"most or our chents are at sen-ior leadership positions, typically directors, up to and including the CEO levels," Krupic said. "We assist the leaders by enhancing their performance and impacting the bottom line."

Krupic's goal for PARAGON is to be able to serv-ice the great lakes



market place from other firms that do similar work. "We are about quality and delivering," she said. "We're

about results for the organization and for the individuals. Often

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Pholo by SAM EGGLESTON Janice Krupic a Novi resident, owns two businesses and has written a children's book. 'Felicia's Family Divorces."



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### continued from front page necting with some of their political supporters," Potter explained.

### **UAW supported decision**

The key to getting the inter changed restored was the additional support of the local UAW leader-ship, Potter said. "We kept meeting on this job

issue. Wixom is a real job machine for Michigan I think the state's decision recognizes that fact." Doman said the decision will create jobs, spar economic develop ment and improve the quality of life The Wixom Road/I-96 interchange was the only Oakland County project named in the announcement, Potter said. "There's a lot of people to be

credited for the reinstatement and who recognition the importance this interchange has to the state of Michigan, not just Wixom. said MDOT Director Gloria Jeff is also to be mended

for her efforts in getting the project reinstated. "MDOT developed the Greenlight concept as part of this administration's commitment to reassess transportation systems after Congress passed federal transportaon funding legislation in July," Jeff

said. "This has been a tremendous effort of cooperation between the state, county, and local officials," Doman said.

"The unceasing efforts of the Ford union Local through Dave Berry as president of Local UAW 36 really helped turn the tide." Doman said the new interchange does not ensure the future of the

plant, but it's definitely a step in the right direction. State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) Beny said.

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tion to proceed with the reconstruc-tion of the outdated interchange. Granholm vetoed the project twice most recently in October. "I applaud the governor's change of heart and look forward to working with her on getting this vital road project back on track," Cassis "I will work closely with Senator Shirley Johnson and the Senate Appropriations Committee to quickly put together a supplemental make this a reality." Cassis has long championed the reconstruction, having first introduced legislation in support of it in 1997, when she sponsored an amendment as a state representative to the MDOT budget authorizing it to begin studies on improving both the Beck Road and Wixom Road interchanges. When the Beck Road interchange **m** m opened last month, Cassis joined local officials and area residents in . سبھ calling for the second half of the project to be restored. "This is a plan with a very storied past, and it's very critical to our local economy," Potter said. "What we want the governor and her staff to understand is that we are a metro area employer, and the very people from the commu-nities that she wants to help work right here in the Wixom plant."

A visitor to Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall checks out its holiday kiosk near the center court.

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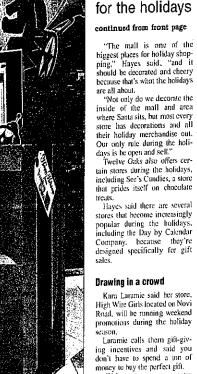
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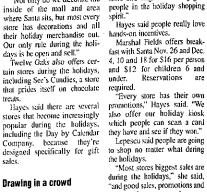
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Randi Lepescu said during the holidays, Old Navy's key

merchandise is closer to the front of the store. "We constantly try and keep

our customers in the holiday

spirit as well as our employees," said the supervisor of Old Navy located in the Novi Town

"Aside from having some

really good prices, we some-times have carolers come in the

store and sing. That really gets

what make those sales Tracy Mishler is a staff write. for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or by e-mail 107, or by at unishler@gannett.com

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you have good people who worl even a cheery atmosphere are for you and you offer sound products and services and can deliver those products and services, then you should be able to be success-Krunic wanted to go off on her

own for a couple reasons. She wanted the flexibility to dictate what she wanted to take on as far as clients, work load, focus of the usiness and also scheduling. She also felt she would be able to have a greater impact in running the ness and being able to work primarily with one-on-one execu-tives, which happens to be the

> She wrote a book In addition to her desire to work with the business commu-

#### nity, Krupic believes her mission is to be able to make a differ-"In the case that PARAGON is making a difference in the lives of these leaders, 1 also have an interest on the same front in chil-dren, but on a different parallel track," Krupic said. "I also have

interest in impacting the live of children or their family envi-That's how her second compa ny came about. The first book Krupic wrote is called "Felicia's Family Divorces." It's a children's book, geared to ages 4 t 10. It has a story line, but at the

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Krupic has **Janice Krupic** written "Felicia's

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The process of starting her own businesses

Krupic believes that just as the

business experience and being in leadership positions are critical, so are life experiences to be able

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because of that fact. "I think it's about following your heart and following your passion," she said. "I think if you do what you do

well, then the business develop-

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because of that fact,

#### Occupation: CEO of PARAGON Leadership International Family Divorces" www.paragon-lead.com Family: daughter, Morgan ontinued from front page

Hobbies and/or interests: She enjoys sports, spending time with her daughter, reading, working out, being with friends, going out to movies, cultural events and traveling. Advice: "Gain as much business experience as possible, but

also gain as much worldly experience as possible," she said Schools: She attended Riverside High School in Dearborn Heights before earning her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and her graduate degree from Eastern Michigan University. She also did post graduate work at Columbia University.

Years in business: She was the founder of her business fouryears ago. She started it two weeks before 9/11.

Grew up in: Dearborn Most memorable experiences: Personally, it was the birth of her daughter. Professionally, it was being able to successfully launch a Women's leadership Initiative as part of PARAGON. To date, five executive leadership programs have been launched for women, with the sixth scheduled for January.

nent, as well as an interactive I'm not," she said. "I think particularly in today's bu arena, clients react well to that "I wrote the book, having been It's also about being true to the divorced myself, but seeing a business that you're running." "Both of my businesses co greater need to support children brough life challenges that they from different sides of my life, may experience," Krupic said. "Whether it be divorce, or a seribut I have the passion and drive for both, and that is something ous illness, or depression, or any tranmatic life events, the goal

meaningful," she added. "Felicia's Family Divorces was to really assist them." Though she only has one book can be purchased at www.chil rensconcept.org, out, Krupic's plan is to write www.amazon.col subsequent books that also have life-challenging concepts With all of her success, one thing Krupic hasn't lost sight of being true to herself

Ramcz Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan-"I don't pretend to be someone nett.con

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Novi's ready to ring in the holidays with style

Annual event Ringing In the Holdays Parade

next Thursday By Ramez Khurt

How can you beat free food, an electric light show, tons of children's activities and Santa Claus? The answer is simple: you can't All of that and more will be

Recreation

this year.

available and on display from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Parks, p.m. Prior to 2001, the event was called "The Holiday Walk." and Forestry's "Ringing in the Holiday" cele-bration next Thursday. The event will take place in "This is an opportunity for families to get together," Auler said, "In the past we've had arts and crefte boother boother arts downtown Novi on Main and and crafts booths, but we're no Market Streets, and for the most part, the parade route will be the doing that this year. This year it's same as last year.

more interactive for children and families. We're trying to focus on "We're changing the direction of it, but it will still come along Main and Market Streets," said the youth.' The annual "Spirit of Giving Randy Auler, Parks, Recreation and Forestry director. "We have Award" presentation will take place after the parade, along with the lighting of the holiday tree. Inside of the Main Street about 40 entries for this year's parade, which is up significantly over last year's parade. We're excited about that, We usually building, there will be about 15 get a really good crowd and we're hoping people come out to kick off the holiday season again

interactive activities, like crafts for children and their families. Kids will also be able to walk away with some items. "There will be a secret Santa

The show's electric light parade has been an annual event since 2001. It will begin at 6:30 out their parents, but the elves

the Catholic Central High School band, Carriage rides will be available as well. Sponsors for the Dec. 1 even onsors for un Providence Hospin Transmiss Hospital International and Company

shop where children can go in and purchase holiday gifts with-110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan

Development Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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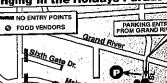
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e is an opportunity for pho-ohs with Santa Claus, and

This year the building will be

decorated with every Dr. Suess character one can imagine. There will be three bands performing:

The Novi High School band, the Novi Middle School



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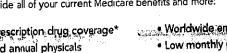


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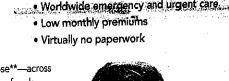
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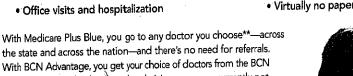
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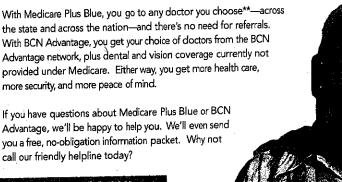


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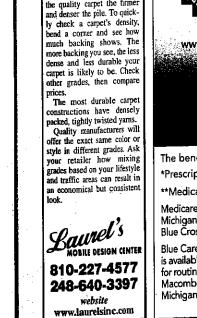
#### Potter said "Michigan's transportation plan needs to focus on decreasing con-gestion and improving infrastructure where people actually live and work. DeRoche said. That is what will boost our econony, and that is why I am happy to see the Wixom Road interchange back in the state's five-year plan. "We're certainly excited about the decision to have this interchange put hack on MDOI's Five Year Plan."

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# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### POLICE REPORT

#### Mother leaves kids in car

A 38-year-old Wixom woman was involved in a nonviolent fami-A 38-year-out witcom woman was involved in a additionate failu-ly abuse/neglect incident that occurred at 12:46 p.m. Nov. 12 at the West Oaks Mall parking lot. Police were dispatched to Michael's to investigate a report that

children had been left unattended in a car. When they arrived on the scene, police found three children, ages 1, 7 and 9. left in the car. The police called the store and had them page the mother, who

ane out at 1:05 p.m. Police advised her as to why they called her and the dangers of leaving children unattended in a parking lot. The woman apologized and said that she would never leave the kids unattended again and that she normally does not leave the kids to

in the car. She said the youngest was upset, and that she only had to pick up a few items. The children appeared to be otherwise healthy and well taken

care of, according to police.

#### Possession of paraphernalia

Police arrested a 19-year-old Brighton man when they found a silver marijuana pipe in his possession at 10:57 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Novi and 12 Mile roads.

While driving south on Novi Road north of I-96, an officer saw a vehicle traveling northbound with a headlight out. When police asked him if he had anything in the car he should the model if he model is headlight to be a should if he model is the south is the south is the south if he model is the south is the

know about the man said no. The officer then asked if he could whow about, we had saw ho, the once ther hade the ecode search the exact hing the driver's side door pocket, he found a blue box with marijuana residue inside. While searching the passenger floor board, the officer found a silver colored marijuana pipe with a

small amount of burnt marituma in it.

#### Woman arrested after work

A 26-year-old Walled Lake woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3:52 a.m. Nov; 7 at Novi Road and Waverly. While on patrol southbound on Novi Road, an officer clocked on radar a 1999 black Chevrolet Metro was traveling 52 mph in a 40

mph zone. When he caught up to the car and initiated a traffic stop, the offi-eer could smell intoxicants coming from the car and that her eyes

were bloodshot and glossy. When asked where she was coming from, the woman said she was on her way home from work at O'Tooles. A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

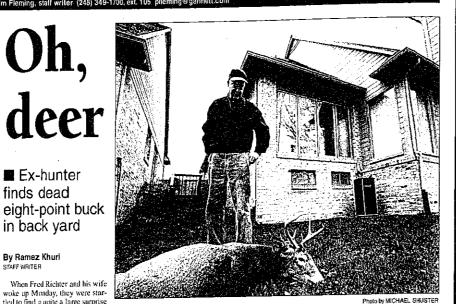
#### **Reckless driving reported**

State Hardwards

A 40-year-old man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at \$135 p.m. Nov, 7 at Arizona and Wyoning. Police were dispatched to the area on Novi's west side on a reckless driving complaint. Officers were advised that a gray pickup pulled a cement mixer was speeding through the Novi Meadows

mobile home park. After smelling intoxicants coming from the vehicle, the officer

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plan. Novi was the only municipality in

the state to receive the maximum amount of grant award possible, "The total cost of the project is

about \$50,000, with the city provid-ing \$30,000. Grants awarded to 32

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to Printz.

Fred Richter found this eight-point buck in his back yard in Novi Monday.



