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By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

David Landry hopes the city

David Landry hopes the city of Novi will soon be home to 1,000 new employees. And if Southfield-based Coman Pico Inc. decides on moving their new headquarters to the former Novi Expo Center facility, Landry's wish will be granted.

"It would be excellent for the city," Landry said, "and we are willing to work with them on every level within the bounds

of our ordinances."
On Oct. 17, Cornau Pico CEO

John Newman indicated in a let-ter that his company has an inter-est in expanding further in Novi.

Newman said Comau Pico,

which designs vehicle manu-facturing systems for the auto-motive, construction, recre-ational and aerospace indus-

trics, has narrowed their selec-tion to Novi and Plymouth. He said in a statement that

both locations have unique opportunities, but Novi has several obstacles standing in the way of making a quick

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Santa and the seniors Santa elicits a smile from Isabelle McKay during last

Thursday's Novi Rotary club Christmas party at Novi Middle School. Students and staff and Rotary members helped to entertain, feed and make feel welcome dozens of local sen-iors and community members

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Healthy finances

At the Nov. 38 city council meeting, representa-tives of the consulting firm Plante & Moran gave an audit presentation of the city's last fiscal year that ended June 30. - Page 6A

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'Cats on prowl for KVC crown Novi vol-

leyball coach Julie Fisette this year. Seniors Jenna Kuhn (shown) and Megan Miller are just two of the key role players from last

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Michigan vs Georgia

■ Ford's Wixom Assembly plant could still close

By Pam Fleming

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) doesn't like Michigan's chances when it comes to business retention. That's because Michigan hard-

ly tops the list if it has to compete with other states on tax incentives.

So, the question is, if Georgia officials are trying to convince Ford Motor Company to keep a plant in that state open, will they have more leverage?

Hopes were raised after an article appeared in the Dec. 2 Wall Street Journal stating that Ford's Wixom Assembly plant would remain open and other plants, including one in the Atlanta area, would close.

including one in the Atlanta area, would close.

Then, early this week, speculation rose when media reports last weekend stated Georgia was negotiating a "secret deal" with Ford in court to keep the Atlanta-

at a glance ■ Opened in 1957 ■ 1,600 employees

Lines; Lincoln LS, Lincoln Town Car, Ford GT Source: Winern Assembly Plan

Wixom Assembly

area plant open by offering busi-ness incentives and infrastructure

improvements.
"It's certainly still a very tenu-

Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter (R-South Lyon). Potter works at the Wixom

plant.
"We're taking everything with
a grain of salt and keeping our fin-

gers crossed."
The article in last week's Wall Street Journal stated that the Atlanta Assembly plant would not assemble the Lincoln line and that four different auto lines were supposedly coming to the Wixom plant.

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■ City of Novi

at 11th hour

Members of Friends of Novi

Parks and others who worked on the project were overwhelmed

when a state trust fund board

awarded a grant to the city Tuesday that will form a new park in Novi.

park in Novi.

"We are elated," said Rick Helwig, city manager. "It's a true community accomplishment."

Once approved by the state legislature, the city of Novi will receive \$846,338 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

That funding and a 25 percent local match of \$52,662 will be read to center Meadowbrook

used to create Meadowbrook

responds

By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER

State approves grant

for Meadowbrook Park

What's it for?

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Meadowbrook Park on

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Park on about 51 acres cast and west of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile

The series of recent events began when Toni Nagy, city council member, convinced developer William Roskelly of

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Some of Santa's elves entertain a post-parade crowd Thursday night inside Novi's Main Street development. Prior to the parade, the annual Spirit of Giving Award was presented to the Michigan 50's Festival Board of Directors. See more photos from the event on page 4A.

victory Samonas savor

Novi family celebrates with a live nativity scene, caroling

By Ramez Khuri

It was 9 a.m. last Thursday and the Samona household was

hopping with glee.

The house was packed with close relatives who just witnessed a live nativity scene in

nessed a live-nativity scene in their front yard — an event that Joseph Samona called a celebration of victory.

As he sat at the kitchen table with his father, Frank, eating a hearty bowl of soup, the 16-year-old described the morning. "We had 95.5 FM come over nere, and they actually did the live nativity scene," Samona said. "We had a lot of people come by, who we didn't even

know. My middle school principal even came by it was an exciting day for all of us."

It was a beautiful scene, complete with singing. Samona

plete wan said.
"The police rolled by and said they did not receive any complaints," said Samona.
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ly. I must sure before came that it would

"It was just a great day, and it was taken very serious-ly. I made

J. Samona not be a mockery."

To further celebrate, a group of people organized a Christmas carol sing-a-long last Sunday carol sing-a-long last Sunday evening on the Samonas front

The Samonas were celebrat-Inc Samonas were celebrat-ing a letter they received from the homeowners association that previously ordered the fam-ily to remove a nativity scene display on their front lawn. was a letter of retraction and an apology.

The Novi family says the

ne Novi family says the nativity display is something they we been putting up for the last three years, without hearing any complaints.

The American Family

and time value.

The American Family Association of Michigan condemned the Tollgate Woods subdivision for ordering the Novi homeowners to remove the figures of the Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the Three Wise Menor their lawn.

The organization even offered to provide the Samonas free legal representation and to pay up to \$100 a week in fines the neighborhood association was threatening to levy against the family until the Christian nativity scene was removed.

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Vietnam vet tells his story to the History Channel

■ Novi resident awarded Silver Star from U.S. Air Force

By Ramez Khuri

It's been over 30 years, but the memories will be embedded in

Robert Blough's mind forever. Blough, a Novi resident since 1982, received a the Silver Star award from the United States Air Force for his heroic actions on May 15, 1975, And for good rea-

son. It was because of him and his crew that 71 Marines, who were pinned down by enemy fire near the end of the Vietnam War, were walk away from

Although he's modest about the Blough is happy that incident. others haven't YOUR NOVI

forgotten day. After all, it was his first combat

"I received an e blue from this productions com-pany in California, and they were expressing interest in doing a documentary on the operation," Blough said. "I responded, and

they did a whole round of interviews with people they could contact from that day."

Blough, who was a helicopter pilot during the war, was interviewed by the History Channel at the Westin Hotel near Detroit Metro Airport. The documentary,

titled "Heroes Neighbors Fire: Reckoning." first aired last

Friday. It will be airing again at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17.

He told about how his operation

was late in the day. The United

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As a helicopter pilot, Robert Blough helped rescue 71 Marines in the Vietnam War.



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States had already recovered a U.S. ship that had been seized by Khmer Rouse Cambodian gun

boats. But the crew was still being held by enemy forces. "President Ford decided we were going to get the crew and the ship back," Blough said. "We pulled in some Marines from Okinawa, and we met them in Bangkok, They got on our helicopiers, and we took off."

Blough had been on rescue alert two days prior. The night before, he slept in his helicopter, which he called "The Jolly Green Giant," in case any of the Navy pilots were shot down while keep-

ing track of the ship.
In the morning Blough was told to go get some sleep. But when he returned later, there weren't any helicopters left.
"We had to sit and wait for a

helicopter to become available, which happened late in the day." Blough said, "After we had suc-cessfully gotten the ship and the entire crew back, the Marines were trying to disengage, but were pinned down by machine guns, mortars and rocket-pro-pelled grenades on the beach."

Robert Blough Age: 56 Occupation: engineer supervisor for Daimler

Chrysler Hobbies and/or interests: woodworking, hunting and reading. Advice: "If comeone

who's graduating high school and is unsure of what they want to do, I would definitely recommend the Air Force or any of the military, Blough said, "It's a great Awards: He won a Silver

Star for extracting 71 Marines pinned down by enemy fire during the Vietnam War. Schools: He graduated from Conemaugh Township High School in Davidsville, Pa., and was appointed to the Air Force

In the service, 1975.

Years in service: served seven years in active duty and 13 in the Air Force Reserve. Grew up in: Davidsville, Pa.

Darkness falls

crew of six in his helicopter. As darkness approached, he said his biggest concern was crashing the

By that time, only three helicopters were left flying, with Blough's being one of them. He explained that at one point, he

was the only belicopter in the Blough was a lieutenant with a area, while the other two were trew of six in his helicopter. As to an aircraft carrier about 60

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on top of it." Blough was now dealing with three oast the fact that he was told then were only about 20 K. there were only about 20 Khmer

Rouge reservists on the island armed with A-K 47s. But, he soon learned there were at least 200 of them, armed with heavy machine gans, mortars and

scket-propelled grenades. "They were very well trained," Blough recalled. "The Marines played survival games most of the day, and they did manage to increase their perimeter a bit, but as soon as one of our helicopters came in to the beach to try to res-

cue them, it would be raked by machine gun fire and mortars."

Blough's best friend at the time was shot down that day when the tail of his helicopter was blown off. He spent the day surrounded dozen Marines on the beach.

helicopters.
"We lost several helicopters

trying to get those guys out before we were finally successful," Blough said, "There wasn't much of a plan, and any plan we initially had was thrown out the window because we ran into 10 times the number of enemies and weapons

Turning negative

into positive Blough and his crew decided to use the darkness to their advan-tage. Sure it was difficult flying, but it also made it harder for the enemy to fire.

They turned off all the lights on

the helicopter and, one trip at a time, were able to pull all the trapped Marines to safety.

"Diplomatically, that night was a big success because it was the end of the Vietnam War, and the

United States had been kicked

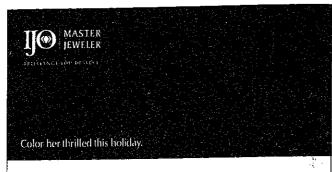
around pretty badly by Third World countries," Blough said, "It brought back a little bit of credibility to say, 'if you mess with United States citizens, we're going to do what we need to do to

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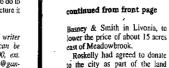
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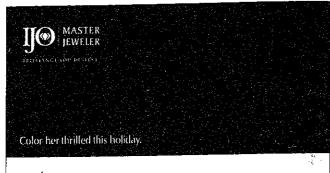
ower the price of about 15 acres Roskelly had agreed to donate

Next, Nagy was able to con ince city administration and he fellow council members to take \$52,662 from the proceeds of the sale of the parcel at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue and apply that amount to the 25 percent local

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with Mayor David Landry as to funding, they discussed using some of the monies from the sale

was, indeed, secure.

Auler thanked the MNRTF staff

value and that the council com-

been awarded, such as obtaining final approval from the state

The city must take several steps now that the grant has

legislature and appraisals on the land.

item on the agenda. With Mayor Landry and council's support, the

tion grant application. his property. I very much appreci-ate the cooperation of Mayor Landry and my fellow council nembers," Nagy said. Randy Auler, director, Parks, Recreation & Forestry, traveled to

match for the grant application.

Nagy made the motion for the city to fund the match on Saturday ing of the trust fund board.
"Monday night they had a list of the projects' rankings, and we were ranked last," Auler said.

The board questioned the security of the match pledged by the Friends of Novi Parks, But, Auler, morning when council members interview search firms in manager. Helwig will retire on Feb. 3, 2006. armed with new matching funds

from the city, was able to con-vince the board that the match "I called Mr. Roskelly on reducing the asking price for his property," Nagy said. "Mr. Roskelly was generous enough to reduce the sale price from \$900,000 to \$848,500 and sent for their work and shared with the reduce the sale price from 5900,000 to \$848,500 and sent me a fax confirming his new ask-

She noted that in her discussion mitted to match the funding. Andrew Mutch, preside Friends of Novi Parks and a newly sented a brief overview of the property at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road for the 25

property io the board on Monday night, highlighting the 36 acres of Mirage Development property west of Meadowbrook road percent local match.
On Saturday, Nagy placed the donated by developer Carlo Ross and the Roskelly property.
"We had five minutes total

word was unanimous to tune me match for the grant.

"I am grateful for the generosi-ty of Mr. Roskelly for reducing the asking price for his land and Mr. Claudio Rossi for donation of between the two of us to presen our case," Auler said. The various projects under con sideration requested a total of \$54,359,450 million. The state had \$26.9 million available for funding

"So, it was very competiti process again," Auler said Tuesday morning, the trust fund board reviewed the projects and made their selections. Lansing Monday night for a meet-"I'm eestatic," Auler said. "It

shows what can happen when people collaborate and partner together to achieve desired out-Landry said there have been ssues with the ring road in the comes. Together, everybody car The city must take several steps have to be some site modificanow that the grant has been awarded, such as obtaining fina tions," Landry said, "and the ness to consider giving money approval from the state legislature and appraisals on the land. appraisals on the land. toward the road construction.

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Newman the Novi consolidation option arose from the recent move of the Novi Expo Center into the Rock Financial Showplace. If Comau Pico chooses Novi, the company will invest \$70 million into the Expo Center building.

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year period, as well as a ring road and industrial spar, we could make a good case for

selecting the Novi location.'

City will help "The original Expo is bounded by two of our largest facili-ties, Novi Industries and Autotech," Newman said, "and would be an ideal location allowing for consolidation of nice operations immediately and three additional in the

Wanted: tax break

According to Landry, one of "Novi is currently the higher priced option for leasing of the two sites," he said. "But I Newman's biggest concerns was receiving tax abatements.
"We have to evaluate what believe if the support package laid out by the Michigan the city's policies currently are Economic Development Corporation was supported by and consider what other cities the city of Novi and tax abatements were provided over a 12-

are doing," Landry said.

Novi City Manager Richard
Helwig said the city has presented a letter of interest to the Michigan Department of Transportation for a grant to Transportation for a grant to access \$4 million for the ring road construction and related improvements,
"We will recommend to the

Mayor and members of City Council the approval of a 12year tax abatement," Helwig said in a letter, "This action will be based on your extraordinary investment which includes top magnitude in Novi's tax abate-Everything still needs to be discussed.
"We definitely would like to ment criteria,'

Landry said any growth in Novi is positive and the city will welcome Comau Pico. have their business in Novi, and the city will evaluate the company based on our current crite-"Comau Pico does meet our current criteria," he said, "They've narrowed their choices down and we are definitely

willing to work with them."

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Ford's Wixom Assembly plant could still close

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The mood in here is one of hopeful anticipation and muted enthusiasm mixed with skepticism," Potter said. "I guess we'll wait and see if Ford confirms anything."

"As we've said, we will share a plan in January," said Anne Marie plan in January, said Anine Maire Gather, spokesperson for Ford Motor Company. "Until then we have nothing to announce. Such reports are based on speculation and not official Ford information." "We have an excellent work force

producing a very high quality prod-uct. Hopes were buoyed most recently when MDOT announced the resurrection of the funding for the Wixom Road interchange,

"I thought that once we got the Wixom Road interchange approved that that would sort of seal the deal and keep the plant open," Crawford Crawford said Michigan needs

more to attract and retain compa-nies like Ford. "Hopefully, the legislature will come up with something like that,

"We just don't have the business incentives now that other states do.
Why would you come to this state that has the Single Business Tax when you can get a better deal somewhere else?"

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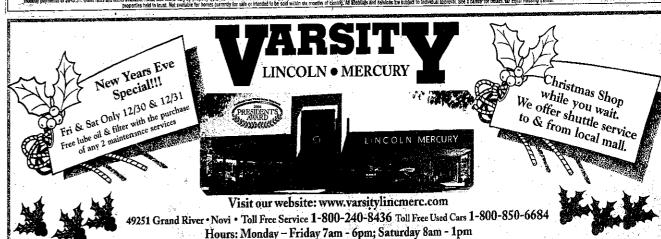
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Man charged with child abuse

By Pam Fleming

charged with third degree child ahuse Nov. 30 after his live-in girl-

week-old son. William Hollis, 24, was arrested wo days after his girlfriend drove the Walled Lake Police Department on Nov. 28 with the boy to report the abuse. He was arraigned Nov. 30 at 52-

District Court in Novi in front of child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by two years in jail.

The abuse is reputed to have occurred in the couple's home in

the 30000 block of Rousseau in the

W. Hollis to the child about 9 a.m. she noticed bruises on his body.
"He said he accidentally pinched the child too hard in the middle of the night," Molloy said. The woman drove to the Walled Lake Police Department because it was the closest police department to the mobile home park. Walled Lake emergency medical person-nel attended to the child while be

nel attended to the child while he was there, according to Molloy.

The child was then transported to Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township

E Case involves
8-week-old boy

the night. Hollis offered to get up and care for the child, according to his right shoulder and upper arm, Novi Police Chief David Molloy.

The mother upder and decises above his left eye, according to the mother upder and the molless above his left eye, according to the molless and the molless a

girl had lived together for about six

pre-exam conference. A pr nary exam is set for Dec. 15 in 52-1 District Court. "Basically, their relationship has

been very volatile. There was some physical abuse between the mother and the boyfriend, which she had not reported," Molloy said. Child Protective Services about the

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Auditors paint positive picture of Novi's financial outlook

Departments work to keep city costs down

By Pam Fleming

Ine Heffernan and Scott Janssen like what they see when it comes to Nove's financial outlook, At the Nov, 38 city council meet-

ing, the two representatives of the consulting firm Plante & Moran gave an audit presentation of the city's last fiscal year.

The report paints a picture of the city's financial performance for the fiscal year that ended June 30. It represents the work of the city's finance department's staff.

Plante & Moran's audit looked at the city's system of financial elecks and balances and reviewed the report to see that if is fairly stated as

far as accounting data. "In other words, we're not looking at how well you're doing but how good your accounting proce-

Janssen outlined the fiscal year's inancial highlights and trends over

Taxes provide the most

He explained that the general fund is the most important fund in the city and the one that staff spends the most time budgeting.

The city's most important rev-enue sources are properly taxes, which represent two-thirds of the

Building and plan permits have also increased the city's revenue over the last five years.

These revenue increases are why Novi has been able to maintain a low millage rate compared with other communities in Oakland

"The city of Novi is at the low end of the millage scale," Janssen said. "The city is able to keep its millage rate low because of the high tax per capita. The building of new,

nieer homes adds to this," he noted. The city's second most important revenue source is state shared reenue, which has been decreasing it the last five years. "There's been a

He said his sources say the state plans no increases or decreases in the next round of funding.
"They're proposing to leave it flat. which is good news," Heffeman

Public safety costs the

As far as the city's general fund expenditures, or how resources were spent, public safety uses more than half of the budget.

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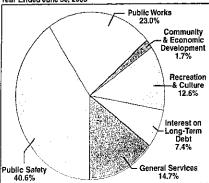
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Police and fire represent about 58 percent of the general fund on an annual basis," Janssen said. The building and planning departments had the next largest expenditure.

At the end of the last fiscal year, the city's fund balance totaled \$7.2 million in fund balance. However, this does not include \$150,000, which is reserved for specific purposes. Janssen added that more than

a half million in capital expendi-

tures that were scheduled for 2005

are not being done until next year. "It's the undesignated fund bal-ance you want to look at," Janssen

The Plante & Moran representatives mentioned also that the city did a good job during the last fiscal year of setting water and sewer rates in relation to expenditures. "The city is making an effort to

set the rates at an appropriate level," The financial experts said as far

as the federal government is con-cerned, the city needs to answer the question, "Are today's taxpayers paying for today's services?" !ufferage crid

"The city has really been struggling with the cost of providing services," he added, Another drain on the budget is the cost of retiree

The experts said one reason the city has been able to maintain a healthy financial outlook is because department heads have their departments coming in under budget.
"Novi is in an enviable position right now," Heffernan said, "It's a

good picture."

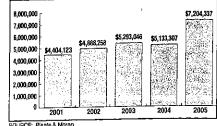
"The city came in \$2 million under budget. Performing services for less money is the key," Heffernan said.

Mayor David Landry and City Manager Rick Helwig compliment-ed the finance department staff for putting the city's financial house in Helwig noted that Standard &

Poor's recently reaffirmed Novi's outstanding "AA-" bond rating and "All the department heads are liv within their means." Landry

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for

City of Novi General Fund



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Holiday skating exhibition hits the ice this Saturday

lce Show, titled "Route 66," will

annual event to feature festive, fun music

By Ramez Khuri

Holiday music and figure skathave always gone hand in

And because of that fact, the Skating Club of Novi is expecting a big crowd this Saturday, as it will host its eighth annual Holiday Skating Exhibition.

"It's a fun event for our skaters," said Darlene Newman, club treasurer. "They get to pick some fun music to skate to and nor he under a lot of stress or pres sure from the competitive end. It's to celebrate the holiday season." As always, the Skating Club of Novi will take \$2 donations at the door. Money raised in the past was given to such charities as the Sarah Fisher Center.

This year, however, the club, along with the Novi Ice Arena, will be donating all funds raised from the event to the Novi Goodfellows.

At least 41 skaters, ranging between 6 and 15 years of age, were signed up by press time. "We have a variety of skaters and a variety of skating levels," Newman said. "The kids like to ham it up because it's fun for them. They'll go out and do a minute-and-a-half program to a song of their choice, and they'll

established in 1998 with 25 members. It's a non-profit corporation and a volunteer organization. It's also been a member of the United States Figure Skating Association since 1999, and now currently

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be Friday and Saturday, April 7-8.

We try to get as many people in to see the Holiday Skating for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Exhibition as possible because the kids love to have an audience to perform to." Newman said.

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New Novi Youth Council elects officers, picks projects

By Pam Fleming

David Denyer made history last

David Denyer made history last Wednesday in Novi.

The local high school student was elected that day as the first chairman of the new Novi Youth Council, just formed this year. The council's three new offi-cers are a thyerse group, repre-senting three different schools.

Denyer is a senior at Catholic Central High School: Scott Czekaj, vice chauman, is a junior at Novi High School; and Wendy

direct lies.

Next, the members concentrated on prioritizing goals set during last month's first meeting.

Denyer believes jobs are a major concern of young people and was interested in the job shadowing program with Noxi businesses discussed at the first meeting so that youth council members can break up into groups and start

ing.

The conneil also wants to part-ner with businesses to increase the group's funding. The Novi City Council appropriated \$500 to the youth group from city funds as its

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■ Students name subcommittees subcommittees support the Novi Public Library's

Myrte Waiker SI million mater ending Dec. 31, the group decided that there isn't enough time to organize a charity event that would benefit the library this year. The group manimously sup-ported a Novi Youth Day, which would probably take place next spring.

One idea is to have an event at Community Sports Park. Chris Jodoin also suggested having five local entertainment venues pro-vide a one-day pass to Novi

Tring, screetary, is a jumor at Detroit Country Day School.