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# Population up; housing starts down

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Apartments less than	Novi Housing Un	its	2004- Projected	2004- Actual	2005- Projected	2005- Actual*
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projected as	Townhomes (Single Family	Attached)	229	218	302	211
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53,000	SOURCE: City of Novi		<u> </u>	*2005 da	la through the mo	onth of Septembe
By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER Novi city planner Tim Schmitt says the numbers tell the story. When it comes to the city's most recent population and hous- ing statistics, the number of resi- dents has gone up, but housing starts are down for the year. Atthough 2005 data does not include the entire year, Novi's nopulation grew 11.9 percent from 2000 to 2005, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The April 1, 2000, census showed 47.579 people living in Novi.	Oskland County's population grew 2.1 percent during this time, according to SEMCOG statistics. The April 1, 2000, census showed that 1,194,156 people lived in the county. The Oct. 1, 2005, estimate showed an increase of 25,139 people. The only other communities that showed a higher increase in oppulation for the five-year peri- od were: • Holly Township with a 38.1 percent increase, • Oakhand Township with a 23.4 percent increase. • Commerce Township with a 17.4 increase and • Lyon Township with a 16.6	bers is that di the Master Pik was project Development' division on ti would begin 2005, which h "This su accounts for downward de single family Schmit said in randum to Ric ager, and Clay	for the lower 1 ring publication in for Land U ed that S is Legacy Parc e city's west construction in as not happenen bdivision of he majority o viation in the home project 1 an Oct. 27 m	tion me on of me set, it uning sub- 1 side Lau side Lau late al d. 144 lone me f the 2005 <b>FO</b> ion," <b>FO</b> man- nit istant wa fast	forecast and n is in the m nts. The 2004 Ins to be cons ts, with only 1 ag built. n 2005, the 1 ad Use predict apartments in Dermits were nts through Sc <b>x Run consta</b> Fox Run, a ret y on the city' s projected to ter than it has, "The effect this	umber of ap projected ap tracted was i 19 units actur Master Plan ded 584 additi Novi, but o issued for ap pptember 200 <b>ruction slov</b> irement coma s northeast s be built slig Schmitt said
bet, 1, 2005, was 53,256 resi- lents, an increase of 5.677 peo- nte. \$20k granted	Residential construction in Novi is slightly slower than pro- jected for 2005.		M	OE		U MU
By Pam Fleming	"With an inventory, we have the		A	15	tion and a	
STAFF WAITER	capability to zero in on needed tree maintenance issues and target dead				100	
Steve Printz shared some good	trees and stump removals," Printz					
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build-out is negligible, however, as the units will eventually be built," he noted. This means that housing num-bers for the actual build-out of 12 Novi will be slightly lower than the estimate used in the Master Plan for Land Use. Schmitt added that Novi's 11.9-211 40 Septembe percent increase in population from 2000-2005 is well within the population of about 72,000 esti-mated at build-out in the city's of apartcted apartd was 259 master plan. its actually Plan for

master plan. Helwig said that 2020 was the estimated target completion year for build-out. "But, I think that the prevailing wisdom on that is that we will reach lation and residential construcbuild out way before 2020," he said Schmitt said the current level of growth in home building is contion, Schmitt noted. "We will continue to monitor growth in Novi and report on major changes and shifts." sistent with the amount the city has seen in the past five years.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer This level should continue throughout the decade, barring for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at any major economic upheaval. reached at (248) 349-1 The master plan provided rea-sonable projections on both popu-*pfteming@gannet.com.* 



Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gam After sinching intoxicants coming from the venter, the other asked the man if the had had onything to drink that night. The dri-ver's eyes were also glassy and bloodshot. When first asked, the man told police he had had nothing alcoholic to drink. Later, he said he had one drink and then that he had had a few. Police found a half-full pint and half-full fifth of Canadian Mist iett.com. Be sure to visit us on the Web: A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .25 percent. The man was reported to have nine other convictions. www.navinews.com

in back yard By Ramez Khuri TAFF WRITER When Fred Richter and his wife woke up Monday, they were star-tled to find a quite a large surprise

waiting for them in the back yard of their Novi home. It appeared to be some sort of dead animal laying on its side between the house and their barn. Being an ex-hunter, Richter investigated it and determined it

was an eight-point male deer. "I used to hunt years ago, but not anymore," Richter said. "My wife and I discovered it when she opened the verticals in our bed-Richter said that from what he

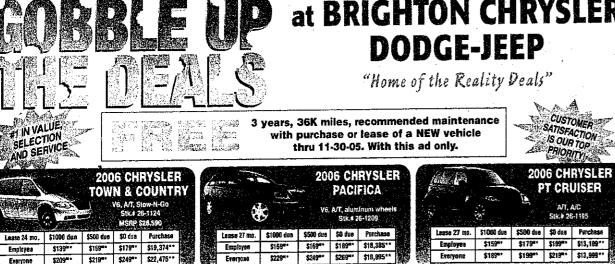
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could tell, there was no way of determining how the animal died, since there were no wounds on the side that were showing. He never turned it over to check its other

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Novi still booming The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

reported last month that from 2000-2005, estimates show Novi's population had

the fifth highest rate of increase in Oakland County.

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Only four townships in the

Total population, April 1 2000, census: 47, 579

Estimated population,

Number of additional res-idents : 5,677

Percent change : 11.9

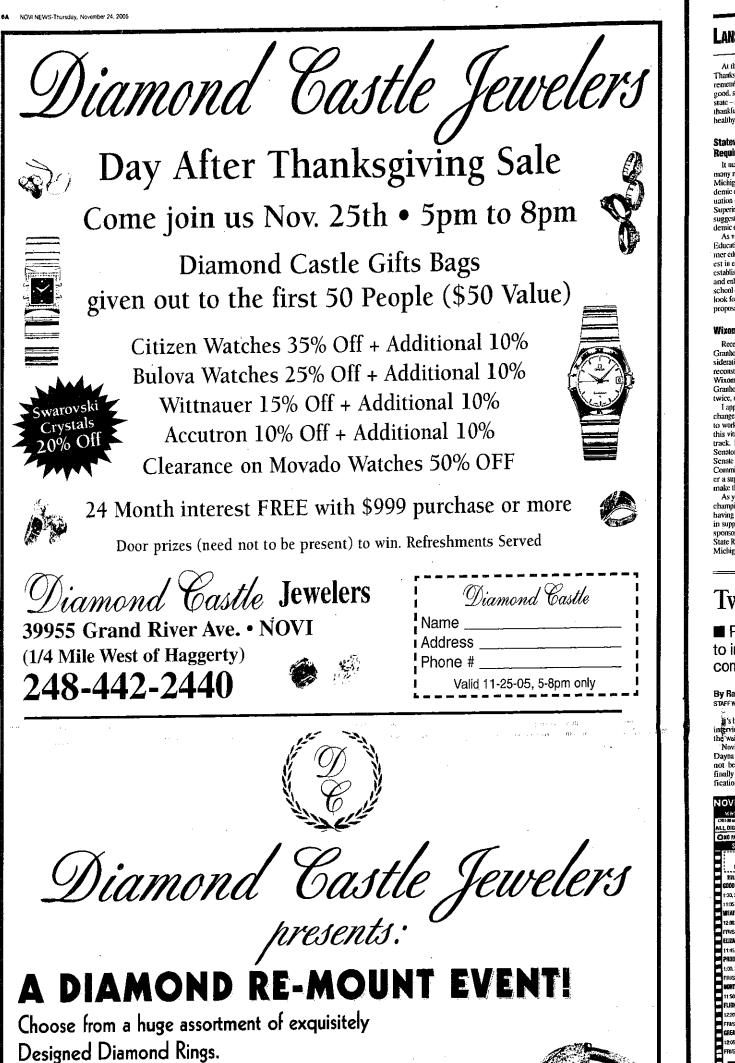
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#### Library building fund increases LANSING CONNECTION At this time of our Transportation budget authoriz-ing it to begin studies on impro-ing both the Beck Road and also been completed: providing orientation on gift solititation methodology to cam-Pendina Two fund-raisers set this week The first in the 2005/2006 Novi Town Hall Series benefiting Thanksgiving season, it helps to remember that we have so much requests the Novi Public Library will be Wednesday at the Rock Financial a determining gift tracking policies and procedures, a policies and procedures, good, so much bounty in our Wixom Roa total \$405,000 and the second ate - so much to be proud and interchange Showplace. ikful for. May you have a When the determining a public relahealthy, happy Thanksgiving, Beck Road from Washington, D.C. Tickets cost \$35 without lunch, \$50 for one lecture and lunch By Pam Fleming tions and communications plan interchange the receipt of more than the receipt of more than \$70,000 in cash and pledges over the last month and a half. opened last month, I or \$120 for all three lectures and lunch. The luncheon begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Statewide Graduation 3 Requirements oined local Travis Carley is a man on a lecture and book signing at 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m. Those who wish to attend Wednesday's lecture only can pur-nission. His mission is to obtain some It may come as a surprise to officials and "There's been a lot of activity many residents that the state of Michigan only requires one acaarea resisix-figure donations to help the Novi Public Library expand its and a great deal accomplished through the efforts of many," chase a ticket at the door. For more information, call Kathy Crawford at (248) 349-5079 or Diana Canup at (248) 348-1822 or visit www.novi.lib.mi.us. Nancy Cassis dents in calldemic class for high school grad ing for the building. After presenting the library a \$1 million gift in 2004, Myrle and the now late Charles Walker second half of the project to be Carley said. uation - civics. Recently State Superintendent Mike Flanagan Action steps and focus points action steps and rotar bound in the coming months include: • continued preparation for lead gift solicitations, • ongoing development of the prospect list, • planning for cultivation gathrestored. suggested more statewide academic requirements. As vice chair of the Senate Amber Alert Abuse Bill of Novi agreed to match addi-tional donations up to \$1 million through Dec. 31, 2005. I am pleased to announce that Education Committee and a former educator. I have a keen inter-est in examining proposals to my Amber Alert abuse bill has Carley, a fund-raising profesbeen signed into law. Senate Bill 134 (now Public Act 207) and its companion, SB 74 (PA 205 sponerings, solicitation and receipt of sional from Community establish state-wide star Counseling Services in Southfield, gave an update on the and enhance the value of high many gifts before the end of the year and • the implementation of the school diplomas. I very much sored by state Sen. Mike look forward to reviewing this Goschka), make it a felony to capital campaign at last Wednesday's library board meetalsely report an Amber Alert and public relations and communica establish a penalty of up to four The campaign has raised more than \$1,183,000 in cash, pledges and matching funds toward fund-centrated 00 with to the years in prison and fines up to "These areas of focus are con-Wixom Road Update \$2,000 centrated on the solicitation of Amber Alert is an invaluable Recently Gov. Jennifer gifts to the campaign at all levels with a particular focus on lead gifts, the completion of board raisers' goal of raising \$2 million resource for finding abducted Granholm announced her reconfunds before the end of in private funds before the end of November 2006, according to children. This new law ensures sideration to proceed with the on of the outdated that those who abuse it will face solicitations and lead recruitment," Carley said. and leadership strong punishment. As always, your comments ar Carley. In addition, five requests are Wixom Road/1-96 interchange. The next fund-raising commit-tee meeting for the Novi Public Granholm vetoed the project pending which represent a total of \$295,000, and three requests that are ready to be scheduled twice, most recently in October, welcome and appreciated. You nay reach me by e-mail at: sen-I applaud the governor's change of heart and look forward Library will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the is@senate michigan.gov. 0 toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY. represent \$110,000. "We have a lot of activity comto working with her on getting library. President Rick Smith was not this vital road project back on track. I will work closely with ing up and look forward to a great deal more of activity in the coming month," he said. State Senator Nancy Cassis, a present at the meeting. The board is also down a mem-Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which Senator Shirley Johnson and the ber since Terry Margolis was recently elected to city council. Senate Appropriations Carley congratulated the library staff, board, fund-raising Committee to quickly put togeth includes the townships of er a supplemental budget and make this a reality. As you know, I have long Commerce, Highland, Holly committee and library staff. "All parties are working very Normally, the board has seven von Millord Novi Rose, Wes members plus two student ex-officio members at al meeting. Only six people attended the Nov. 16 meeting, including one Iyon, Miljold, Novi, Most, Mest Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and hard on the campaign on a daily championed the reconstruction, having first introduced legislation in support of it in 1997, when l basis, and I appreciate the effort," he said, "Much has been accomthe cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, plished so far toward a successful of the student ex-officio memsponsored an amendment as a bers. Only four are needed for a campaign. te Representative to the Carley said the following have quorum. Aichigan Department of Walled Lake and Wixom. youth council. Dayna and Denise were happy Monday morning, and both can't Pair hope "I love this city, and I want people to wait to get their hands dirty - litto make the cut. to impact erally. "We want a fresh, young "I want to be a part of the com ity, and I thought this would community approach on the beautification in be a good way to do that," said the city," said Leslie Weirmeir, Dayna, a sophomore. "I've new on commission member. "We haven't determined the heard of a city or community let-By Ramez Khuri ting students be a part of some-thing like this, so I thought it was responsibilities of the kids yet. We

· Emagine Theater at Fountain Walk will have a special showing of "Harry Potler and the Goblet of Fire" at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with proceeds going to the Novi Public Library Capital Campaign. Individual tickets are \$6, with a family pack of four tickets costing \$20. Tickets are available for purchase only at the Novi Public Library. What's been raised so far The Novi Public Ubray capital campaigo, "Moving Forward is Growing With Our Community: A Campaign for Novi Public Library," has accumulated the following funds for a building

expansion \$1 million - from Charles and Myrtle Walker \$91,500 — in cash, pledges \$91,500 — in matching funds Total: \$1,183,000 Those who would like to make a donation to the campaign can contact Travis Carley at (248) 349-0720, Ext. 140.