The group had to vote three times, as the first two votes produced ties.

focusing on upcoming events.

These include a fundraising/charity group; a combined
school event group; a Novi Youth capital campaign to expand the hibrary.

However, with the Charles and

Day group; and a public relations group that would work with local businesses for involvement and

> mittees will meet on their own and report back to the full council at the next meeting. Sheryl Walsh, director of com-

munity relations, who serves as a munity relations, who serves as a liaison for the youth conneil, mentioned that there will be a regional youth conference in Canton in March.

She hopes at least two Novi Youth Council members will be able to attend the conference.

A representative from the city of Earnigeton Hills and a mem-

of Farmington Hills and a mem-ber of their youth council have volunteered to attend the next Novi Youth Council meeting in December to report on the neigh-

Four subcommittees were for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

boring council's latest activities.



David Denyer, center, was elected chairman of the new Novi Youth Council Nov. 30. Other officers include Scott Czekal, right, vice chairman and Wendy Ying, secretary.



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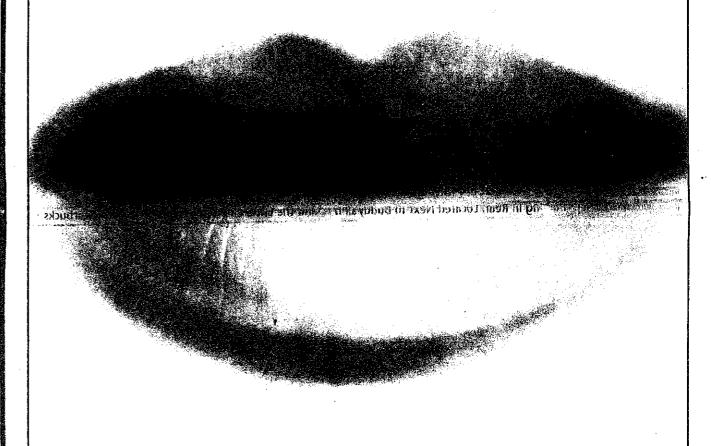
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Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi lee Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in classes run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions.

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Registration is underway and enrollment is limited. Contact the Novi lee Arena. (248) 347-1010 or www.noviicearena.com for more

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Rep. McCotter's staff to host meeting for constituents

Staff from Rep. Thaddens G. McCotter's (R-Livonia) district office will liest office figure for constituents of Novi at the Novi Civic Center, 45173 W. 10 Mtle Road, 10 a.m.-moor Wednesday, Dec. 14. Rep. McCotter and his shaff are able to provide assistance with issues involving the federal government, including social security. Medicare, military and veterans', small business concerns, student loan repayments, along with a variety of other issues.



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■ 1838 home could be thing of the past

By Tracy Mishle

Chris Hewlett doesn't want to see another piece of history van ish.

ident said she would stand behind the city's decision to allow the wher of a home built in 1838 to do as she pleases with her property, she still believes in preserving history.

"The Planning Commission basically told us this was private property and the owner has the right to do what she wants, Hewlett said. "The home was never registered as historic and probably never will be."

Under the request of Eudora Adolph of Novi, the home's 4.59 acres of land, located on Nine Mile Road just east of Beck Road, and known as the Lincoln Place Development, will soon be part of the past as plans for single family condominiums come for

ward for the future. "I would like to see the home istered as a historical home. relocated and possibly pre-learned and possibly pre-served." Hewlett said. "We were told the woman who currently demolished because it will dis-about demolishing the home."



Photo by TRACY MISHI FE

The Lincoln Place development, built in 1838, located on Nine Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads soon will be home to several single family condomi owner of the home, Eudora Adolph, hasn't decided whether to relocate or demolish the historical home.

owns the home has thought about turb the layout of the lots for

Planning Commission Chair Victor Cassis said the majority of the planning commission was hoping the home would not be of building a subdivision with torn down.

torn down.

The home was built by Northville blacksmith James Palmer, and was said to have been built to the same pattern at t Because of pervious modifi-that idea is probably not going to ment point of view."

of building a subdivision with homes similar to the Lincoln

Lynn Kocan, cor

"Because of pervious moduli-cations, the home can not be reg-tappen." happen."

Kocan said she hates to think

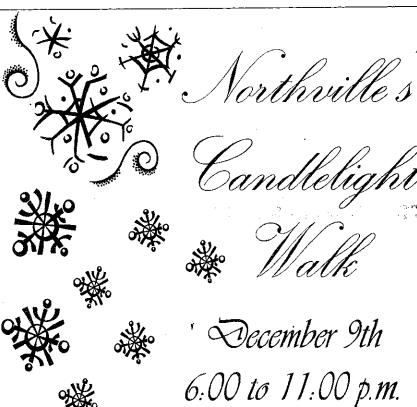
"We can only do so much in this case," she said. "There is relocating it, but can not do it on her own." development. this case," she said. "There is ber own." But somehow, that home nothing to prevent the owner from demolishing it. It's her choice."

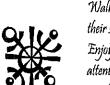
Kocan said the commission

has to uphold all ordinances and

developers of the property haven't broken any rules.
"We just have to wait and see Northville blacksmith James Palmer, and was said to have preserved and the sub-could be been built to the same pattern at former president Abraham Lincoln's home. "That way, this home could be preserved and the sub-could be preserved and the sub-co

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This week the Senate passed several key pieces of legislation that have the potential to improve the state's business climate, focus more tax dollars on the classroom and improve the state welfare system so that more people can achieve gainful employment.

Helping Michigan Manufacturers

The Senate Finance Committee, of which I am chair, this week approved legislation to help Michigan's struggling manufacturing sector. Senate Bills 203, 909 and 910 are part of a package to renew the drive to cut manufacturing business taxes and spur investment. They provide personal property tax credits, offer one-time tax incentives for businesses wishing to move or relocate jobs into Michigan and extend tax exemptions for sales between spun-off companies and parent corporations, like Delphi and Visteor

This package is "round one" of what needs to be a total restructur-ing to make Michigan's economy more competitive with other states, create jobs and restore economic health

Controlling School Health Care Costs

The Senate also approved legislation giving school districts more flexibility and options for employee health care plans. Many school districts face rising employee health eare costs, keeping education dol-lars from reaching the classroom where they are needed. Senate Bills 895-898 give districts voluntary options to control these costs. The bills allow school districts to volunturily

negotiate self-insured health insurance pools and offer savings to cash-strapped districts that can benefit from increased competition between health-care providers.

The savings could be considerable. According

to a study released by the Hay Group, a benefits consulting firm, the legislation will save school districts from \$150 million to \$230 million in the first three years.

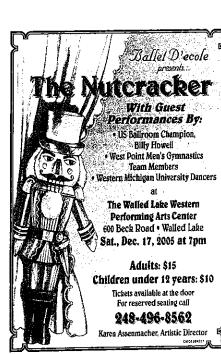
I am pleased to note that the superintendents of the Huron Valley, Northville, Novi, South Lyon,
Walled Lake and West Bloomfield school districts as well as the
Oakland Intermediate School District and the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education have all communicated their support for this initia-

Improving Welfare Reform

The Senate approved Senate Bills 892-894 providing additional educational opportunities for welfare recipients so they can achieve a high school diploma or GED if they do not have one already. The measures give able-bodied residents a four-year time frame to become reemployed, offering an incentive for them to become productive citizens and gain their independence.

As always, your comments are welcome and appreciated. You may reach me by e-mail at: senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at

State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th State District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County). Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake und Wixom





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Successful writer says it's a mystery

■ Wald kicks off library series

By Pam Fleming

Mystery writer Noreen Wald says the publishing industry is the most arbitrary, mysterious business

"It's an enigma," she said Wald was in Novi last Wednesday as the first speaker in the Novi Town Hall Series benefit-ing the Novi Public Library's Walker Building Fund. About 50 people attended the ancheon/lecture at Rock Financial

The library has been organizing und-raisers like this to belo fund an \$18 million expansion to the cur-rent library on 10 Mile Road east of

Taft Road. unit Rosa.

Under an agreement made between the late Charles Walker and his widow, Myrtle, in 2004, the Walker family donated \$1 million and will match and facility facility. and will match any funds donated to the library up to \$1 million until

Dec. 31.
"There's nothing more I would like to support than a library," Wald

Wald said the key to eetting a book published is finding an agent.
"You need to have someone else said it's much easier to get nonfic-tion books published than fiction.



What's her latest?

Noreen Wald's most recent published mystery novel is "Death Is a signing for the new book Nov. 30 at Borders Books & Music. For more information, about the author, visit the Web site: www.noreenwald.com.

marketing your materials," she said. "If not, it's like, 'Look at what a good writer I am," she said. The Washington, D.C., resident

Wald said. Once she became a published author in her early 60s, Wald noted that her sales increased under the

Try taking risks

"Taking risks often works," she added. "I love to read, and I always loved to read mysteries. But, it never occurred to me that I

near famous mystery writer Agatha Christie's selections.

Nonfiction books require a 20-page proposal a publisher must approve before a manuscript is Wald had other jobs, such as being director of admissions in New York City for a private

approve before a manascript is accepted.

The proposal should include a ed to start taking writing lessons. She had her first book about how table of contents, plot synopsis and

sample chapter. Wald, who also writes under the to win on national game shows published in 1996, which she said changed her life.
"Can you be taught to write?" houses receive as many as 1,000 she asked the audience last Wednesday, "Absolutely." unsolicited manuscripts a month. "The chances of being published without an agent are slim and

A writing teacher herself now, as well as an author, many of her students have become published writers an account of the writers. She chose the pen name Nora writers, an accomplishment Wald Charles first because her mother's name is Nora.

Also, famous author Dashiell
Hammett, wrote about the advenprides herself on.

The ideas for her characters

places — newspapers, people from her past, new people she tures of Nick Charles, a retired private eye, and his rich, beautiful wife, Nora.
"I would like to be like her,"

Wald is currently working on her 11th book, "Hurricane

"And I even came up with the title before Hurricane Katrina," she joked, She believes to keep the reader Charles name because her books would be stocked alphabetically

interested, there must be tension

on every page.
"There has to be conflict, or it's not interesting."

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by c-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Agreement signed Cooper-Standard

Automotive announced the Novi-based company has signed a definitive agreement with ITT Industries Inc. whereby Cooper-Standard will acquire ITT's Fluid Handing Systems business in a transa ion valued at approximately

The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2006 and is subject to custom

ary closing conditions, includ-ing regulatory approvals. With 2004 net sales of approximately \$437 million, ITT's Fluid Handling Systems division is a leading manufac-turer of steel and plastic tub-ing for fuel and brake lines and quick-connects.

Stylish pets

Petland of Twelve Oaks Mall is offering designer doggie strollers, carrying totes and car seats as well as important safety advise for your pets to stay safe this holiday season. Petland also offers a variety of

designer pet beds and clothes.

Petland, Inc. is a franchise operation with more than 170 locations. The store is located on the lower level of Twelve Oaks Mail between Sears and Marshal Fields.

Revenue increase

Novi-based Learning Care Group, Inc., a provider of early childcare and education services, reported increased profits. Highlights for the marter included continued gross profit improvement and comparable center revenue increases.