Other library news

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ments about the new foreign lan-guage collection plus requests for additional languages and materimember Robert Cutler, board vice president, noted that the library ecently received an award from he Novi Beautification Reautification als.

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of the library. The strategic planning commit-tee report noted that the library now has wireless access, with 105, or by e-mail at

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The luncheon and talk will feature mystery writer Noreen Wald

vo students take their place on Novi's beautification con	nmission
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inst had them introduced at the a really interesting oppo i's been two months since they meeting." Back in September, Novi's City Council conducted close to 60 student interviews for various city just hope to help make good deci iewed for the positions, but the wait was well worth it. Novi High School students hoards and commissions. Twenty

During the interviews city council members were looking for students who exhibited students were eliminated after responsibility, good teamwork and good decision-making.

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Dayna was a little nervous at Denise is a senior this year She's been involved in many "I didn't know the interview extra-curricular activities in the was going to be broadcast on tele-vision, and it was in front of past, but nothing quite like this. "I hope to make a difference and I hope some of my ideas will ne," she said, "I had to do a be used in helping to improve the

image of Novi," she said. "I love this city, and I want people to want to come and stay here. I was thinking the beautification would be a good committee to be on." Denise said she felt prepared for the interview process and

"I did my speech in front of the city council and former Mayor Lou Csordas," she said. "It was excit ing, and it was a good experience.

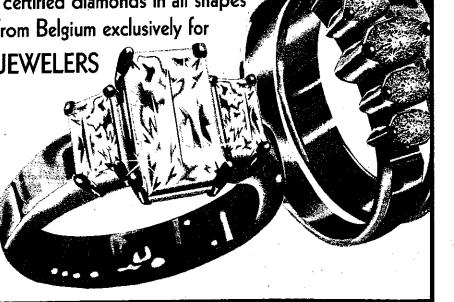
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Svenson added. "We've always talked about 911 with out kids.

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Wixom, one from Novi win dinner in Troy

#### By Ramez Khuri STAFE WRITER

Troops and Their Mission." "One day at work I was on patrol in one of the neighbor-hoods. I had stopped to talk to It takes a special person to be an unsung hero It doesn't matter what one's age in doesn't mater which sug-or gender is — if one does some-thing worth recognizing, someone will take notice. That fact couldn't be more eviof our residents who wa raking his leaves, and he said congratulations," Ellsworth said. "I said, 'For what?' and he said,

That fact couldn't be more evi-dent than right here in our own back yurds; as Linda LeVon-Stieler and John Ellsworth, both of Wixon, and Adam Thomas Seenson, 'of Novi, have all received the 94.7 WCSX Unsung Hero Saluté for their various con-tributions to the community. They users three f2.3 withouts. were three of 23 winners. "This is the second year we've done this," said Jennifer Williams, marketing director for WCSX radio, "We noticed that there are a lot of unsung heroes on the world, especially in the Detroit Metro area. We are very fortunate to

Ellsworth have a way to let our listeners tell he would like people to get out of us who these people are." The radio station put the word out, looking for anyone who has this is that he wants to make sure America's troops in Iraq know that there are people back home made a difference in someone else's life. Listeners were able to who support them.

nominate whoever they thought should be honored. troops, and I'd much rather see them fight over there than on the streets of Detroit," he said. For the contest, on-air DJs go through all the e-mails and pick between 20 and 25 people they think are most worthy of the

group, visit www.united-forourtroops.com. For informa-tion on Ellsworth's son, visit award. "Unfortunately, we would love to be able to honor everybody, but www.tankmastergunner.com/jmc this year it was 23 people, Williams said. "We read their /jine/htm

names on the air, post them on our Adam to the rescue Web site, and we invite them to a hanquet with guests. They're at a table of eight with all of our on-air Ten-year-old Adam Thomas Svenson, of Novi, came through when his aunt, Barb English, of St. DJs, they'll get a plaque that night, and it's a chance for us to Clair Shores, needed him the most thank each one for going above and beyond the call of duty and She was baby-sitting Svensor and his two younger sisters dur-ing the summer when the four of them decided to take a bike ride. for being one of those people that makes the world a better place."

#### **Cancer victim helps others**

LeVon-Steler was diagnosed ith stage-four colon cancer in October 2002. She's been going to the Huron Yalley Sinai Hospita for chemotherapy at least once a reck every y for



Monday for three years. In fact, to date, she has had over 150 rounds of treatment. Instead of being con I went back to my house because it was the first corner and got the hone and called 911." English, who has diabetes, being con-stantly upset about her illended up breaking her hip, and was in extreme pain LeVon-Stieler

Monday

"He stayed calm and managed the whole thing," said Laurie Svenson, Adam's mother. "(My ness, she has taken it upon hersel to help those who are in the same kids) didn't stay with her the " have a really good attitude, whole time until the ambulance came because she was in so much pain that the neighbor didand I'm there helping other peo-

that are diffigured with any type of cancer," LeVon-Stieler said. "I firmly believe that anybody diag-nosed with cancer should not go through it alone. I help then through it and it. I help them through their journeys, dealing and living with cancer, which I have learned to cope and deal and learn to live with myself." Le Von-Stielerwas humbled to find out she had won the award. "I'm still overwhelmed by

call 911 hefore, but they know what to do in case something this," she said. "I happy about it. It happens. really hasn't hit me yet." LeVon-Stieler has a Web site.

Rame: Khuri is a staff write. for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ganwww.caringbridge.org/mi/linda, that she updates that displays how she's doing and what her activities



# **Everyone's best friend**

hours a day, 365 days a year,

iting and hang nails

Part of the family

but he said the No longer a most impor-tant message pet, but a child

By Tracy Mishler "I thank God every day for our

ame. "Pets have become very Jaclyn McOuaid recently celebrated her poolles first big-girl-baircut. important, and day care is better than leaving them locked in a cage all day. Would you do that to your kids?" Currently pregnant with her first child, McQuaid said her 5-People are spending more on

people, and her day care for

litter boxes instead of toilets," she said. "From nap time to

snack time, everything is the

month old pup, Jasmine, will always he her firstborn. "She's part of our family." their pets than they ever would have 10 years ago, and Dr. Heather Robertson said veteri-McQuaid said, "and a very-Like fasmine, many pets have become more than good friends, and some have their own chair narian medicine is just as important as human medicine. "A pet was just a pet years o," said the Animal nergency Center doctor. ago." said Emergency at the dinner table. "I don't have kids," said "Now, a lot of the baby boomers Amber Koeller, owner of Gone to the Dogs in Novi. "I have have kids that have left, and they re-replacing them with

three German Shepards and pets. Pets were put to sleep years eight cats."

Koeller said her pets are like ago if they had certain illnesses, We were turning a sharp cor-

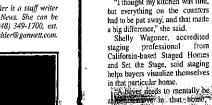
specialists dogs is exactly like a day care for kids. The second secon And at \$25 a day, pets can be just as expensive as human chil-Novi-based Animal Emergency Center is open 24 "Some dogs come here five

days a week," Koeller said. "Day care really benefits the dogs because now they're more Robertson said she sees animals with many different probpart of the family than ever." Along with dog day care, Robertson said some pets go to lems, including coughing, vom-

pet resorts. "When you go on vacation, so can your pets." she said. "No more boarding houses or ken-nels, because pets can actually Koeller said at day care, every dogs owner is only referred to as mom or dad. "There are a lot of people that go to resorts with artificial trees and water fountains. "Cats and dogs have become have resorted to having pets instead of children," she said. inside pets with special bed and chairs. My pets are my chil dren, and I'll do whatever I can

"That's why when Rocky's mom picks him up for example, we say 'Rocky's mom is here." Both Koeller and Robertson for them. agreed there are a lot more perks for pets these days. Dog day care offers a place Tracy Mishler is a staff write for the Novi News, She can be

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 107, or at inishler@gannett.com for the dogs to play while their



their car.

Deborah Chene said staging can be expensive, but her Farmington Hills-based Staging Impressions company tries to make each stage as cost-effective

# The Nutcracker



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### Home-stager Cindy Smith arranges the Novi home of Lothan Groesch, prepping it for

· look good, so I called a stager to belp." Weyandt said it cost about \$1,600 for his home to be staged.

Chene said staging is not a makeover and it's not decorating. It's neutralizing and making the home ready for someone else," themselves.

BUSINESS

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. she said. "Sellers need to rement ber this whether their hiring someone come in or doing it 107, or at tmishler@gannetl.con

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quicker sale By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER Home staging is becoming a

New trend

makes for a

rowing trend for people looking to quickly sell their homes. Cynthia Smith, of Novi, said today's weak economy is a buver's market. "Sellers need to go that extra nile." Smith said. "Staging can create that extra value needed for the home seller Smith's Novi-based interior

early. Cleaning out your cabinets will actually make redesign company, Feather your Nest, helps residents in several them look bigger. communities, including Royal Oak, Rochester, Milford, · Paint using neutral col-Oak, Rochester, Millord, Northville and Novi, with home makeovers and staging. "We try and help customers ors and deodorize any unusual smells Keep things simple and create open space. increase the curb appeal," she said, "and set the stage for expe-diting the sale of their home." · Seek a third party's

Set the stage

Tips for staging

· Clean everything,

including the refrigerator, oven, washer and dryer,

Keep lawn in good con-

Keep home clutter-free.

Depersonalize your

home by putting away all pictures, clothes, col-

ectibles and other items

giving the room a personali-

Get started packing

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your home

opinion before selling. Linda Allington and her hus-Having an objective per band, George, staged their home spective is key Source: Debra Chene, Staging Impressio

year-old former Novi resident. "She gave us an eight-page report on things we should do different-ly in order to sell." possible. Allington said before staging,

she was given an estimated 60-90 days from real estate agents before their home would sell. "We ended up doing all the work and our home sold in less

than a week," she said, "I think we had a nice home regardless, but the staging really added to the Allington said that without her

Alington said that Without her eight-page, \$250 report, she couldn't have made the changes. "I thought my kitchen was fine, but everything on the counters had to be put away, and that made sonalizing his home could help i call Gete

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themselves. "We had a stager come out and do a consultation," said the 60-"Price depends on the house," Chene said. "And people who can't afford to have their home staged can do it themselves. They have to remember to look through a buyer's eyes." She said the first step is doing any maintenance that hasn' aiready been done "Most of the television shows making over homes use decorat-ing tools," she said. "When staging a home, you don't want to ate. Your home should be as

# neutral as possible." Tom Weyandt heard that deper-

He called Staging Impressions, anticipating having his home staged to live in and sell in the

"My home is a bit big for me to take care of by myself," said the 50-year-old Northville resident. "I

2:00pm and

A holiday





mers they need to detail their omes just as they would detail

"Staging is like merchandising. You have a product now." Keeping it cost effective



# Funerals of the future offer many alternatives

Growing trend of nontraditional arrangements with clergy they trust, at one of our planning centers or at any location that is convenient for them." arrangements

approach.

#### By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

David Griffin helieves in a new ind of funeral arrangement. Aside from the traditional meral home viewing and proces-and professionals," Griffin said. kind of funeral arrangement. Aside from the traditional funeral home viewing and procession to the cemetery, Griffin sees the way of future funerals as being more homey and meaningdown.

"No one likes to come to a funeral home." Griffin said, "and having to go through the process of funeral details is even harder." So Griffin, director of Guardian funeral Society and Iternseu funeral director, decided to take funeral sout of the parlor and into the solution of the solutio "Instead of having families advantages for the families not to

come here, we go to them," he said. "And if they want to have the funeral in their home or even the VFW hall, then that's exactly

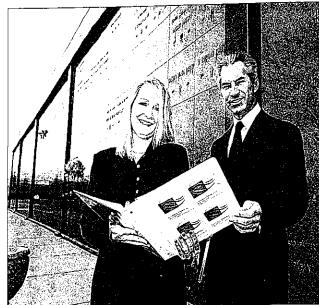
where it will be." Griffin said years ago, people held viewings in their own homes. intimidating. For most, it's not a confortable time or place to spend the last few moments of

Future funeral plans Who: Guardian Memorial arrangements cost between \$6,000 and \$8,5000, Guardian Society

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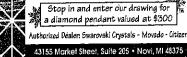
Survette Desentz, family services and a one-hour viewing at the destination of choice for \$2,200. They also offer a direct cremation package start-ing at \$900.

changes," said John Sassaman, of Northrup Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, "In viewing, advantages for the famines nor or get stuck in the same old ruf." Desentz said. "This is a growing trend and lot more people are mine to nick up on it." Desentz said through Guardian in the market where they can have



David Griffin, right, of Guardian Memorial Society and Suzette Desentz, director of

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### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Team work pays off by the end of 2006. TOPZ fran-chises cost about \$300,000 to Atomix Paintball in Walled Lake won the coveted President's open and have 6-percent monthly Cup in their paintball tournament of the same name in Miami, Florida Nov. 6. This season finale rovalties. Breakfast with Santa tournament win makes their team, called Atomix Nation, the Novi's Rock Financial Showplace will host Hespice of Henry Ford's ninth annual break-fast with Santa from 9 a.m.-noon, and champions in their division of paintball. Over 170 teams from every corner of North America connet-Dec. 3. ed. Among those were teams from Canada, Puerto Rico, and a Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 for children ages 3-12 and free for children two years and Mexican team, which Atomix Nation beat in the final National younger. Tickets must be purchased before Dec. at www.hen-Paintball Players League Championship Game. The Atomix Nation Paintball ryford.com/hospice. Team consists of members from Learning center sold the ages of 13 to 18. The team was awarded the President's Cup ABC Learning Centres Ltd., Australia's biggest child-care provider, agreed to buy Noviand received championship rings. based Learning Care Group Inc. for \$159 million. ABC will pay **Realthy hamburg chain** coming to Novi \$7.50 a share cash for the com-pany, which is the third-largest Brian Halbeisen opened Michigan's first TOPZ Healthier child-care business in the United Burger Grill in June, The California-based franchise has States. five stores in California, one in Business expands Michigan and two in Texas. Eberspaecher North America, Halbeisen will open four more TOPZ stores in the next few years, including a store in Novi one of several German and Japanese auto suppliers, with





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pared with a year ago, a real Nora Charles will be dis-cussing and autographing her latest book, "Death is a estate trade group reported. The National Association of Realtors said the median price of an existing home rose by Bargain" at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Borders Books in Novi. 14.7 percent in the July through September quarter to \$215,900. compared with \$188,200 a year Charles also wrote the Kate Kennedy sleath mysteries. including "Death with an Ocean ago The price of existing homes View" and "Who Killed Swami sold during the third quarter in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale area jumped to \$268,000, a whopping 55.2 percent higher Continuing the effort to help Katrina victims, Balfour Beatty Rail, Inc., was one of many

**Book signing** 

Schwartz."

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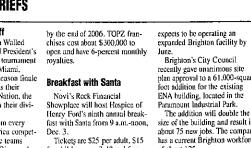
opolitan areas reporting

than the same period a year ago. The Detroit area's median price rose 2.3 percent to \$172,100. Graduate gemologist

Angie Larson, age 19, will mission, Briefs can come in soon join her parents in the jewelry business at family the form of press releases owned Larson Jewelry Design or announcements, and the Larson graduated last Friday from California-based Novi News reserves the right to edit for length and Gemilogical Institute of content. For more informa America as a licensed gemolotion, call (248) 349-1700, gist. Her parents are Brian and Nancy Larson. ext. 113.

Compiled by Tracy Mishler





#### ENA building, located in the Paramount Industrial Park. The addition will double the size of the building and result in about 75 new jobs. The company has a current Brighton workforce of about 125. New office in the future Novi-based PARAGON

contractors ready and willing to Leadership International, an executive coaching and cons assist in the cleanup efforts du ing the hurricanes aftermath. Balfour Beatty, with a U.S. ing firm, appounced the opening subsidiary company located in Novi, joined relief efforts by providing cleanup services to the Gulf Coast rail infrastrucof an office in Portage. PARAGON Leadership International founder and CEO Janice Krupic said it was both important and timely for PARAGON to make some long term investments in the western Booming housing market part of the state. Founded in 2001, PARAGON The nation's housing market Leadership International offers a continued to push prices highe range of executive coaching and in the summer months with 69 consulting services, from strate double-digit increases con gic executive coaching for indi-

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#### State proposes more rigorous high SCHOOL BRIEFS school schedule for graduation Novi Middle School honor roll correction

**Requirements** tion under state law. We haven't analyzed this plan could start as Lawrence said. "Over the next few weeks, we'll certainly have a early as next school year much better handle on that

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By Ramez Khuri

much belter tandle on that. Flanagan said that what he called the Michigan Merit Curriculum would begin with the freshman class next year if any necessary legislation is passed and enacted by March 1, 2006. If The proposal was just made ast week, so it's still brand new legislation is not enacted by that time, the requirements would hegin with the following freshtó Novi High School's principal bit on the surface, a more rigor-ous schedule for John Lawrence's students doesn't stem like a drastic change from man class. Flanagan presented to the State Board six recommendations that laid out his plan for high school what's already going on at Novigraduation requirements in ligh. , The State Board of Education will begin reviewing a set of brand new high school graduation requirements proposed last week by State Superintendent week by state Mike Flanagan.

English language arts and three years of science are among the recommendations. Currently, mly one semester of civics is





tion under state law, "We haven't analyzed this plan and its impact on what it's going the mean for our curriculum yet, the mean for our c one year each of Biology; Physics or Chemistry; and one additional year of science; three years of social science which must include a semester of said. "On the surface, for our ninth graders, things aren't going to change that much because requirements that they're calling civics and a semester of econom one year of health or physical

for and what we're already education; and
 one year of fine arts, which requiring are very similar." The State Board will consider may include music, art, or theater the Superintendent's recommencourses. This required curriculum only dations and come back at its

would fill 16 of the traditional 24 monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13. to develop and act on its ideas on how best to improve high school outcomes. If the State Board's final credit hours in a high school career, leaving the remainder of the course time for electives, or career and technical education programs.

actions in December require any change in state law, its plan will be forwarded to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Legislature for their considera-110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan nett.com

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time to get in on the

appeared on the Novi Middle School Marking Period I Hono Roll in last week's edition Joseph Mikkelsen Alyssa Miller Christopher Milon Angelica Minissale John Mitchell Meeting for parents "Meeting the instructiona

take place at 7 p.m. on Technology Center located at 25345 Talt Road.

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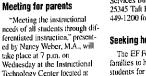
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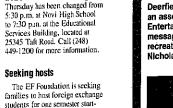
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### Let's twist again.....

Deerfield students enjoyed themselves last week during an assembly called Dare to Dance. Christy Lane Entertainment hosted the assembly, which shared a message of getting excited about life through popular ecreational dances. Pictured here are students Nicholas Alonzi and Jack Reilly.



Zerio top

collector for

the second straight year

By Ramez Khuri

lunior Kimberly Zerio made it

high school students hit the next two years.

# Students raise \$2,434 for UNICEF

streets of their neighborhoods and trick-or-treated for money instead of candy. All the funds they concerns went to UNICEF, an organiza-tion that was founded in 1946 to the wedicine, clean water Two of those students are jun-ters. Two of those students are jun-ters. All the funds they collected and sanitation, improved natri-ion, basic education and emer-gency assistance to children erforts. Together they raised percent of all proceeds will pro-place in top collectors behind vide relief to Hurricane Katrina Zerio.

Novi High: School students have been participating in this campaign for the past nine people." way to volunteer and help other people." Zerio explained that when she went door-to-door, she asked people if they would like to donate to UNICEF, but many didn't know what it was about. "It's for a pretty good cause she said. "I had to explain to them what it was about. This

makes me feel pretty good about myself because it's not something selfish to do., I'm helping people that I'don't even know.""

Jumor Rumberly Zerio mage.it vice refiet to Hurricane Katina Zerio. http://diad.rg/diof.Childrein's Kunderser-Movie-High science in the second science in Ramez Khuri is a staff write over \$100, it does a lot. It's a for the Novi News, He can be good feeling." for the Novi News, He can be 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan "It seemed like a fun experinett.com.

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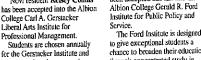
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birds of prey were presented to the children by Jesse Gabbard, of MUCC. The students learned about the habitat required to support birds of prey and their hunting abilities. Shown with Gabbard are students Matthew Confer, Carl Faraon, Travis Pattan, Nick Vaishampayan, Caitlyn Sultana, Kelsey Dietrich, Shelby Clouthier and Hannah



**On Campus** 

Novi resident Kelsey Collins

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been accepted this fall into the

Benjamin Landry, of Novi, have **CITY OF NOVI** SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

**DECEMBER 12, 2005** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Nov will hold a special meeting on MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005 AT 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 45-175 W. Ten Mile Road, for the purpose of Initer weight and diates for appointments to City Boards and Commissions. MARYANNE CORNELIUS NOVI CITY CLERK 11-24, 12-1/8-05 NN 254188)





NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45/75 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi to consider ZONING, ORDINANCE GFT HE CITY OF NOVITO MODI-FY SECTION 2505, TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LAND-BANKING OF PARKING SPACES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. All Inferested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments must be heard at the hearing and any witten comments must be received by the Planning Oppartment, 45/75 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi 48375 until 4:00 PM., Wednesday, December 14, 2005.

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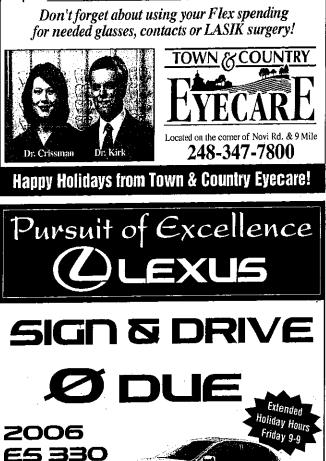
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- Score a ham at random while playing your favorite slots and table games!















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LETTERS

A mess of politics

As a philosophical libertarian, I

As a philosophical internation, not only disagree with democratis and republicans most of the time.

but find their powers of reasoning

or lack thereof, impossible to

For example, what is it that 1 don't understand about the con-

gressional vote last Friday to withdraw our troops from Iraq. After months of claiming that Bush lied and soldiers died so it is

now time to bring our boys home from Iraq, democrats finally had the opportunity to put their votes where their mouths have been.

Instead, the majority apparently decided to let the soldiers stay, as

Congress voted 403 to 3 to keep

I'm a philosophical libertarian. (The main reason is that I agree with Prof. Walter Williams that

the federal government has no

I guess that's one of the reasons

them in Iraq. Go ligure,

### Novi News

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WHERE WE STAND

### A season for thanks: An attitude of gratitude

It's often hard to grab ahold of as cold winds of job loss, illness and relationship conflicts blow into our lives. White-collar Novi has felt the barsh chill of recent automotive

staffing cuts. But even when all things are going our way, do we pause? Whether you work tomorrow or have the day off, dine with family and friends or alone, rue the approaching holiday season or embrace it,

 What: Food and ellettion or advice, the the approximate from the string What: Food and ellettion collection During that time, Novi residents have During that time, Novi residents have clothing collection When: Nov. 26-Dec. 3 shown their generous side, donating goods, money and time for victims of tsanamis, hurricanes and economic Where: Novi Bowl. 21700 Novi Road uncertainty Benefits: Northville The gesture deserves praise, But there remains a need you can still help, especially locally. Novi Bowl is joining JR Charter Civic Concern More: Call Novi Bowl at (248) 348-9120 or Service of Novi to help Northville Civic Concern, a local service agency that temporarily helps more than 50 individuals and families recovering Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033

from illness, sudden job loss and substance and domestic abuse. From infress, structure per ross and ausstance and uniteduc conset. For a full week, beginning this Saturday, the charter company will park a motoreoach at the 21700 Novi Read facility to accept donations of non-perishable food, clothes, toys and housewares for Northville Civie Concern.

They want to fill it.

Inside, the staff will sell snowflakes. Proceeds will go toward unpaid utility bills or to purchase grocery and gift cards for qualified Civic ultity fulls or to purchase greety and grit clubs to quanted crive Concern clubs, temporarily strapped for cash. Novi Bowl manager Tari Rutkowski said the philosophy of the Harris and Herman families who own the bowling alley is to give back to the community that has supported their business for 20 years. "Everybody needs a hand every now and then," she said, "Civic

Concern deals with people in need in our community. "There's always someone who needs help more than you." Are you able to pay your bills on time? Will your table be full tomor-

row? Will your family at your side?