Revenue increased \$3.5 million or 7.5 percent.
Comparable Learning Center revenues growth was achieved through a combination of increased tuition rates and enrollments overall increasing

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(248) 349-1800, ext. 113. Learning Care Group announced Nov. 15 it had

agreed to be acquired by A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited, Australia's largest provider of private child care services, for a per share pur-chase price of \$7.50. On the completion of the acquisition, which is expected to take place in early 2006, Learning Care Group will be de-listed and become a subsidiary of

Groundbreaking for Franklin Bank

Franklin Bank, a division of

regional banking center in Livonia Dec. 5 at 17900 Haggerty at Six Mile Road The new location will provide a full range of services for the Livonia, Plymouth, Novi and Northville area and is expected

to be completed May 2006.
The Franklin Bank Regional
Banking Center will be part of
the College Park Development adjacent to Schoolcraft College, Roncelli, Inc. and Branch Facilitators are in charge of construction and design for the project.

Stock options

Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. announced that in response to the opcoming changes in the accounting treatment of stock awards and consistent with the actions of numerous other companies, on Nov. 29, it accelerated the vesting of its out-of-the-money stock ontions and awarded it to the

ompany's employees.

The acceleration only applies to options with an exercise price of \$19.35 per share or higher. Flagstor Bancorp, which has \$15.4 billion in total assets, is

the largest publicly-held savings bank in the Midwest.

Winter bills DTE Energy expects its cus-tomers energy bills to rise this winter and offers the BudgetWise Billing program

heating costs by averaging monthly energy payments DTE also has a team specialist who can assist customers low-income customers by pro-viding individual payment plans, agency referrals and follow up visits. Customers who anticipate trouble paying their energy bills this winter should contact DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

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Singh wins approval for condo complex

Developer building 58 units

By Pam Fleming

Michael Kahm received an early holiday president last month when city council approved another Singh Development project. Kahm, who heads up the West Bloomfield development firm, was in the audience at the Nov. 28

Novi City Council meeting when members approved a 58-unit con-dominium complex at 11 Mile and Beck roads. Council's approval went against

ning, said the plan goes against the city council's policy of not approving the highest density pos-

more lots. "We are assimilating three diffi-

fit to the city that we have assembled these three into one parcel."

Singh also plans to establish a core habitat area and preserve the woodland area on the property.

The developer says it will add aspects to the parcels that will enhance their natural features. Singh plans to construct a private road system and expand the 11 Mile Road sidewalk by 250 feet and contribute \$88,000 to construct additional sidewalk to the community of the benefit to putting the transfer and the benefit to putting the transfer and the benefit to be constructed and the bene

along H Mile Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello *
thought it was a good project and moved to approve the plan. "One thing we really need to understand when it comes to den-sity is the master plan," Capello The density is what we planned for."

appreciated the three parcels being developed together but was not in

Member Lynne Paul said she

Member Toni Nagy said she also appreciated Singh's efforts, but added, "We keep increasing

Member Rob Gatt liked the elopment and the proposed sidewalks. "I think it's important to have the sidewalks in this area, and I

would range in size from 2,400 to 3,200 square feet and would cost about \$450,000 each. long-term benefit to the city in the

sidewalks is important," she said. Mayor David Landry believes parcels are getting more difficul

to develop.
"So, I think the assemblage in this case is a benefit. The density is within the master plan. It saves trees, and they're improving a

the recommendations of the planning commission and the planning department. There's a lot of things here that don't meet our ordi-nances," Nagy said.

She also said Singh will be building 483 feet of sidewalk that leads nowhere. "It's not about the quality of the developer; it's about whether it meets our ordinances. The motion carried 4-3 with

Landry, Capello, Margolis and Gatt supporting the motion, and Nagy, Mutch and Paul opposing

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



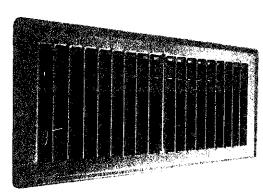
"I find it difficult to go against the recommendations of the planning commission and the planning department. There's a lot of things here that don't meet our ordinances.

the recommendations of both the city's planning department and favor of increasing the number of we increase demand on services," Barb MacBeth, director of plan-

Joe Galvin, Singh's attorney, said the developer wanted the property rezoned to allow for

cult-to-build-on parcels." Galvin "I think it is an important bene-





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EDUCATION



Jewelers partner with PTO pair

raise funds for all-night party

By Ramez Khuri

With the city's Parks, Recreation and Forestry's "Ringing in the Holidays" event going on in Novi last Thursday, Novi Jewelers thought it would be a perfect opportunity to make a little extra eash for the city's only public high school.
Paul Dupell, manager of Novi
Jewelers, along with owners
Vatche and Erica Nadjarian,

Twenty percent of all sales during that time was donated to the school.

The senior all-night party is real important because it keeps arranged to have two Parent Teacher Organization mothers – Sharon Smith and Barb Corwin –

from Novi High School act as hard to raise funds for the all night party because every year they put out a nice theme for the students and they provide food and drink,"

Tacher Organization mothers –
Sharon Smith and Barb Corwin –
Sharon Smith and Barb Corwin –
sthew up for the event, "Dupelt said. "We knew show up for the event," Dupelt said. "We wanted to be a dot of people said. "We wanted to be a dot of people said. "We wanted to be able to incorporate selling the jewelry to incorporate selling the jewelry

course of the school year to carn funds for the senior all night party, which typically takes place immediately following commencement in June. This was just nett.com.

"We wanted to get involved real important because it keeps with the community because there kids in school instead of out party" during the holidays and giving Many different events are normally planned throughout the

for the Novi News, He can be

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi school student is winner in M-CARE healthy kids art contest

Whitney Combs a student at Franklin Road Christian Schoolin Novi, has demonstrated not only her artistic skills but also her knowledge of healthy lifestyles by winning an award in the M-CARE Healthy Kids, Healthy Families art contest She won second place in the

seventh-grade category.

The creative challenge was open to all fourth through eighth grade students in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties

to design a poster demonstrating what physical activities, eating habits, and general life patterns (such as adequate sleep) students and their families can do to live healthier, more rewarditives. M-CARE sponsored the contest in partnership with the Detroit Newspapers in

Education. First-, second-, and third-place winners were chosen from each grade from more than 850 total entries. Artwork was judged on origi-nality, creativity, and interpretation of the theme and design,

and appropriateness for grade

Lawrence Tech to launch weekend MBA at

Schoolcraft College The presidents of Lawrence Technological University and Schoolcraft College signed a ient for residents of Western Wayne County to earn a Lawrence Tech degree. The first degree to be offered is Lawrence Tech's popular week end MBA, now being offered at Schoolcruft's campus in

Livonia. "Communities served by Schoolcraft College have long provided large numbers of Lawrence Tech students. We are pleased to partner with Schoolcraft so that students can earn our popular weekend MBA degree close to home or work," said Lawrence Tech President Charles M. Chambers.

The Lawrence Tech MBA classes are being held in the VisTaTech Center, a venue for conferences, training and corpo rate events that has won national recognition for its use of audio-visual technology for meetings and instruction.

The institutions are discussing additional partnerships, includ-ing one that would pair a Schooleraft associate degree with a Lawrence Tech bache lor's degree in mechanical engi

Seeking hosts

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Targeting literacy: \$1,000 grant awarded to Novi elementary

By Ramez Khuri

The already fine literacy program at Parkview Elementary School has just received a boost

recently awarded a grant of \$1,000 to the school to be given to

creative moneys to go above and beyond what we're already oing," said Jenifer Michos. Parkview principal. "This gener-ous gift is greatly appreciated and will surely enhance our outstanding literacy program at Parkview." Michos credits Dori

ment.

Michos said that receiving a grant like this one is quite an

Dupell said, "It costs money, and this is a great way to raise it."

accomplishment.
"It takes a little legwork,"
Michos said. "You have to be specific about what your needs are and it takes a parent volunteer to

write it up."

To apply for a grant, one must answer all of the specific questions asked on an application.

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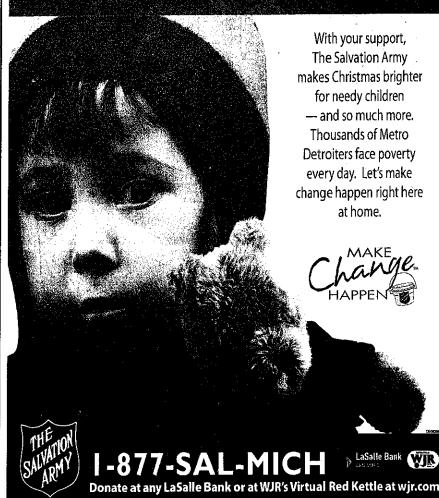
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Daskalakis, a parent-volunteer and teacher, for making the grant possible. Michos explained that Daskalakis often speads time writing grant proposals for the school in an attempt to bring in extra funds for academic enrich-

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Power outages force action

Superintendent putting together plans for each school building

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

It has only been five months since Peter Dion took over as Novi School's superintendent, and he believes two power outages within the district are two too.

That's why Dion is busy putting together a plan for each of the schools in the district that will prepare the different buildings to better handle the situation if and when it happens again. "We've had a power outage at

Village Oaks this year already, and we had one in the district hist week. So, I'm not going to sit and wait for the next one." Dion said. "I want to be proactive about it."

On Campus

"Each plan would have to be

tailored to each building because Novi Woods is different than Novi Meadows, which is different than Parkview and Village Oaks," Dion said. "I also want to implement a communication model."

During the most recent power

outage, the phones and computers at Novi High School were dis-abled, not allowing for any com-munication with the other buildings, other than cell phones.

Dion wants a plan that will somehow allow for communication, should that happen again.
"It will have to address commu-

nigation within the buildings, outside of the buildings, the materials they need and where they would take the kids," Dion said, "Also, what about water and heat? Each building will address those things

The principals of all eight for the Novi News, He can be schools in the district have until Tuesday, Dec. 20 to submit a plan 110 or by e-mail at rkhari@ganto Dion. That gives them time to nett.com.

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major and the daughter of Christopher and Nancy Janik.

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Warm Heads, Warm Hearts was started in 2004 by

Pictured are the top sewers (left to right, back row):

Aimee Cooper, Angela Recchia, Lisa Hebda, Katle

Flanagan; (middle row) Summer Griesinger, Abeer

Coordinator Barb Clift.

Afana, and Michelle Dwyer; and (front row) Volunteer

student Jeannette Tiso and parent Laurie Bates.

Warm heads, warm hearts

Little school on the prairie Novi Woods third graders went back in time over 100 years last week when they visited Wing Lake school and log cabin as part of their pioneer unit. The students attended class in a one room school house, tried out tools used during the time period, make can-dies and learned about life in 1891 - all while dressed for the time period. Pictured here are Kaitlyn Berg, Lexa Giragosian, teacher Nancy Bain, Hannah Latham

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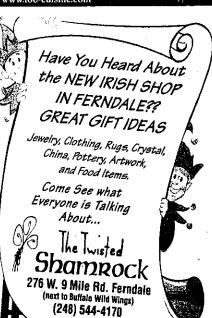
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2000 graduate of Novi High School and a 2004 graduate of Miami University of Ohio, He is currently employed as a Senior Loan Analyst at Onicken Loans-Rock Financial, Livonia.
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Mr. and Mrs. James Rains of

Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianne to

Adam Prisciandaro, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Joseph Prisciandaro.
The bride-elect is a 1997
graduate of Novi High
School. She received a bache-

lor of arts degree in mathe-matics from Albion College and masters in the art of

teaching degree from Marygrove College in 2004. She is currently a seventh and

eighth grade math teacher at White Lake Middle School,

The groom-elect is a 1997 aduate of Seaholm High

graduate of Seaholm High School. He is currently attend-

ing school towards his business

dministration degree.