Is your attitude gratitude We hope so. Happy Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is here - and

time to celebrate our traditions,

each in our own way. My wife, Kathy, and I deeply enjoy attending service at our church

We'll join a small congrega-

Episcopal Church, qui

etly united in

giving thanks for our abun-

dant bless-

on Thanksgiving morning.

tion at an old downtown

#### Correction:

In an article on this weekend's Festival of Trees event at Rock Financial Showplace on page 5 of the Nov. 17 issue, the wrong date was given for the first Lunch with Santa. The correct date is Sunday, Nov. 27. Also the Festival of Trees is one of the largest fund-raisers fo Children's Hospital of Michigan, not the largest

Michigan village of Petersburg

(now best known for the enormous Cahela's store in the

tearby town of Dundee) — by

the time my memories of him begin. He had heen a teacher

all his life, ending his career

heading the vocational educa-

tion program at Detroit's Southwestern High School. He was a deeply devout Methodist, convinced that the history of

our times consisted in the direct revelation of God's will.

He and my grandmother sur-



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

business levying taxes other than alcohol and tobacco taxes and interfering in state's rights matters other than the very limited powers allowed by the Constitution.) Is it me or them that don't make sensel And I still don't understand why the majority of Americans are democrats or republicans. Is there something wrong with the educational system, or is it just in the water they drink or the air

breathe'

### Share your opinions:

editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Generally, no more than one letter per month by the same author will be published. Letters must be received by noon Tuesday to be printed in the Thursday edition, Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167 E-mail: cstone@gannett.com Fax to: (248) 349-9832

agricultural metaphor of the

season. The harvest of the sum-mer is in; the jams and jellies

from our peaches, raspberries

our pantry. Our fall work has tidied up our land and garden

and apples sit in shining jars in



**Helping hands** 

"Caregivers can be anyone

from family members or friends or someone you've hired to give care," said Linda Premo, manager

and clinical supervisor of home support at Fox Run Senior Community. "It's really important that we recognize and value fami-tion for the second second second second second for the second second second second second second for the second s

ly caregivers. For some, it's day

after day and they can really get

lost in the emotional aspects." Premo said the home support program provides residents with all their in-home needed care.

Teodora Muntenanu visits resi-

dent Mary White to help her walk

and do things she can no longer

"It really makes me happy when they accomplish more," said the home health aide at Fox Run. "I really try and push them because it helps them to become

more independent." Kathy Shaffer said Fox Run's

home support program supports all the community's health-related

do on her own.

efforts

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62 years of age.

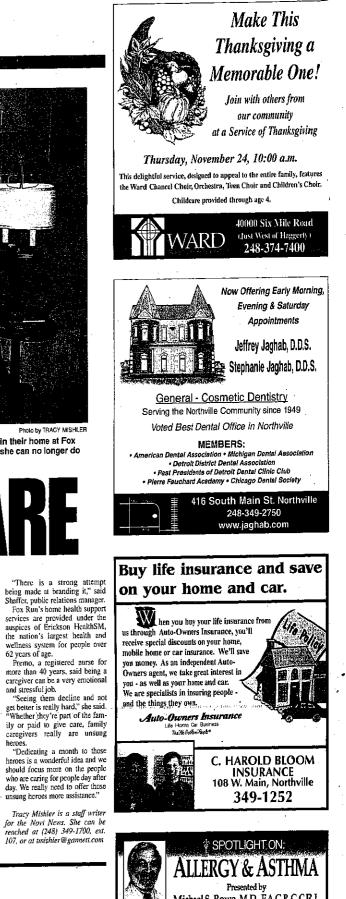
and stressful job.

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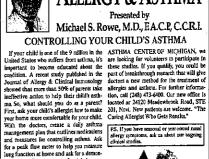


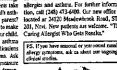
### SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 11/25	Wednesday 11/30
Senior Center, Civic Center, Transportation; Lunch Service; Management Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	9 a.m
Monday 11/28	11 a.m
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength 10 a.m. Body Recall 11:30 a.m. Goodie Lady	noon
Lunch neon	Thursday 12/1 2-2:30 p.m
Tuesday 11/29	noon
9 a.m. Panera Bread 9 a.m. Line Dance 10 a.m. Asian Pacific	12:15 p.m

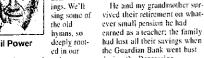


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Phil Power memories as to have become part of our emotional DNA. during the Depression.

My father and mother chipped in as they could, of course, in the time-honored We eather together to ask the Lord's blessing:

ways of families everywhere. ag them for Sunday din

Singing hymns, looking back and giving thanks out back, while my grandfather snowdrops blooming in the would squirt milk into the barn cat's face. My grandmother would sit spring. We plow the fields, and scat-

even adopt those that needed a home

Sandy Wagner grooms an Osicat named "Vocdoo" during last weekend's Family Pet Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace. Visitors could learn about all kinds of

pets from birds to fish to cats and dogs, purchase goodies for their pets and

Voodoo

ter the good seed on the land on the back steps shelling peasfrom the garden into her long apron while my grandfather But it is fed and watered by God's abniehts hand: He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, would chase a dinner-destined hen around the chicken coop. axe in hand. The breezes and the sun-Singing my grandfather's hymn on Thanksgiving mornshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good things around us are sent from Heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank ing helps me focus on the treasure of family and the gift of memory that keeps that treasure shining bright, even on cold, dark November days. the Lord for all His love. We are especially blessed by our family and friends at this

We also sing other hymns and read the psalms, ones that help keep us in tune with the swinging rhythm of the seatime of year. Our son, Scott. a physician living in Denver, and his wife, Molly, a television producer, had a baby in April, our first grandchild, Lucy Ruth. sons as they pass. By now Kathy and I have cut down the perennials in the garden. mulched the beds with com-Of course, she is the most beautiful baby in the whole wide world. As I hold her I see nost made from last year's

with his electronic music pro motion company, Deep Blue Productions) from Louisville Ky., back to Michigan, I so admire him in creating a start-up company out of nothing but his own talent and guts. As to friends, we will have 20 at table(s) when we sit down for dinner. Some dear friends discovered their newly built condu would not be livable for Thanksgiving, yet they had invited their entire extended family to come share the feast.

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hearing last January in Troy. He noted that Ford's Wixom

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi Ne

together We were delighted to help out, knowing full well they would have done the same for us had we needed them to. When all is said and done, i is friends and family that really is menos and failing that fearly matter. They are what links us to the hopes and fears and suc-cesses and failures of our daily plied: lives that together give us proof home.

for the coming winter. And the harvest of our friends and family — joyously, thankfully — will be with us at our Thanksgiving table for dinner Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest All is safely gathered in, ere he winter storms begin. God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be sup-

Come to God's own temple. come; raise the song of harvest that our existence extends

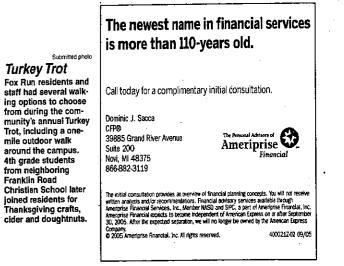
Or. Richard Reising We welcome your letters to the

will to make known.	ner (the noon meal, in those days) was happily bucolic.	for next spring's show of	vent hope of the multitude of	beyond the narrow limits of our own individuality.	Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in
maternal grandfather's favorite hymn, Clarence Harwick had		happy color. Reflecting on these rituals of fall is as much a part of our lives as our delight at the first.	And our younger son.	And so as we sit in church on Thanksgiving morning it is deeply comforting to think in terms of the stable, repetitive	ana eaucation issues in , Michigan. He would be pleased to hear fro m readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

#### . .Lunch . Bingo 12:30 p.m. "Ask the Lawyer" with Eric Glick; by appointment 1-3 р.т. Massage 2-2:30 p.m.

\* Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

stration on the proper use of an inhaler. For more than two decades, Dr Rowe, a board certified allergist and certified research investigator, has directed dozens of medical studies to develop new treatment nd medications for allergy and asthma tients. At the the ALLERGY AND www.allergyinfo.org



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# Proposed interchange gives us one thing to be thank for

plants in Michigan and three else-With all of the natural disasters, increasing unemployment and high gas prices this year, it doesn't seem like there's much to be thankful for where. But, gas prices are down from the victims / what they have been, the victims of Hurricane Katrina are slowly beginning to rebuild their lives, and to and behold, the governor of



Co. announc-

Parn Fleming ing the impending layoff of 4,000 salaried employees

and General Motors Corp. announcing in a televised address

supposed to be a bookend project with the Beck Road/I-96 inter-change, is an example of state, county and local officials coming together to bring major improve-ments to the infrastructure of the area.

Michigan finally approved the new interchange at Wixom Road and I-

This interchange, which was

Anyone who has used the new Monday morning the closing of six Beck Road/1-95 interchange can

attest to the huge improvement this is over the former setup. Before this interchange was redone, the trek to 1-96 from Novi Road. Attempts to take a "shortcut" by using 10 Mile Road west through South Lyon or Eight Mile Road west to Pontiac Trail through the posed the question, "Which way is the fastest?" Try Novi Road with its multisame community proved to be even

ore time consuming. The new Beck Road inter-TY NON KOA WATH IS MUID-tude of stoplights and high traffic volume at rush hour, attempt to navigate the former jig-jag at Beek Road where it converged with 1-96 and 12 Mile Road, or sit through five or six lights trying to turn left off of northbound Wixon Road coato 1962 change, which opened Oct. 24 with much fanfare, has made getting on the highway from communities south of I-96 so much easier. It

most likely helps motorists coming from cities north of the highway as well.

onto I-96? A couple of times, I tried taking Grand River Avenue to the Milford Road exit, only to commit an illegal U-turn in the middle of the road

Now, with the Wixom Road

Now, with the wixorh tool interchange included in MDOT's next five-year plan, this new inter-change will further ease the traffic burden in this highly populated and head back toward Wixom

nbly plant, the largest plant in As many city planners and city North America, has already been officials will tell you, a city's suc-cess and livability is often deter-mined by the quality of its infrareduced from a bustling, two-shift, 20-hour operation providing incomes to more than 3,000 Metro structure. Such major road Detroit families to a sparse oneimmovements will beln ease the shift operation on eight hours. stion in the area for years to Honefully, with the Wixom come. Oakland County Commissioners Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) and Jeff Potter (R-South Lyon) presented a resolution to reinstate the Wixom Road/I-96 interchange back on track, the Wixom Assembly Plant will remain open, providing needed jobs to the entire area Now, that would be something resolution to remain and Road interchange that was mani-mously approved by their fellow many area families would be thankful for.

Potter also spoke in support of the project at an MDOT public Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Navi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ga

and performing ensembles for ages

Acting Program: Traditional

ng. Music Program: Musical

scene study and text analysis train-

once a week for eight weeks.

TIME: 7:30 o.a

TIME: 7:30 p

Meadowbrook Road, Novi

DETAILS: Tickets are available from any Choralaire, Novi Parks

and Recreation, and at the doo

CONTACT: Noel Brown

LOCATION: Maybury State

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

TIME: 6 p.m. DETAILS: There will be owl-

TIME/DATE: 1-4 n.m., week-

DETAILS: This is a "narrativ

The cost for non-members, \$5 for

2 years and up, \$3 for 3-12 years

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 3

Owl Prowl

Hayride Tours

and free for under 3.

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#### **EVENTS**

#### **Novi Theaters Productions**

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road improvisation and the fundamentals of Second City song writing. Private Workshops: Special CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 A Christmas Carol TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Friday classes in improvisation, comedy Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10:3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11 writing, and musical improvisation that can travel to your school or

DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 in group. DETAILS:Students (ages 18 and advance. \$12 at the door. All seats older) can register for classes Dec. reserved 1-Dec. 23. Training center classes Borders Bookstore and

### Music, Novi

Novi Choralaires Christmas LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Concerts foulevard CONTACE (248) 347-0780 First United Methodist Church of Farmington DATE: Friday, Dec. 2 Author Book Signing DATE: Saturday, Nov. 26 TIME: noon DETAILS: Charlie Sanders and LOCATION: 33112 Grand River Earry Paladino will be signing their book "Charlie Sanders' Tales from Ave., Farmington St. John Lutherau Church the Detroit Lions Sidelines". Author Book Signing DATE: Saturday, Dec. 3 LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 30 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Mystery author Nota Farmington Hills Church of the Holy Family DATE: Sunday, Dec. 4 TBME: 4 p.m LOCATION: 24505 Charles will be signing her third book in her Kate Kennedy sleuth

series, "Death is a Bargain, Second City Detroit, Novi Happenings LOCATION: 17705 Gend River \$10 per adult, \$8 per senior and

Avenue, Novi, located across from the Novi Towa Center child President, (248) 348-0439 CONTACT: (248) 348-4448 or visit www.secondcity.com "In (Ded We Truct" **Maybury Park Programs** TIMES/DATES: Various time Wednesday-Sunday DEFAILS: Tickets are \$15 and Park, Eight Mile Road between \$20 and may be purchased at the Second City Box Office, on-line at Beck and Napier roads. www.ticketmaster.com or by obore: (248) 645-6666. "After the Beanstalk" DATE: Saturday, now through calling, stories, refreshments and Friends of Maybury will try to Dec. 17 TIME: 11 a.m. DETAILS: This is a childrens entice resident owls to respond to an artificial call. Free program suit able for all ages. Reservations not theater. Tickets are \$10. Training Center Classes Conservatory Program: equired. Advanced training in the art of cre-ating and performing a Second

City revue. Beginning Program: The funda mentals of Second City improvisa hayride", horse drawn, of Maybury ion for adults with little or no Farm. Each tour is 40 minutes long. The farm operations ar noon-5 p.m., Wednesdays-Si experience. Writing Program: The basics of

comedy writing with advanced levels in stage, TV and film writing. "Youth Program: Improvisation



Novi School Board Meeting CONTACT: (248) 374-0200 DATE: Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>t</sup> TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational Treats and Treasures DATE: Saturday, Dec. 3 Services building, 25345 Taft Road TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. LOCATION: Meadows CONTACT: (248) 449-1200. Congregational Church, 21355 BUSINESS Meadowbrook Road, Nov DETAILS: There will be holiday items, home-made treats, baked goods and attic treasures. Lakes Area Chamber of **Commerce Events Holiday Shoppe** LACC Manufacturer's DATE: Sunday, Dec. 4 TIME/DATE: 5:30-8 p.m., TIME: noon-4 p.m. LOCATION: Sports Club of Wednesday, Nov. 30 Novi, 42500 Arena Drive DETAILS: This event is spon-LOCATION: MSU Tollgate Conference Center, 28115 sored by Chuck and Susan Gaidica Meadowbrook Road, Novi will all proceeds to benefit The American Autoimmunic Related Sponsored by Huntington Bank Spotlight Lunch TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m Diseases Association. Admission i Thursday, Dec. 1 LOCATION: Commerce Grille, CONTACT: (248) 735-8850 2528 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township Holiday Mixer TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m., **Holiday Band Concert** DATE: Sunday, Dec. 18 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civie Center, Tuesday, Dec. 6 LOCATION: Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield, Novi, Cos Ten Mile Road, between Novi and is \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Taft roads DETAILS: The Novi Concert Band will be performing with **Oakland County Business** Diran Kochyan, conductor. A sing-Center a long and refreshments will be included. LOCATION: Oakland County complex. 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Novi Youth Assistance ONTACT: (248) 858-0873 **General Citizens Meeting** DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Jan **CLASSES** TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road **Providence Center for the** CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at Assarian DATE: Every Tuesday night SCHOOL/ TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer GOVERNMENT Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue DETAILS: Variety of activities Wixom City Council for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 20 TIME 7:30 p.m ponsored by the Providence LOCATION: Wixom City Holl, Center for the Healing Arts, Some ivities may include a supplies 49045 Pontiac Trail fee (no more than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483 CONTACT: (248) 624-4557 Novi City Council Meeting Line Dancing DATE: Monday, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 DATE: every Monday and and 19 TIME 7 DJ Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W, 10 Mile Road CONTÁCT: (248) 344/0470 ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena,

Fountain Wall 42400 Arena Drive DETAILS: Emagine Theatre at DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi res Fountain Walk is holding a special screening of the new film, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." All proceeds from ticket sales benefit dents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 the NPL Capital Campaign Fund. Individual tickets are \$6. A family pack of four tickets is \$20. Tickets **Providence Center for the** are available for purchase only a Healing Arts — Artist in the Novi Public Library. Residence ONGOING: Thursday High School Happening TIME: 1-2:30 p.m. DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 29 LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue TIME: 3 p.m. Take a study break and join us for snacks and a movie. We'll be done before the late bus arrives at DETAILS: Artist May Teevans instructs. Class will include draw ing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a S5 materials fee. Novi High School. Drop-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Novi Town Hall Lecture DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 30 TIME: Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. LIBRARY Lecture and book signing, 12:30 PLACE: Rock Financia LINES Showplace, 46100 Grand River The first event in the Novi Town Hall Lecture Series inaugural sea-Thanksgiving Day Closing son features bestselling author Noreen Wald (aka Nora Charles). DATE: Thursday, Nov. 24 DETAILS: The library will b She has published six successful mystery novels and two non-fiction titles, including "Death with an closed on Thanksgiving Day. It will be open during regular hours for the rest of the holiday weekend. Ocean View" and "Foxy Forever: How to Be Foxy at Fifty, Sexy at Sixty, and Fabulous Forever." The cost of the luncheon and Novi Public Library Hours LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten lecture is \$50; the lecture alone is Mile Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 \$35 Proceeds from the 2005/2006 Novi Town Hall Series will be donated to The Novi Public Library a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Capital Campaign, Reservation DETAILS: Unless noted below forms for the event are available a all programs take place at the the library. library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Pagetumers DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 30 Help Match the Walker TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Kids in grades 5-6 are invited fo Million—Online DETAILS: You now can make a a discussion of "Chasing Vermeer, donation online to help the library match the \$1 million Walker chalby Blue Baillet. No registration lenge grant. Just go to our Web site Battle of the Books willib.mi.us), and select the Registration "Make a Donation" button on the DATE: Begins, Thursday, Dec. 1 DETAILS: The Battle of the homepage. Books is a program designed to Story Time Notes encourage re young people who like to read. All fifth and sixth grade students who live or attend school in Novi are eli-There will be no Story Times on the day after Thanksgiving.

Benefit for NPL Capital

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 26

TIME: 10 a.m. PLACE: Emagine Theatre at

Make The Choice.

NEW Premium Choice Savings

The NEW Premium Choice Savings Account offers maximum interest for maximum results.

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grade.) Students read from a list of five books and then participate in a	Volunt
contest where each team answers questions about those books. The first 12 teams to return their regis-	16 year
tration forms will be cligible to par- ticipate in the Battle, which will be held in March 2006. For more infor-	Event's
mation, please contact the library's Youth and Teen Services depart- ment.	a family af
Walled Lake Library Events	By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER
LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Scrapbooking DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 30 TIME: 4:30 p.m. DETAILS: Bring three-four fam- ily nicturesrto learn creative ideas for decorating, lettering and jour- naling. Event is recommended by ages 9 and up. Weekly Slory Hours TIMEDATE: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday DETAILS: Includes stories, crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registra- tion required.	Michelle Mamo wil her 16th anniversary th The Northville resi be observing her 16th anniversary, however, ba observing the the second Children's Hospital of Festival of Trees. Doors open at neon to the annual fund-mis Financial Showplace in effting pediatric resea Detroit hospital. This will be the first the event is taking plac Mamo's service at hospital fund-miser be her son, Bradley, and involved in a major accident.
support <u>Groups</u>	"When my son was were hit head-on by a er," Mamo said. "He growth plate in his le was Dec. 23, 1989." Th
Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accom- pished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248) 380-0998.	totaled the family's vel "The car was so in the police officers we for bodies," she said. " n't recognize what kin was, it's asimazing we from that accident." She noted that the n time after being convic third dunk-driving offi "I' told the judge," actions as attempted Manto Said.
Friendship Circle	It was this frightenin that led her to get inv
<ul> <li>DATE: Second Thursday of each month</li> <li>TIME: 1 p.m.</li> <li>LOCATION: St. James Catholic</li> <li>Church, 46325 10 Mile Road,</li> <li>between Taft and Beck roads.</li> <li>DETAILS: Social group for all</li> <li>widows and widowers.</li> <li>CONTACT: Norbert Monson,</li> <li>(248) 851-6730, Florence Voight,</li> <li>(248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi,</li> <li>(248) 348-9138, joyiovaldi@earth- link.net</li> </ul>	volunteer for the festiv "I am committed to to help Children's Ho Bradley is now 16 as inches, and plays foot and baseball. He has effects from the accide "He's a great athlete it that to the care he Children's Hospital." M
MOMS Club of Novi	their children, work out o homes, or work part-time
DATE: First Thursday of each	CONTACT: dinatalim: global.net
month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non- goff support group, for mothers who throase for any at home with	Kensington Valley M Multiples DATES: Second Thurs each month TIME: 7 p.m.
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#### eer celebrates rs with festival "After being there so much, I told my husband that I had to do something to help the hospital. They were wonderful to us and explained everything." now fair Mamo said she wanted to help raise money for the facility because she believes it's a wonder-Il celebrate ful place to go if someone has is year. Ient won't sick or injured child h wedding out rather a Experiences have been varied teer for Manio has done a lot of differ-Michigan's ent jobs as a volunteer with the ival and has had her own deo rated trees displayed. She's er at Rock Novi benchaired the gift shop, served as rch at the tree coordinator and done tree delivery, in which volunteers are responsible for stretch-wrapping t year that e in Novi. all of the trees, "I've done so many jobs for the ainmal Festival of Trees I can't remember i ∙after egan aller her were m all" For the past tew years, automobile helped organize the parties associa baby, we ated with the festival. In October, she oversaw the American Girl events in which women and their daughters broke his ft ankle. It he accident enjoyed a fashion show and tea She is also involved with this angled that year's Lunches With Santa, the Red Hat Luncheon and the Dance e looking You could Party. "It's nice because 1 kind of d of car it alked away know a little bit about all the difnan did jail ferent areas," she said. Manio noted that the whole ted on this family helps during the festival. "I've had my son dress up as an elf and walk around," she said. anse. I view his murder," Her daughter, Shelby, is going to ng acciden ar as a dancing elf dur inches with Santa. 'They've been raised to be fesolved as a continuing tival workers. They know that this is part of our family life," Mamo pital," she and, Robert, helps with nd 6-foot, 3 the festival's electrical needs all, hockey and also builds items for the festival. "Whatever job [ take on, it's a "Whatever job [ take on, it's a and I credfamily affair," she said. "I can't received at faino said. imagine not doing this? LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, of their 300 Derothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides in@sha information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their familie nthers of Mothers of multiples living in and

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Why serve as a volunteer?

Mamo said serving as a volun

teer at the Festival of Trees is like

creating a whole other family. "It's absolutely an extended family," she said: "You definitely

get more back than you give because it's fun. It's a great time of

the volunteers makes it a positiv

The longtime volunteer com-pares the festival to a magical Christmas wonderland.

"For a lot of families, it's a kick-

off to the holiday season," she

Since she had to drive to Dearborn the last two years and

before that to downtown Detroit

for the festival. Mamo is looking

forward to the festival being close

"We're hoping that this will be a

good home for us," she said, "and that a whole new generation of people will discover the Festival of Trees in Novi."

Festival organizers will be look-ing for volunteers for next year's festival

"We're always looking for new

For more information about the

festival family members," Mamo

festival, visit www.fot.org.

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Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration need-CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 Novi Toastmasters DATE: First and third Tuesday of the month

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Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: Second and fourth

uesday of the month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sina

CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-ONGOING 9226

#### New Take Off Pounds Sensibly Novi Concert Band Rehearsals

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r-Art Studio, Nov DETAILS: This is a free class. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m., firs

nd third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

sidence May Oura Teevens and

experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting.

Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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mixed media and collage.

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(TOPS) chapter TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., DATES: Wednesda TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 Tuesday LOCATION: Novi High School, a.m. meeting LOCATION: Meadowbrook DETAILS: Open to all wind and Commons, 25075 Meadowbrool Road. Nov percussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan, DETAILS: \$20 per annual mem-bership includes handbook; \$1 per (248) 348-5135 meeting. New members welcome

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1.0CATION: Providence Park. Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave. CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road). Call (248) 348-Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Childbirth Education 5600 or visit http://rockfina showplace.com/for more informa DETAILS: Evening or weekend series helping you and your partne

get ready for the birth of your baby **Festival of Trees** DETAILS: A one time class to

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kids. Visit www.fot.org for times.