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ture located within 300 teer of the obstrated in the property design considered for lemporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 11:00 a.m. on Friday. December 16, 2005 at the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road. All writter comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to December 16, 2005.

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OBITUARY

ALICE NORA MULLINGER

Alice Nora Mullinger, age 89, of East Tawas, formerly of Kenya, South Africa and Novi, died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2005. Nora has resided in East Tawas for the last 10 years. She was an active member of the Grace Lutheran Church in East Tawas and a member of the Ladies Literary Club in Tawas. She also enjoyed farming and was involved in the Novi Seniors was involved in the Novi Seniors. Theatrical Programs. Nora is survived by her son, Tony (June) Pursey of Novi, three grandchildren; Heather, Caroline and leffrey, five great grandchildren, and many nieces an nephews. Per her wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at the Grace Lutheran Church in East Tawas at a later date. Church in East Tawas at a later date Interment of her cremated remain will be in the Oakland Hills Memoria Gardens Cemetery in Novi. Arrangements are by Buresh and Kobs Funeral Home in Tawas City.

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CITY OF NOVI SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

DECEMBER 12, 2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a special meeting on MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005 AT 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 451 75 W. Ten Mile Road, for the purpose of inter-viewing candidates for appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Names in News

Macprofessionals announced the promotion of Dean Norton to director of technology. In this role, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. Norton supervises a technical staff of 16 certified engineers, integrators, and developers. Norton has been designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentaldesigning and supporting computer and technology solutions for use in business, began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the phys-ical conditioning program, Sammut education, graphic design, video/film, and scientific research for nearly 20 years. His work has taken him around the U.S. to design and consult on advanced server and field assignments which includ-ed learning first aid, uniform regula-tions, combat water survival, marksdeployments, digital media studios, storage area net-works, He has devised and

installed a wide variety of custom solutions for clients.

assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit dur-Norton was previously the ing field training.

Sammut and other recruits also and experiencing use of various service manager of Macprofessionals. Prior to joining the company, Norton received instruction on the Marine
Corps' core values—honor, courage
and commitment, and what the core

He is the son of Joe Jolly of served as service manager for Mac Group values mean in guiding personal and Farmington Hills. He is a resident of Howell.

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Sammut and fellow recruits

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manship, hand-to-hand combat and

He is the son of Joe Jolly of Yorick Path, Wixom and Lou Ann Hankerd of Flanders St., Chelsea, Sammut and fellow recruits
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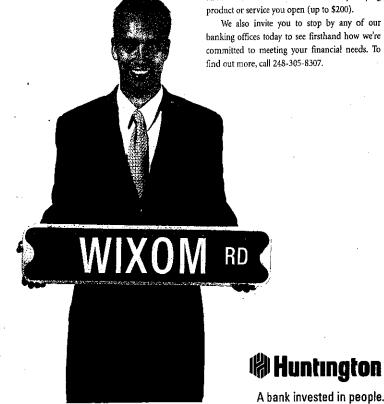
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CHURCH CALENDAR

· Meadow brook Congregational Church invites everyone to attend a Sunday

worship service at 10 a.m. the Chancel Choir, along with a string quartet, will present a free holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. In

addition to traditional and refigious Christmas songs, choruses and solos from "The Messiah" will be performed. The public is invited to attend this free con-

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757.

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

ery is coordinated by a registered

pediatric nurse.)
Adult Bible Study is Sundays
at 9 a.m. Worship Center for
children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every mouth; all are welcome

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 First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a community-wide heal-ing service, called Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind, Relationship and Spirit on the first Monday of each month. This services of hope is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths who desire to ask God for healing in

Tuesday's at 10 a.m. and

the book and class is \$19.

Jann Martin, is the first

(248) 349-2345 or visit

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Wednesday and Thursday of

each month, at 10 a.m. and 7

they hold dear. Church worship hour schedules are as follows: 8 Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Cost for 9:15 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. On Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2006, the church will only hold one service at 10 a.m. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile

Road (at Taft Road), Northville

thone (248) 349-1144, or visit

W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call · Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads), Visit www.chur-. St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325-10 Mile Road, choftheholycross.com for more

www.fumenorthville.org.

• St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills, Saturday service begins at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday con-temporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at a.m. and Sunday school starts t 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided. Call (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stiobn-huberan.com for

. The Holy Family Church is 10 Mile Road, Call (248) 349 8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

• Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday, Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. The church meets at Novi High School.

Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot cof-fee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has chil dren's programs for all ages and available.

a nursery available.
The church will be sponsoring a special viewing of C.S. Lewis' The Chronicles of Namia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Novi's Emagine Theater, Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for

The cost for the photo will be

children 12 and under. The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more infor-mation, call (248) 427-2700 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or www.cross-

 The Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jacqueline E. CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The

Chancel Choir will present "A New Birth - A New Beginning" by John Purifoy on Sunday, Dec. 18, during morning worship services. Make plans for this annu al musical event telling the birth of Christ through familiar choruses. new arrangements and narration Call (248) 349-2652 or visit

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Exhibits: The 2005 My Hometown Novi Photo Competition winning photographs will be exhibited at a reception to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi at a date following the close of the competition. Additional entries may be selected for exhibit or for publication as outlined in the release form. Photographs randomselected from among entries received may be published in the Novi News during the course of the competition to promote the competition and to encourage addi-

Work(s) Eligible: Photographs submitted should be an image that represents the photographer's interpretation of the competition theme of "My Hometown Novi". Fach photographer may submit up to five photographs.

Each photograph will be judged as an individual entry.
 Altered photos (any alteration that distorts the original image) are not eligible.

for prizes. There is no residency requirement for entrants. All entries whether submitted by amateurs or professionals will be judged as

Specifications: Entries must be 8" x 10" photographic prints, window matted using white matte board. Using the format shown on the entry form, provide name and contact information on the back of each photo entered. Labeled photographs must be submitted with a completed entry form and entry fee by the Noven

deadline. Keep a copy of your entry for your records; photos will NOT be Judging: Preliminary judging will be of the prints as originally submitted.

Entry Form: Complete the entry form. Form may be photocopied, but submitted,... entry forms require an original signature.

Contest fees: Each photo entry is \$5. Photographers can enter up to five photographs. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "City of Novi 2005 Photo Competition" and be submitted with the completed entry form and matted photograph(s). All contest fees are non-refundable.

Contest deadline: November 3, 2006 is the last day that photos and entry fees will be accepted for the competition. (All entries must be received at the Novi News office by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by that date.)

For more information contact Cal Stone at 248 349 1700 or Kathy Mutch at 248 224-4211.

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Entry forms and rules can be found online at www.novi.news.com, at the Novi News office (104 W. Main, downtown Northville) or at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road) Parks. Recreation & Forestry Department

Emagine mass being held at a movie theater

Faith group moves from Wixom to Novi movie theater

By Ramez Khuri

The Emagine Theater is not just for movies anymore.

Novi's premier movie theater, located in the Fountain Walk shopping center, is now also

home to a faith group called the Christ Covenant Church. According to Pastor Nathan Paul, it's difficult to classify his church because it's very untra-"If I had to classify it, I'd say

it's more of an

church." Paul

a real desire to

look at modern

well as

emergence

The church holds a com-

the Christian world for hundreds of thousands of years," Paul said. "There is a desire to worship and a belief that authentic worship is appealing to folks that don't know a thing about the church. We're very

year-and a half before moving has drawn people from many back to Novi. It's been at the different countries.

make a move," Paul said.

The church was planted by
Faith Covenant Church in

Farmington Hills While looking for a new home, the church determined

The church's next big event will be its Christmas Eve service beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24

visit www.c3ministries.org for more information.

missional and at the same time

Kensington Community Church in Troy. It has now grown to 12 churches in the Detroit area.

that the Novi Emagine Theater was an ideal spot because it's so close to the expressway and is not

at the Emagine Theater. Call (248) 515-5750, or

> the youngsters to take part in. Church attendance people, and they're not called

members.
"We changed the lingo," Paul said. "We call the folks who attend our church 'partners of ministry. These are folks that The Christ Covenant Church are our core, committed peo-

actually started in the city's DoubleTree Hotel three years ago and did preview services. It then moved to Sara Banks Germany. Paul explained that Middle School in Wixom for a lit's a multi-national church that vegrands half before moving.

Emagine for about a year.

"Sara Banks was a great industry here, we have people school, but location wise, it from all around the world, many wasn't ideal, and with all the road construction, it was time to make a move, "Paul said. "It's also a challenge and a joy because of all the different cultures. How do you Faith Covenant Church in bridge cultural gaps and underand standing? That question jus adds depth to the church.

other churches

A unique aspect of the church is that there are three areas where people can connect to it. There is a worship gathering on open for busis Sunday mornings, small life ness on groups, and mid-size groups Called community groups.

Community groups are made The church up of 30 to 50 people and operthen got permission to use the theater for the theater for the theater for the theater for worship in homes once a the theater for worship and month and also perform out-

pays rent to do so. Used on Sunday mornings are the communities regularly.

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Paul described the Christ

Covenant Church as "a great place to connect and grow."

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan-

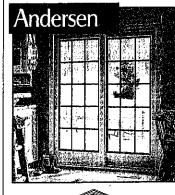
"Because of the automobile industry here, we have people from all around the world, many of which are here temporarily. It's also a challenge and a joy because of all the different cultures. How do you bridge cultural gaps and understanding? That question just adds depth to the church."

> Nathan Paul Christ Covenant Church pastor



The Christ Covenant Church has five community groups based on geographic location. Pictured is a gathering called "Encounter." On the third Sunday of each month partners of ministry get together for dinner, communion, song and prayer. Pictured are Jennifer Andersson, community group southeast lay pastor; Tim Andersson, musician; William Browning, musician; and Sue Davis, partner of ministry.

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Seniors' lingering back stiff-

ness.
It all can disappear by enter ing the world of yoga, said Boney, owner of Michigan Yoga Center in Northville. The con nections are not severed, she said, simply suspended.

Increased enrollment in class es at studios, health clubs and through municipal recreation departments proves the deepbreathing, meditative, stretching regimen is growing in popu-

The allure transcends lines of age, gender, ethnicity and fitness levels, local yoga program-

Flexible choices

"There's definitely a move-ment across the industry," said Chris Klebba, co-owner of "The big push for these is Water Wheel Health Club in obviously the aging popula-Northville, "We encourage our tion," he said, "They just want Northville, "We encourage our ton," he said, "They just want clients to integrate mind-body to feel better and have a better workouts into their workout quality of life."

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Klebba said, whose club caters to a 21-and-over crowd. At Bally Total Fitness Club in

Novi, company spokesperson Sue Reid said a key transition has occurred in metro Detroit clubs. The most popular 6 p.m. Water Wheel has upped its yoga offerings in response to workout slot has changed from growing demand among exist-

"If you asked me if I ever thought that would happen 10 years ago, I would have said, "No way"," Reid said.