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DATE: Friday, Nov. 25-Sunday, review important information birth of your baby DETAILS: This is a display of stfeeding Preparation DETAILS: A one time class for more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, an elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, individmom and her partner helping to

provide tips for successful breas feeding. Baby Care Basics ual designed wreaths and center-DETAILS: A one time class with pieces, entertainment for all ages, a festival gift shop, fun filled chil practical inform on about how to drens activities, photos with Santa and a Secret Santa Shop just for

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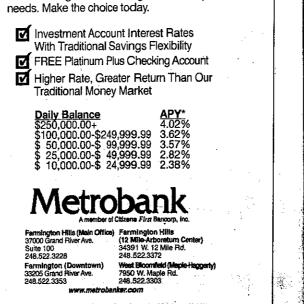
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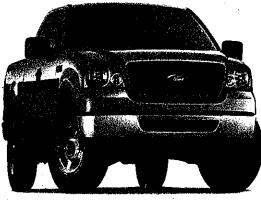






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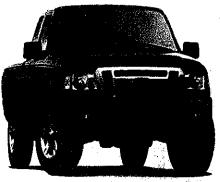




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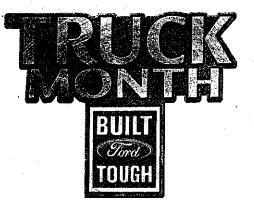
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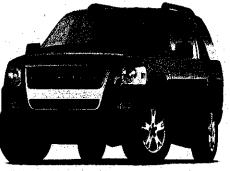


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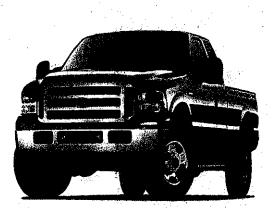


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Hoops season comes to end

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team couldn't find a way to beat the Canton Chiefs in the district final gan Friday, losing on a last-minute shot.

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#### ihowdown at Compuware The Novi Wildcats lost to

Northville in hockey last week, 4-3, but will get another chance Dec. 15 when the two learns square off at Compuware Arena. - Page 3B





Regional Marketplace Taking a step over the threshold of the Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor is like taking a step back in time. This historic store, and the adjoining Merchants Home, hous-time stores in

es one of the busiest country gift and furniture stores in

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ursday, November 24, 2005

#### Correction

Mike Parrelly and Brad Wolfe's names were misspelled in last week's All-Area edition. Both members of Catholic Central's football team were named to the All-Area squad.

#### Left off but not forgotten

Ever have one of those moments where you just have to shake your head wondering what went wrong? Well, Mike Kolis is probably wondering

doing that right now. The Novi football standout didn't see his name on the list for All-Area players last week.

He thought he was overlooked. He wasn't. He was just omitted from the list. Mike Kolis is

the kind of player that a coach can depend on. He's in the right spot at the right time, which is one of the reasons he led the

team in tackles this year. To show how much support Kolis has in the community, there were over a dozen calls and e-mails to the sports depart-ment wondering why he wasn't sclected.

Kolis deserves All-Area cred Kolis deserves All-Area cred-it. The kid, quite frankly, would be a welcome addition to any team. He hits as hard, runs as fast and make as big of plays as anyone else named a a line-backer.

cloome aboard, Mike So, welcome aboard, Mike Kolis. We're proud to have you as an official member of the 2005 All-Area football team.

#### And what about Tom Spisich?

This is a guy everyone expect-ed to be crushing bones at the linebacker position this year but a change of plans landed him as a defensive lineman. His speed and strength made a great move on the part of the coaches, but a lot of double teams and cut lot of double teams and cut blocks reduced his visibility to

the fans. Spisich is one tough kid. He's smart, he's talented and he makes sure the ball doesn't head his way very often. With his linebacker-type awareness, Spisich made for a fierce down lineman who kept the offense on their toes. He's a great addition to the All-Area team and one we're sorry to have omitted last week.

#### Just 30 more!

Can the Novi Wildcats girls basketball team please schedule another game this

year? We know the Ðle playoffs are here and Novi's been bounced out, but Rachele Folino

needs just 30 more points to make it an 1,000 for her high



Novi's Emily Stark, left, tries to get seriously funny with her teammate Yalda Dastmalchi, right, before they warm up for last week's swim finals at EMU.

## Well done, Wildcats! Photo by JOHN Heider/Novi News

Novi scores 14 points in swimming and diving state final

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITE!

Oh, to be Bill McCord and his Novi

UN, to be Bill McCord and his Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team. The young squad came into this season with high hopes. Those hopes were fulfilled Friday and Saturday when the girls scored 14 points in the Division I state finals.



"We were very pleased with our state meet performances." McCord said. And why wouldn't they be? The girls tied for 27th overall, finishing as one of the top teams in the state. Winning was Ann Arbor Pioneer, while Farmington Hills Mercy took

Another individual freshman Kerry Abel.

swam to ninth overall in the state in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 58.98 seconds. "Kerry Abel also capped a tremendous

great state meet Hard choice

Sometimes, change is good. Other times, it's simply unneces-

sary. Last week, as I put on my team swimsuit for the final time, I knew that I could just as easily be tying my volleyball shoes and pulling up

my kneepads while prepar-ing for my last fall athletic competition. I learned in the winter of my junior year that my two



sports could become impos sible to balance

Courtney **Batkowiak** 

vith the resolution of the female-equity, seasons

lution of the female-equity, seasons-altering MHSAA lawsuit. After a volleyball summer condi-tioning schedule was distributed in preparation for a new fall season and the following year's swim schedule had been finalized, I considered my options and realized that my high school sports career might be over before Thanksgiving of my senior veer year. Why?

Because two parents, in a lawsuit filed before the class of 2006 was even in high school, believed that unconventional Michigan sports seasons were to blame when their girls did not receive college athletic

scholarships. "I've said all along that I was con-cerned about the motivation for the lawsuit," Novi High School athletic director Curt Ellis said. "I've never felt that getting college scholarships was a purpose in high school sports, and therefore, I was concerned that the lawsuit might have been some-

seasons) would provide more schol-arships or anything like that. I think it would take the excuse out of some people, that the reason they didn't

Mich igan ranked seventh in the nation in Division 1 volleyball scholarship recipients. Has the lack of a "level playing

field' caused our athletes to be among the most recruited in the nation? It's difficult to fix Michigan's problem when, com-pared to statistics from the 43 states that receive fewer scholarships, it seems to be a relative nonissue. Although the lawsuit has not been

dominant in headlines since the May ruling, Ellis said that the court's appeal decision could be made "any

day." "I do know that, from the Supreme Court of the United States right on down to the circuit courts, there are a lot of judicial appointments that are taking place right now that are taking center stage," he said. "All those plans and discussions we had, we've filed them away, and if we hear (the decision) as soon as tomorrow, we'll be prepared to start ng again." e that has centered around In a car pr eparing for change, I know that I ould have missed out on the chance to be the captain of a team that qual-ified six girls for state champi-onships and had the best league record in four years, or I could have missed out on the chance to try this winter for a third straight district title and second straight KVC champi-onship. Above all, I would have lost the opportunity to be a senior on both teams, to finish high school with the same girls I became t mates and friends with as fresh ne team Even now, months after I first

Novi High's Julie Schramm

Friday at EMU's pool during the MHSAA state

swims last

finals meet.

what flawed in its intentions."

Varsity volleyball coach Julie Fisette added, "I don't necessarily think (changing Michigan's athletic

geopie, that the reason duey that the get a scholarship was because we don't play in the fall. If you level the playing field, you don't have that." However, a 2004 study by the National Federation of State High School Associations showed that

school career.

The worst part about it? Folino missed her first game this year. Out of four seasons she missed one thanks to an injury. She could have easily put up 30 in that one too. Well, it's not as though she

hasn't had plenty of milestones already, but it would have been nice to hit a grand on the point total, wouldn't it?

#### Winter sports season

It's already that time of year? It sure feels like there wasn't of a break between fall and winter this year, but that's how the world of high school sports works.

Be sure to check the weekly edition of scoreboard to see who's doing what for the Novi Wildcats and the Catholic Central Shamrocks. Coaches Wildcats submit their results after each game and those results are piled into a handy source for all of those sports fanatics out



to by JOHN Heid er/NoviN Novi's Amy Glubzinski warms up on the one meter board during Friday's state finals.

Pione second. Cross-town rival Northville finished fifth

The Kensington Valley Conference was also well represented, with South Lyon, Pinckney, Milford, Howell and Brighton joining Novi at the finals.

Th Wildcats knew they had a lot of potential and proved it by earning a place with their 200-yard medicy relay team. The squad finished 16th in the state with a 1:56.65. The time was impressive, especially considering the unexpected adversity the squad had to face

"Our medley relay had to swim very well to make it back to finals," said McCord. "All ur girls swam lifetime best times to accomplish this.

Unfortunately, our breaststroker, Ma Rudzinski, broke her collarbone making the Rudzinski, broke her collarbone making the turn of her leg, and couldn't swim on Saurday. Her replacement, Yukie Tamura, did a great job of filling in, but we weren't quite as fast as in the prelims."

The Wildcats also narrowly missed making the finals in the 200 freestyle relay, carn-ing first alternate position and missing Saturday's swims by just 0.2 seconds.

But they weren't edged out in the diving ortion of the finals. Novi junior Amy ubzinski dove to .14th place, scoring

333,70 points. "She and Couch Teahan did an amazing job throughout the season and she peaked

And States

1 with McCord said. "She swam lifetime best times on both relays and in her individual 50 free and finished our meet by dominating the consolation heat of the 100 fly."

Abel was officially ninth, but posted the sixth best time in the meet. Consolation heat swimmers cannot pass finals heat swimmers in their places.

Novi should have returning swimmers in the state finals next year if the squad can con-tinue its performances from this season. All of the state finals swimmers return next year

Novi should be a force to be reck with, to say the least," McCord said. "The state meet experience will be extremely valu-able to these athletes, all of whom we expect to contribute quality leadership next year

Though the swimmers will be ref urning, the state finals coach may not be. McCord said the balancing act he's been pulling may he too much.

"As for me. I'm not certain of my future with the girl's team," he said. "Coaching both the boys and girls is extremely demanding of time and energy, and I'm not sure that I can continue to wake this commitment and still continue to make this commitment and still be the kind of family man I want to be. I'll have to do some serious thinking when the dust settles — after the boy's season."

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learned about the lawsuit, the ques icanies about the rawsin, in ques-tion is still just as difficult to answer: after participating in both sports for a combined twelve years, fourteen seasons, and countless practices, which would I choose?

thankful that I will never have to make that decision

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### NOVIPULL NOVI NEWS-Thursday, November 24, 2005 Northville to host Novi at Compuware

#### Larger arena will allow more fans to attend

### By Sam Eggleston

The Baseline showdown has just gotten a little bigger. The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats hockey team - which usually square off at the Novi Ice Arena that is both team's home ice--- will play each other Dec. 17 Compuware Ice Arena.

The venue holds over 3,000 said. "Every time we play people and is the sile for the Michigan High School Athletics and we have a great crowd but finals. playing "Hosting the game at

"Hopefully playing at Compuware will change all of that. It's exciting to think about a hockey game with that many Compuware will hopefully be a bigger draw for this game," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. fans again.

"Both programs are hoping to generate more of a fan base hav-One of the reasons the venue ing it at Computare." One of the fact the Wildcats Novi coach Dan Phelps said its exciting to take on their have a chance to face off in the cross-town rivals in front of a playoffs. Northville was recentbig crowd. "The first year we played ly bumped up to Division I com-petition while Novi stays at Division II. Northville we had between 1,100 and 1,400 people," he

won't be any less because of the difference in divisions. "The Novi-Northville games are a lot of fun," he said. "Both teams leave everything on the ice and there is a mutual respect for each others programs. "There have been some outstanding high school games between the two teams in the

past. It's a great rivalry which makes it the best type of high school hockey game." And like other sports, it real-ly doesn't matter what each itition while Novi stays at teams meet up. Division II. "It's always a great game," The intensity, said O'Neill, Phelps said. "This year isn't

team's record is when these two going to be any different.'

# Youth hockey team wins title



#### The Predators recently won the Great Lakes Championship title.

The squirt Predators took the Great Lakes Ripley put in the third goal. Championship title in a hard fought tourna-ment in Holland, Mich. Nov 13. The tournament started on Friday night

with a 5-3 loss to a team from Rochester. Jeremy Gumkowski, Carl Faraon and Max VanAntwerp scored the Predator's goals late Lines in the third period. Saturday brought two wins. The first

game was against a lean from Crystal Lake aud\_the Predators won, 2-1. Both Predator goals were scored by Faraon. The second game was against a team from Grosse Isle, resulting in a 3-2 Predator victory. Two goals were scored by Faraon, and Brooks Final score was 4-2 Predators

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and so will boys.

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Ripley, a key defensive player, was The two wins put the Predators into the semi-finals against a team from Brighton, which the Predators won, 4-2, with a hat named most valuable player of the tournament. Faraon led the offensive line for the tournament scoring eight out of the 16 Predator goals. Other strong defensive playtrick scored by Faraon and a goal by Jacob ers for the tournament were Troy You In the finals, against a team from

O'Malley. The Predators were strong in net with Rochester, the Predators started off strong with a goal by Austin Enyeart early in the first period. Goal two was scored by Jeremy Gumkowski. Rechester fought back with two goals of their own, but the Predators hung con, strong, with VanAntwerp, and goalie Robert Gaul. Jason Ferrante, Joe Harnway and Jordan Sailus were valuable in assisting the offensive lines. The Predators are coached by Harry Austin Hunt scoring goals three and four.