A decade removed from peotioner, said she adopted the orkouts into their workout operam.

"One of the most neglected on the most neglected not limited to Baby Boomers."

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ground.
"There's a huge interest in all mind-body classes, yoga, Pilates, flexibility or balance training," Reid said, "Mindful meditative. "To use a cliche, that's what

attracts a lot of people is estab-lishing 'inner peace.'"

Multiple benefits

Programmers said commor benefits include: better flexibility, reduced stress, improved culation and personal calm. Reid said 10 yoga students would give 10 different reasons why they enrolled.

"It can give participants what they need, whatever that aspect is," she said. "The exercise, to socialize, relax after being on 1-696 for an hour and a half "It's a unique thing why they all go there." Boney, a 10-year yoga practi-

"People who participate regu-larly consider it a way of life." Bonev said. "It gets very hard to focus on stress when they try to ston@gannett.com.

Yoga Michigan owner and instructor Elizabeth Bonev

opened up her Main St. studio in Northville in April. physical benefits and hold a pose.

a combination of both at the South Main Street studio she "Even if they've had the worst day, they'll at least walk out of yoga with a smile on their onened in Anril. Some attend classes daily; face, others weekly.

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have three kids. In fact, it is one of

them who inspired me to write this

article (with Santa's help, of

I come to you on a special mission from Santa himself to ask you to consider including some items that, while certainly include fun. involve getting your young ones stuck making toys in the North Pole for the past year and didn't realize it, we are dead, smack in the middle of a serious epidemic that could prove fatal for every young-ster writing a Christmas list around

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your children in the game and a funny thing will happen along the way, you and your children will begin to change the way you feel about steps. Instead of being a necessary misance for getting from one place to another and attempting to constantly minimiz them; (following shoppers for the

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move on the ball, etc. Sitting on

a stability ball involves many

These games in our family have become out and out wars, only instead of one side losing, we have all won. The reward - hopefully we have instilled a lifetime of habits in our children but we,did it on their terms and in a language they could them. Good fuck and happy, healthy holidays to your family

This column was written by Chris Klebba, the Owner and also a Certified Fitness Trainer and public speaker, For more informa-tion, call 248-449-7634 or check the web at www.wtrwheel.com.

CITY OF NOVI **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** TO SERVE ON **CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview plicants for appointment to the Board of Review, Election Commission using & Community Development Advisory Committee, Historica Intribusion, Public Access Promotion Committee, Woodlands Review

Commission, Public Access Promotion Committee, Woodlands Review Board and Zoning Board of Appeats.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in votunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, applications and booklets containing information about the various Boards and Commissions are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil 48375. Also, you may contact the City Clerk's office by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mait or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.cin.novi.milu.gs to print out an application.

The deadline for filling an application is Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 4:00 pm to allow time for scheduling interview appointments.

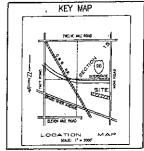
Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, December 12, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

(11-24, 12-1/8-05 NN 254189)

MARYANNE CORNELIUS CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the thy of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 17:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, M an 7:30 P.M., in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Hoad, Novi, Mil to consider NOVI SITE, SITE PLAN NUMBER 02:55C. FOR A REVISED WOODLAND, PERMIT AND, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS, LOCATED IN SECTION 15 ON THE WEST SIDE OF NOVI ROAD, BETWEEN WENDY'S AND HOUSE OF BILINDS. IN THE TC. TOWN CENTER DISTRICT ZONING. The subject records is 0.481 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct as

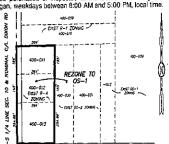


All Interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be and at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT -**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.658**

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I, That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of
the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO.
18,658 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance or
Part II, CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED, any Ordinance or
parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this
Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Part III, WHEN EFFECTIVE, The provisions of this ordinance are
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13, 2005. MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 28th day of November, 2005. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



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S 1/4 COR. SEC 10 T.1N., R.8E. CITY OF NOVI

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

WHERE WE STAND

Spirit of Giving: 50's Fest board exemplifies award

It was cold and damp Thursday evening, and not much of a crowd had gathered yet for Novi's annual downtown extravaganza, Ringing in the

Holidays. But just prior to the

parade, Mayor David Landry

presented the city's Spirit of

celebrated its 18th annual

multi-day event this past sum-

mer. Throughout its history,

there have been several ven-

ues, countless great musical

acts, good eats, lots of family

dedicated to working hard at

organizing one of this city's

fun and one constant - a board

Giving Award to the Michigan

Michigan 50's Festival Board of

50's Festival Board of Lori Kanelczak president Bob McCann, Directors. This is the fourth year for past president this honor (chosen by the Cindy Kopczynski. mayor), given to a community Gary Wyatt. member or organization for secretary Pat Webb, giving to Novi not only during the holidays but throughout treasurer Gerry Stipp. the year. Tom Marcus was the recording secretary first recipient, followed by former Mayor Richard Clark and city liaison director the 2004 winner, Blair city liaison director Bowman. The Michigan 50's Festival

Benny McCusker, Craig Klaver Art Červi Ed Harrell Linda McCarthy David Landry Jerry Coonce Tom Marcus Cal Stone Fred Eagle Vic Muscat Dodie Varho Cheryl Sterri office staff

premiere events. It is, virtually, a year-round commitment as the directors begin working on the next year's festival while the current one is wrapping up. Congratulations to the Michigan 50's Festival

board, and thank you for your hard work.

Correction:

The photo on the front page of last week's edition, "Stuff for the troops," unisidentified the three women. Rachel Zagaroli is on the left. Margaret Hauser is in the center and Elizabeth Coleman is on the right.

W. HC

Every time I see an item in either of our two daily newspapewrs concerning the City of Novi, I get an uneasy feeling. It's usually going to turn out to be something sort of embarassing or just plain dumb for the city. On Tuesday, October 29, we had a "twofer"

A twofer for Novi

 one in each paper.
 In the Detroit News, there was a front page story about "the politically page sory arount the policiers of the page sory around the policier barrassing some homeowner over a manger scene they had erected in their front yard. Since it is their yard and their manger scene, you wouldn't think that would be terribly offensive to anyone would you? Well if that's what you thought, think again.
Of course it offended someone. Doesn't everything offend someone these days? And the manager of the homeowners association as on it in record time. He fired off a letter to the displayer threatening to fine them from \$25 to \$100 per week if they failed to remove the display. Thankfully, there was a change of heart and the manager now says they can keep their display. Does this man's charity have no bounds? I can't help but wonder if the manager would have taken as mick and as decisive action if, say one of the homeowners had a complaint about their fairly new driveway cracking or their base-

ment sinking in one corner! Now for the dumb item. The Free Press had an article about an Italian Company called Comau Pico. Seems that this compa-ny, which is owned by Fiat, would like to consolidate some of their operations by movng into the now-vacated Expo Center on Novi Road just north of Grand River. No problem, you say. They just lease or buy the building, remodel it to their needs and move in. Sounds simple enough, and it's a good deal for them and the City of Novi. In other words, it's one of those win-win situations you often hear about but seldom see. If that's what you're thinking, you're wrong because the Devil is in the details. Isn't it always? You see Coman Pico has a couple of small demands the city must meet before they will

mee us with their presence First, they want us to build a ring road in the Grand River-Novi Road area and a connector to it to allow their employees easy access to their new "campus." Since they are the ones who want ring road built, it would only seem fair that they would be willing to help foot the bill to pay for it, wouldn't it? You poor, ignorant taxpayer – you'te wrong again. The second demand Coman Pico has is that the City of Novi must give them a 14-year tax abatement before they

will consider moving into that building. Remember all those years that the resi dents of Novi tolerated near gridlock traffic conditions in that area when thousands of people attended a major show at the expoenter, Now Mr. John Newman, CEO o Comau Pico, doesn't want a relative handful of his employees being inconvienced by the traffic in that area. Give me a break. No one gave a hoot about us when we happened to

get trapped in those traffic snarls. And by the way, Mr. Newman says that they will probably locate their new headquarters to Plymouth Township if we fail to meet his

I just hope that our Mayor and council members have the courage and common sense to tell Mr. Newman that we would love to have him here but we have no intentions of meeting either of his demands. If that isn't good enough for him, tell him not to let the door hit him in the "you know what" on his way to Plymouth Township.

Thanks from library

We would like to publicly thank the Hometown Community Credit Union for heir part in our Million Pennies campaign ly, and always with a smile, accepted our sacks of coins to be counted. Over 400,000 coins were processed, including a recent anonymous donation amounting to \$132 in pennies. We would also like to thank all of our donors, known and unknown, for their generous response which will benefit our library.

Friends of the Novi Library

It does not add up

Let me get this straight, according to the s, 11/24/2005, the city of Novi will receive a \$20,000 community forestry "Grant" from the "State" to hire a firm to rount dead trees and give us a count for future stump removal? They will also do a tree inventory on city streets. A tree invento

This is going to cost the city of Novi only \$30,000 for this \$20,000 grant? Have we gone totally out of our minds? My question is why do we pay to have a forester on staff? What is his function? Why do we have such stupid grants? Please write your city council and your state representative to stop such stupid grants.

Stop budget cuts

"Woe to you legislators of infamous laws, who refuse justice to the unfortunate, who cheat the poor among my people of their rights, who make widows their prey and rob the orphan? (Isaiah 10:1-2, Jerusalem

Over the past few months, The U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have each passed different budgets designed to reduce the budget and pay for disaster relief. The religious community has successfully

influenced the Senate - its budget cut \$35 billion from taxes, yet has almost no cuts in services to low-income families. The version passed by the House of Representatives will cut over \$50 billion from taxes and will have a devastating impact on the poor.

Congress faces a stark choice now. The differences between the House and the Senate will be resolved in conference committee and come back to each for a mid-December vote. Budgets are moral documents — how do we as a nation protect the poor and vulnerable in our communities? It's time to act.

What to do? Contact our representatives. Those who voted for budget cuts for the poor and are likely to vote for tax cuts for the rich, unless we help to convince them to change their minds. entative Thaddeus McCotter. Representative (202) 225-8171

Representative Joe Knollenberg, (202) 225-5802 Representative Mike Rogers

(202) 225-4872 Or, you can call Congress, tollfree: (800) 426-8073, and ask for the office of your representative.

Mark T. Robinson

Catch the lectures

To those of you who were lucky enough to attend the first lecture of the newly-founded "Novi Town Hall Lecture Series," we say CONGRATULATIONS!

We were all enlightened and entertained by mystery novelist Nora Charles. She shared her delightful stories of teaching cre-ative writing and how she obtains material for her novels to the total enjoyment by the entire audience. She surely was a terrific start to the lecture series.