Pete Colmery, David Jeong and Sear

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"Hosting the game at Compuware will

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By Sam Eggleston PORTS WRITER

Bill Kelp just laughed when the question of improving yet again next year came up. He was still a little preceeu pied with this year. The Novi girls basketball coach had just lost the district

Brad O'Neill

Northville Hockey Coact

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final to the Canton Curcis, 41 38, and realized he was losing six seniors to graduatio of them having played with him for all three of his seasons at Novi's helm "It's hard knowing they're gone," Kelp said, "It was a pretty emotional locker room," Kelp's not one to ery, but he said this was a special moment and one he'll not soon forget. In just three years, he's compiled a 44-22 record. His first

season ended in the first-round of the district playoff's. His sec-ond year ended in the second round and this year was the district final. "It's been a great season." Keip said. And it almost kept going, too. The Wildcats trailed the Kelp said. entire game but ended up tying the contest, 38-38, with time expiring. Two Canton starters were on the bench, one with an injury and the other out via

keved in on standout Lisa Ealy ap and drained an eight-foo jumper to break the tie with 41 seconds left in the game. Novi he final score to 41-38.

game against Plymouth High. who stands 5-foot-8-inches and is currently listed as a guard. The Wildcats also return nowseasoned guards Stephanie Crawford, Kris Chaklos, Chantel Hill and Paige Janer. recruit, "I'm proud of the way Jamie Fratto, who was hurt all

season, is also expected to play a role as a guard. "Next year we could switch Novi loses Hope Morris, to a four-guard offense with one post player," Kelp said, though refused to commit to any specific plans, "We're going to work as hard as we can

still thinking about this one." Novi's banquet will most likely be an emotional affair, said Kelp. He said he'll probaperienced Amanda Diacono, bly shed another tear or two.

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is because of them. They deserve all of the credit

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gram, contact (248) 478-

Fall/Winter Learn to Skate

Novi Ice Arena will run a

seven-week fall/winter session

of its Learn to Skate Program

from Oct. 26-Dec. 17 (no class-cs Nov. 23-26). Classes are

offered Wednesdays, Fridays

and Saturdays, and skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students get a punch

card for free admission to oper

skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in. The following classes will be

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optional 30-minute practice sessions. Open registration for Learn to Skate begins Oct. 17. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi

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Motion tryouts

The Michigan Motion girls

haskethall club will be holding

open tryouts Dec. 10 and 11. The tryouts will be at Novi

Middle School, located on 11

Mile Road, and requires players to be present 20 minutes before their tryouts are scheduled and to be fully dressed to play bas-

ketball. A parent or guardian

must sign players in. On Dec. 10, the U10 and U11

teams will tryout from 9-11 a.m. while the U12 and U13 teams while the U12 and U13 teams tryout from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ages 14-17 will go from 2-4 p.m. The following day, U10 and U11 go from 12:30-2 p.m.; U12 and U13 from 2-3:30 p.m.;

and ages 14-17 go from 3:30-5

p.m. The fec to try out is \$20 per

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**Hockey shootout** 

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Getting to the finals

final game.

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The Novi Wildcats had a

tough road to make the district

They topped South Lyon in an expected one-sided game and edged favorite Plymouth, 34-33, in the semifinals with

clutch free throws by Folino.

After a last-second three-point attempt ended in a foul, Folino stepped to the line with

Plymouth lead. The veteran sank all three shots to secure

"That was amazing," Folino

said. "I can't even believe it.

It's just amazing." Folino had a game-high 12 points while Stephen poured in 10 in the victory.

Against South Lyon, Novi

simply dominated as they ran away with a 51-35 win. Folino

sparked the offensive surge

with over half the team's point:

as she netted a whopping 26. Stephen added 10, Gusiorek

left and a 33-32

skating and puck handling skills. No pick-up games will be allowed and full equipment The 2006 Western Wayne Wolfpack (Northville) AAU girls basketball tryouts will be next week. Following are the is required.

Registration is limited, so don't delay. Call (248) 888age groups and their practice times and locations: Ul0: Dec, 6 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School and Dec, 9 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at 1400 or visit www.suburbanice.com for more information

#### Breakfast Club Adult Northville High School U11: Dec. 7 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Senior Community Center and Dec. 9 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. **Hockey Program returns** for 13th year

It's not too late to sign up for at Northville High School U12: Dec. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. Suburban Hockey's morning hockey instructional program for adults Registration is underway for and Dec. 9 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at Northville High School U13: Dec. 7 from 8-9:30 p.m. the Breakfast Club presented

at the Senior Community Center and Dec. 9 from 7:45-9:15 p.m. by Labatt - Suburban Hockey's weekly morning skills and con-ditioning series for adult hockat Northville High School Ages 14-16: Dec. 6 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School and Dec. 9 from 7:45-9:15 p.m. at Northville High ey players of all ability levels. Suburban will hold two 10week sessions, with the first running from October-December and the second

If you have any questions regarding the tryouts please contact Jeanne Holmes at (248) going from January-March. The Breakfast Club will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at Suburban Ice-Macomb Tuesdays, and at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena and Dearborn Ice Skating Center Thursdays, Suburban Ice-

Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the prop-Farmington Hills will also be the site of the Advanced er class for your skater.

Breakfast Club program on Thursdays. The goals of the program are Travel baseball to improve players' overall knowledge of the game, teach new drills, increase enjoyment and softball of the game, build confidence

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association conditioning and develop skaling and puck skills in a com-petitive and fun environment. Coaches include former profeswill hold a travel baseball meeting Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of Maltby Middle School located at 4940 Bauer sional and collegiate players with vast coaching and playing Road (on the northwest corexperience. All youth hockey coaches ner of Brighton Road and Bauer Road) in Brighton. This is the first meeting for the 2006 seareceive 50 percent off tuition to

the Breakfast Club! New this son and is for any new and year is a special offer from RBK Hockey: all registered returning U9-U18 teams. For more information, contact Jeff David at 586-206-7646 or players may purchase an RBK 5K Modano nattern hockey visit www.KVBSA.com. stick for just \$75 (retail is \$150). In addition, players who

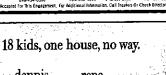
#### **Coach** wanted

refer a new player to the Northville High School is in Breakfast Club will receive \$50 off their tuition! need of an assistant gymnastics coach that has experience in This is an extremely popular spotting. Please contact Bryan Masi, Athletic Director at (248) program and there is limited enrollment. For more information on the Breakfast Club or 344-8414.

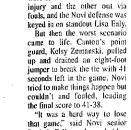
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While on the run, Novi's Stephanie Crawford looks to "It was a hard way to lose that game," said Novi senior Rachele Folino, who ended her make a pass during the Wildcat's KVC district playoff four-year career with 970 points for Novi's varsity squad

tion. Next season, they'll be huring in terms of post play-ers, where Tuck, Gasiorek, Stephen and Folino special-

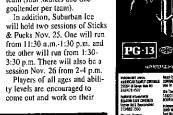
change. "I don't even want to worry about next year right now. I'm foot-1-inch center, will be expected to step into the role along with a talented but inex-

in the off-season and see what the victory. we have. It's going to be a big But the Wildeats had plenty to be proud of this season. A 15-8 record was nothing to scoff at, especially with 1 dif-ferent injuries this year accounting for 46 missed games combined for all of the games combined for all of the

"I'm not making any excus-es, but that wasn't easy," Kelp said, "I think that really shows the character of this team and these girls. They really stepped up when they needed to. They played hurt, had surgery and played that day and just would All of our success this year











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including a game-high 13 against Canton. She'll continue playing at Niagara University next fall as Novi's first-ever Division I college basketball we played all season, but that was a hard one to lose. It really sucked."

Jessica, Gasiorek, Nicole, Stephen, Katelyn Tuck, Lisa Harden and Folino to gradua-

Junior Taylor Gravhiel, a 6-

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Make sure the heater and

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professional
to look at it right away; and
Make sure all lights and bulbs are in working order and replace any burned-out bulbs.

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boring towns. The store was built around 1840,

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viving in the early years by trading with locals and travelers. Plymouth Road was once the main route con-necting Detroit and Ann Arbor, hecting Detroit and Ahir Atoo, taking a team of horses with a load of goods a minimum of three days. The upstairs usually housed the merchant's family, who often entertained neighbors on the froit

porch with their guitars and fid-The east side of the current store, which now houses the store's

Store, which now noises the store's Bear Room, player piano and kitchen, was actually a separate house until it was connected to the general store in 1995. Around 1915 and continuing for

Arbeita 1915 and containing for many years, the upstairs of the store was used as a Saturday night dance hall. Customers now walk on the same hardwood dance floor installed in the 1920s. In that same decade, the store owner installed a gas pump and sold gasoline for those fashionable Model T's that

replaced the horse and buggy. Later, a small hot dog stand was even set out front to grab the attention of the many cars traveling Plymouth Road to University of

Michigan football games. In 1964, the store changed from general mcrchandise to antiques and remained an antique store until the 1980s.

The store had been vacant for several years when Allan and Cheryl Goode purchased the prop-erty in 1990, renovated the store

erty in 1990, renovated the same and reopened its doors in 1991. "When we first reopened the this they village, we didn't when we have not reopered the store in this tiny village, we didn't know if people would come," Allan said. "But, as soon as we opened our doors, we knew it was a success. People visit the store for an afternoon in the country, even

cross the threshold into the ge



mark to neighboring towns. The quaint, frame house features a large collection of furniture, home accessories and seasonal items.

**DIXBORO GENERAL STORE** 

store each year, and it has nearly

The Dixboro Store offers a cozy atmosphere for customers to peruse catalogs, select fabrics for upholstered furniture or just enjoy a day in

Dixboro Store rekindles old, new charm

store each year, and it has nearly 40,000 people on its mailing list. Not only does the store offer a unique shopping experience, but during special events scheduled several times a year, customers can enjoy such activities as carriage rides, outdoor bands, signings by nationally known artists and authors and a twice-yearly barn sele

sale "I hear a lot of women say that this is one of the few stores their husbands actually enjoy," Cheryl said, Children love the old-fashioned candy and toys, and parents like to show little ones items they remember from their younger

days. Specialty gifts for holidays include several lines of candles, including the popular Yankee Candles, collectible pottery lines and hand-painted signs to name a few

Dixboro General Store 5206 Plymouth Road Ann Arbor, Ml Phone: (734) 663-5558 Toll free: 1-800-DIXBORO Store hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit www.dixbore.com.

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"Many people don't realize that we sell furniture," Cheryl said. "But, in fact, we are one of the top dealers for most of our furniture In Not only is all of the store's fur-The Dixboro General Store has niture American made, but it's solid wood — built to last a life-time.

Santa visits Dixboro Noon-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays November 26, 27 December 3, 4 December 10, 11 December 17, 18 Bring your camera for a nhoto with Santa

The store's sales floor has on display only a small portion of what furniture can be ordered. Looking for a specific piece? The store's online catalog can provide ideas, options and sizes.

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The Dixboro General Store, located on Plymouth Road east of Ann Arbor, is a land-

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Customers

still flock to

historic store

Taking a step over the threshold

of the Dixboro General Store in

of the paxboro benefail store in Ann Arbor is like taking a step back in time. This historic store, and the adjoining Merchants Home, hous-es one of the busiest country gift and fumiture stores in Michigan. Although customers can pur-

Although customers can pur-chase jellies, candies and fudge at the store, what really attracts peo-ple is its selection of furniture, home accessories and year-round seasonal incre

This time of year, Christmas

dominates the store's appearance. From ornaments, garlands, wreaths and trees to unique gifts

and table top items, the store is a great place to shop for the holi-days. If you visit the store in the spring

or summer, it will have a complete-

ly different look with its outdoor

gardens and greenhouse. In fact, the store's look is constantly changing, which the owners attrib-ute to their talented staff.

Store has colorful history

Nestled in the small village of

Dixboro, just outside bustling Ann Arbor, the Dixboro General Store has long been a landmark to neigh-

seasonal items.

By Pam Fletitling

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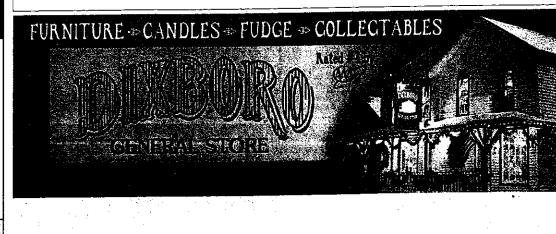
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