The Rock Financial Showplace was a beau The Rock Financial Snowpiace was a facility facility and gracious host for this first year of the Novi Town Hall Lecture Series. The series continues with Chuck Ghidica. nopular TV Channel 4 Weather Guy," on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and award-winning filmmakers Laura & Rob Sams, of children's books written by Michigan author Carl Sams, "Stranger in the Woods" and "Lost in

the Woods," on Wednesday, March 29

We are very proud that all profits will benefit the Novi Library Capital Campaign and matching funds from the Walker family. So, if you missed this first experience, you still have time to join us for the remaining series by contacting Kathy Crawford at (248) 349-5079 or Diana Camp at (248) 348-1822. And once again, thanks to all who attended and to all of our loyal and outstanding

Kathy Crawford, Diana Canup. Sharon Larson, Pam Balagna, Kathy Johnson, Loretta Shaeffer Skin Tuck, Cheryl Csordas, Jodi Capello

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Plenty to see, hear and do during the holiday season

The city of Novi pulled off nother fine Ringing in the



is a unique

up any live jazz for Novites.

(Did I just make that up or is that what they call 'em?)

Until then, you can head west a bit to Bakers of Milford to catch the real deal when

trumpeter Chris Clifton begins blowing at 7 p.m. this Sunday. The 67-year-old Detroit native heard the master, Louis Armstrong, and his life course was set. He headed to New Orleans, a wise choice for a

Hurricane Katrina destroyed (248) 417-0033 or 685-3300 if games, food, fun and drinks.

martini founge will be offering - Clifton's home and possessions, and he's currently staying up here in Oakland Township with his brother until the Big Easy is back in

> shape. If you want to hear a cat playing authentic New Orleans jazz, you can't beat the \$10 admission price. And it doesn't get much cozier than Bakers of Milford. Take I-96 to the Milford exit and head north. It's a couple miles up on the

You can also learn more about Clifton and hear some of his music on the Web at www.ehriselifton.com.

Tonight is the grand opening of Lucky Strikes, the bowling alley at Lucky's in Fountain Walk, Although the last time I howled I nearly tore my right knee cap off with a 15-pounder. I'm looking forward to seeing what manager Eddie Bourque has put together. It's already a great place to go for

newspaper together, sometimes well into the evening. But I'm going to try and wrap it up early next week so I can head over to the Mad Hatter Tea Party at Providence's Assariat Cancer Center, From the pho tos we've run of it in the past, it looks like a pretty fun event.

The Novi Concert Band is presentine its Holiday Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday the Civic Center. Diran Kochvan will be conduct A classic, "A Christmas

Novi Theater Productions Friday and Saturday night. If you're just looking for some good laughs, you can always catch one of the come-dians at Wise Guys or "In iPod We Trust" at Second City

So much to do, so little time. Cal Stone is the editor of the

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The Christmas experience – that's what matters most

It's that time of year again and you're getting swamped with let-ters and e-mails and telephone calls from people who want



conceded Sam Eggleston chough to

Me? Well.

those things are kosher. Of course, is anything supposed to be kosher at Christmas?

Christians any more. It's more of a Generation X-mas now. Jewish? Muslim? Ripdu? Who

eares. It's an all encompassing holiday now. Is Santa so discrim-inating that he'll leave out the Buddhist in favor of a Baptist?

Hopefully not.

But the nativity scenes and the true meaning of Christmas! Jesus was born on Christmas day and three intelligent fellows brought him some gifts so they could be the first official people to kiss up to the son of a deity. I'm fine with that, Christmas

still has a place this time of year for those who worship in those particular faiths. But why should that ston Christmas from being much more?
My daughter Shaylyn and I

shared breakfast Wednesday morning. Mini donuts and juice, courtesy of her daycare. Afterward, we stepped outside and met Dancer, a 6-year-old

She smiled. Blue eyes twin-kled in the morning sun. For the first time in her life she had her hand buried in the soft hide of one of Santa's helpers. It was a

dream come true.

Shaylyn didn't get anything for that Christmas moment other than joy. There was no material possession for her to come away with, yet it was one of the greatest moments of her entire year. That's what Christmas is all about. It's the experience that

matters.

Come the end of the month, she'll visit her grandparents in the Upper Peninsula. She'll see her great-grandma Winnie and she'll get to play out in more snow than her little imagination can muster. She'll play with dogs --- a no-no in our apartment ---and she'll go ice skating, sled-ding and ice fishing. Her daddy

won't have to work and her mommy is off from college. Presents? Yeah, Santa got her a few things off her relatively short list. But those will all be second-

child, plays a role, but the whole

experience is about more than st December 25. Nearly every time we walk into a store this month, we'll see a volunteer for the Salvation Army ringing a bell. Shaylyn takes a few pennies, dimes and nickels and drops them in. She

doesn't know why she does it, but the smile she gets in return is worth it. Shaylyn donates the macaroni and cheese she so dislikes to charities. She sends cards and draws pictures for people she has met this year. Nothing in return but feeling good about herself. And when she got on Santa's lap this year, she asked for one, solitary thing for herself: a coldnose loy puppy.

It's a present she'll get, Santa's little helpers have already secured that one. But the puppy won't stand a snowball's chance in Hawaii compared to all the things she's Dancer the reindeer is just the newest addition to the memories she has made and the experience

I'm a bit more greedy than she is though but I've managed to narrow my list down to just one thing. It's short and sweet and it's hardly impossible. Like so many of the parents I see in the stands at high school sporting events, I want to live vicariously through my daughter this year. I

want to feel the joy of

thing even more than that, It's the excitement and the awe, It's the forcing myself to be good for just one more day despite wanting to knock that vase over or over-feed the fish, It's getting smiles from people I've only just met. It's taking a new toy I've just picked off the shelf and put-

ting it in a box for a child I'll It's life as only a 4-year-old can experience it. It's every thing I've ever wanted it to be and so It's Christmas, For everyone.

And may it be merry for all of

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The real thing

rker at Novi's Glenda's nursery, checks on one of the Grand River Avenue's Christmas Donna Debow, a wo trees for sale. On a busy night, they can go through more than 100 fir, spruce, and Scots pine trees. Most trees average around \$40, but some reaching 15 feet tall are \$175.

We're represented in Washington by a living legend committee into the most powerful on Capitol

Hill. Something like 40 per cent of all legisla-tion that went to the House floor did so through

The National Journal, the authoritative publi-

cation on Congress, once claimed that Dingell claimed jurisdiction over anything that "moved,

aalked into a crowded room it was as though

the Red Sea was parting.

His power was diluted after the Republicans

burned or was sold." He was called "Mr.

Chairman" for good reason, and when he

Dingell's committee.

What do you call a guy who has become a legend in his own time, is six feet three inches tall, has a reputation as a tough guy, has been around forever and knows everybody?

You'd start out by calling him, "Sir," At least that's what I call Congressman John Dingell, who on Dec. 13 will celebrate 50 vears in the House of Representatives. He already is the third longest serving member in U.S. history. (If he is still in Congress in March, 2009, he'll be the longest serving even) There was a big celebration recently in

Dearborn honoring Dingell, with his fellow Democrats, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow joining a cast of friends and supporters.
The first time I met John
Dingell was in November
1964. I had just been hired by a

Paul H. Todd, Jr., from reception for newly elected members from Michigan in some grand room in the Capitol, and even then Dingell stood out as having the greates

presence in the room. Phil Power He had barely started his career in Congress — he was elected for the first time in 1955, beating 13 others for the seat his father had held till his untimely death. But even then he carried a certain aura of ferocity, strength and uncommon

common sense.

Dingell's reputation at that time was that of a sensible tough guy, happy to be a partisan Democrat but prepared to work with the Republican opposition when there was a deal

I remember he gave my boss, a fellow Democrat, great advice time after time: "Do what's right; play tough but play fair; get respected for what you know because it's better to be respected than merely liked."

I saw him again in the late 1980's when he had become the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Largely through the force of his personality, he was turning the

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won control of the House in 1994. Not so his Over the years, I've come to know John Dingell pretty well and to admire him deeply. Even though he's now 79 and prey to the infimities more or less standard for less standard for someone his age, he hasn't lost a step men-tally, nor has his fine legislative edge dulled. I remember once making the mistake of quoting a rea-sonably obscure 18th century French statesman, only to be

brought up short when the Chainnan produced not only the source for the quote ... but also the source for that! And to observe him think his way hrough a complex legislative and political situation is to watch a master at work.

I had a long conversation with him several

days ago. What stands out, I wanted to know, after nearly 50 years in Congress?
"The goodness of the people that I served, their loyalty, kindness, decency, patience. How hard they work, how much they love their

country, how hard they try to make their com-munities better. This applies to the huge swath of people I've known for so many years: black, vhite, Arabs, Republicans, Democrats, urban, What's it like today in the Congress, com pared with the way it was when you started out? "Our system works best on collegiality, compromise and cooperation. There's very

little of that nowadays. Today everybody

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"When I was Chairman, we'd have a hearing. Then we'd go into a side room, close the doors, take our coats off and fight like hell. But the result was almost invariably a bipartisan bill, one that could pass with an overwhelming vote from the middle."

How come things are so different? "It's part How come things are so different? It's part-ly changes in the society. In the old days, when you went down to Washington you stayed there because you couldn't afford to go back and forth to your district. As a result, members of Congress got to know each other, their foreith. their families.

"They'd socialize after work. They developed a store of good will, great friendships that helped make things happen even through the politics were tough. That's gone now. And the House now is mostly run by the Republican leadership. They're hard right and aren't inter-ested in compromises."

Dingell hasn't merely served for a long, long time, he's been at the core of many of the

He wrote most of the Endangered Species Act, introduced domestic content legislation that required Japanese auto manufacturers to pro-duce parts in the United States and was the main force behind the Clean Air Act. What advice would he give to young politi-cians? "The biggest trouble is not in doing right; it's in knowing what's right. If you know

greatest legislative achievements of our times.

right, you'll do right, and you won't have anything to worry about."

At the end of our conversation, I asked how
John Dingell would like to be remembered.
"As a monument for sanity and effectiveness."

he replied with barely a pause.

We have the great good fortune to be represented in Washington by a living legend. The

sad thing is that people of the caliber of John

Dingell don't get to do what they do best very much these days, when our politics have been hijacked by ideologues of both the right and

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Together for the holidays

hosts annual senior party

By Tracy Mishler

Trudy Harradine loves to party, especially during the holidays.
The 92-year-old Meadowbrook Commons resident said it's good - council. for seniors to have a little excite-

ment in their old age.
"It keeps us young," Harradine said, "and it's good for all the seniors to come together in the com-munity for one big holiday event." About 198 seniors, from Meadowbrook Commons, Manor Mandowhrook Commons, Manor
of Novi and White Hall Manor.

loined together last Thursday at Novi Middle School for the Novi Rotary Club's A2nd annual Senior Holiday Party. Rotary CHO 8 24th annual cash.

Holiday Party.

"The whole idea is to bring the youth and seniors together for the holidays." said Novi Rotary President Randy D'Amore, "This Obrenovich said he has taken annual party for the

"This year really is bigger and better than ever," D'Amore said, "We had more seniors than ever, and I think the students belted it out better than ever before."

Christmas music, seniors were invited to enjoy å holiday meal in the school cafeteria with help from the middle school's student

their Christmas," said Fame Tata, eighth grade student council treasurer, "We all have fun serv-ing food and drinks and helping the seniors. It's nice to be able to

President Randy D'Amore, "This is a time where we can all sit down and really talk with the seniors of our community. They're all a treasure to talk to."

The event included the holiday sounds of the seventh and eighth grade girks and boys choirs and sighth grade convert hand.

Novi Rotarian and holiday party chair Ginger Barrons' said the event costs about \$4,000. "This is one of our most valu-able events," Barrons said, "The

party is very expensive, and we really have to thank Providence Park Hospital for sharing in the costs and being one of our premier sponsors for several years." Lou Martin, said taking part in the senior holiday party is a way for the hospital to reach out to

society outside the hospital walls "It feels like we just did this tions for St. John Health Providence Park Hospital, "Each year has been tough for Rotary to put this party together, and we're happy to lend a hand." Martin said the hospital has

been sponsoring events in the Novi community since it opened in 1992.

Other sponsors for the event include, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, LaSalle Bank, Community EMS, Red Carpet Keim Reliable Real Estate and Dr. Stephen Minus, DDS.

"You can't get much better than this," said Senora Major, "They really take care of us at this party." The 83-year-old New Hudson



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New

Novi Middle School eighth grade student Haley Prasad brings a turkey meal to visitor Marie Manson during the Novi Rotary-sponsored Christmas party.

party four times, and she said cach year is better than the next. bolidays off right." reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. bolidays off right." 107, or at mishler@gomett.com each year is better than the next.
"The entire day is beautiful,"
she said, "Everyone involved-the

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer See more photos from the for the Novi News. She can be party on the next page.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 12/9

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10 a.m	Body Recall cancelled
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12:30 p.m	
12:45 p.m. ,	Binge
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Tuesday 12/13

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9 a.m	Line Dance
10 a.m.	Asian Pacific
11 a.m	

noon Lunch 12:30-3 p.m. Focus Hope and TFAP Distribution 12:45 p.m. Bingo held in activities room 1-3 p.m. 'Ask the Lawyer' - Eric Glick (by appointment) 2-2:30 p.m. | KG.....

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2-2:30 p.m
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Thursday 12/15 Contract Bridge*
Line Dance cancelled
Massage

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







Seniors deck the halls

Rotarians spread holiday cheer to both young and old





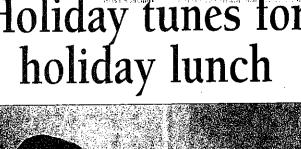
Students entertained seniors with Christmas carols in the school cafeteria for lunch.



Rotarian Ernie Aruffo gently directs Dorothy Celeste to a luncheon table.



Santa elicits a smile from Isabelle McKay during Thursday's Novi Rotary Club Christmas party at Novi Middle School. Students and staff and Rotary members helped to entertain, feed and make feel welcome dozens of local seniors and Holiday tunes for





Novi Middle School choir members laugh and clap as they sing along to Christmas carols during the party.

Baby Care Basics DETAILS: A one time class with

EVENTS

Novi Theaters Productions

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 A Christmas Carol TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 3 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. All seats

DETAILS: Students tages 18

Borders Bookstore and Music LOCATION: 43075 Crescent

Boulevard CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Book Signings TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday DETAILS: Author Tim Kiska and Detroit Television Legend.

Johnny Ginger will sign copies of their book "From Soupy to Nuts: A History of Detroit Television." TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 DFTAILS: Author/Broadcaster Stadium: Volume II.

Second City Detroit, Novi

LOCATION: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi, located across from the Novi Town Center CONTACT: (248) 348-4448 or "In iPod We Trust"

Wednesday-Sunday DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 and \$20 and may be purchased at the Second City Box Office, on-line a

www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666. "After the Beanstalk" DATE: Saturday, now through

DETAILS: This is a childrens theater. Tickets are \$10. Lowell Sanders from "Joe

Somebody" TIME/DATE; Various times, Today-Saturday
Torn McGillen from "The Adventures of Joe Dirt' TIME/DATE: Various times,

Dec. 15-Dec.17 Training Center Classes Conservatory Program: Advanced training in the art of creating and performing a Second Beginning Program: The funda-

tion for adults with little or no experience.
Writing Program: The basics of comedy writing with advanced lev els in stage. TV and film writing. and performing ensembles for ages

mentals of Second City improvisa-

of Second City song writing. Private Workshops: Special writing, and musical improvisati that can travel to your school or

classes meet once a week for eight

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Fight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads. CONTACT: (248) 349-8390 Holiday Event

TIME: 1 p.m. DETAILS: Children are invited ing entrance, off of Eight Mile Road, Children's admission wi a homemade ornament for the

Healing Arts Exhibit Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

DETAILS: This is the fourth annual "Mad Hatter Tea Party," a free show of original anwork by tients, families and associates, as ell as juried pieces by Novi High School students. A reception will be held, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Brunch with Santa

DATE: Saturday TIME: 11 a.m.-2 p.n 49115 Pontiac Trail Wixom three and up. Reservations are CONTACT: (248) 960-7771

DATE: Saturday

Border Express Event

Music Program: Musical

Maybury Park Programs

DATE: Saturday and Dec. 17

to make an ornament to decorate the Maybury Farm Christmas Tree Use the free Maybury Farm park-Maybury Farm Christmas Tree. The cost for adults is \$3.

Providence Center for the

DATE: Through Jan. 31, 2006 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

LOCATION: Volare Ristorante DETAILS: Kids can visit with Santa and enjoy brunch with food favorites for both children and adults. Each child will also receive a special gift from Santa. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages

TIME: noon-3 p.m. LOCATION: 12 Oaks Mall, DETAILS: Author Russ

McLogan will be signing his book

delightful adaptation of Charles Dickens' ever-popular Christmas tale will transport the audience back to the cobblestone streets of London and make members yearn for their own taste of figgy pudding. A true family favorite, the Novi Theatres staff invites area residents to make "A Christmas Carol" part of this year's festivities. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. All performare \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. All performances will be on the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information call The Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry office at (248) 347-0400. Pictured at a recent rehearsal are Greg Sorrentino of Novi as Scrooge and Wendy McAlpine of Milford as the Ghost of Christmas Present.

Whether it's their first time or their 10th, theater-goers are in for a heart-warming treat with The Novi Theatres' production of "A Christmas Carol." This

'A Christmas Carol'

starts tomorrow

"Boy Soldier: Coming of Age During World War II. CONTACT: (248) 735-8301

ice Skating Exhibition

DATE: Saturday TIME: noon-2 p.th. LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Dr. DETAILS: The sponsors are The

skating club from the Novi Ice CONTACT: (248) 347-1010

Nuteracker Ballet

The Metropolitan Ballet Theatre

& Academy presents:

The Nutcracker

December 17, 2005 at 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Novi High School Auditorium

Tickets: \$12.00 per person

Ages 2 and under - Free

Proceeds will be donated to

Novi Youth Assistance.

Reserved seating tickets may be purchased at

DATE: Saturday TIME: 2 and 6 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake Northern High School, 6000 Bogie

DETAILS: Tickets are \$20, available in advance or at the door. CONTACT: 048) 982-7882

American Association of University Women

LOCATION: Plymouth listorical Museum, 155 S. Main DETAILS: This is a holiday

party and monthly meeting of Northville/Novi Branch of the CONTACT: (248) 449-7602

Holiday Band Concert

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 18 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The Novi Concert Band will be performing with Diran Kochyan, Conductor. A sing-a-tong and refreshments will be

Red Wings Game

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 3 DETAILS: The fee is \$65 per affle and snack.
CONTACT: Wixom Parks and Recreation, (248) 624-2850 or

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 3 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 15175 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 SCHOOL/

GOVERNMENT

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesdays, Dec. 13 and TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall,

49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557 **Novi City Council Meeting**

DATE: Monday, Dec. 19 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 12 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational Services building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1200.

BUSINESS

Accounting Conference for

DATE: Tuesday TIME: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River

DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) is sponsor ing this event. It will feature topics n the areas of accounting and auditing, ethics, managemen issues, tax and technology. The cost is \$175 for MACPA members; \$225 for non-members. CONTACT: (888) 877-4273 or

www.michepa.org Oakland County Business

Center LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road,

CONTACT; (248) 858-0873 How to Write a Business Plan DATE: Thursday, Dec. 15 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon DETAILS: This is a workshop

for small business owners who are LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts'

"Tuesdays at Assarlan DATE: Every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue,

DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come

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sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some ctivities may include a supplies ice (no more than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

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nd enjoy a unique mix of classe

Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second sday of every month 1 OCATION: Assarian Cancer

center-Art Studio, Novi DETAILS: This is a free class CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Artist in Residence

TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Assarian Cancer nter-Art Studio, Novi DETAILS: Join Artist-in

Residence May Oura Teevens and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting mixed media and collage.
Beginners are welcome, there is a 5 materials fee. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Kirov Ballet's

DATE: every Monday and TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena,

42400 Arena Drive DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi

LIBRARY

LINES

Novi Public Library Hours

Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

DETAILS: Story Times for kids ages 1-5 are now underway. Brochures listing the days and

Snack Tales

DATE: Monday, Dec. 12 TIME: 7-7:45 p.m. DETAILS: Kids in kindergarten grade 3 can enjoy a story and make an edible treat based on the story.

Anyone Can Join!

purchase only at the Novi Public Library. Library Board Meeting

Campaign Fund, Individual tickets are \$6. A family pack of four tick-cts is \$20. Tickets are available for

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 21 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend.

Metropolitan Ballet Theatre & Academy

Friendship Circle

Church, 46325 10 Mile Road,

DETAILS: Social group for all

vidows and widowers.

CONTACT: Norbert Monson,

(248) 851-6730, Florence Voight, (248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi,

DATE: First Thursday of each

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-

profit support group, for mothers

their children, work out of their

who choose to stay at home with

homes, or work part-time.

CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc-

Censington Valley Mothers of

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION; Witch's Hat Depot,

DETAILS: This group provides aformation, support and social

activities for mothers of multiple

birth children and their families

Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.

CONTACT: For more informa

tion, (248) 437-5496.

Mile Rose

Healing Prayer Service

DATE: First Monday of each

TIME: 4 p.m. LOCATION: First United

to all faiths and is a service of

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight

DETAILS: This service is oper

DATES: Second Thursday of

300 Dorothy St., South Lyon,

248) 348-9138, joyid

MOMS Club of Novi

TIME: 10 a.m.

between Taft and Beck roads.

"The Nutcracker"

Academy & Theatre will present its second annual produc-tion of the holiday classic, "The

Nutcracker," at 2 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at Novi High For the second year in a row, MBT has partnered with Novi Community Schools to donate a portion of the proceeds from the production to Novi Youth

Assistance, a local branch of a Assistance, a local triangle of a national program dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delin-quency, child abuse, and child neglect in the Novi community. The Academy & Theatre are directed by the husband/wife team of Victoria Stocki-Kim and Jay Kim, former soloists with the Universal Ballet Theatre of Seoul, Korea, the

Starlight Story Time

TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 13

DETAILS: Preschoolers and

their families are invited to enjoy

redtime stories. No registration

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 17

PLACE; Emagine Theatre at

Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is a special

screening of the new film, "The Chronicles of Namia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," All pro-

TIME: 10 a.m.

ceeds from ticket sales

benefit the NPL Capital

"The Nutcracker" will be a full-length production featuring

dancers ages 3-18. It is the goal of MBT to bring professional quality ballet productions to the local community. Panilies with children of all ages will enjoy watching dolls come life, a battle

between mice and toy soldiers, dancing butterflies, Sugarphun Fairy and tumblers and rhythmic gymnasts. As a special treat,

Uncle Drosselmeyer and the Nutcracker Prince.

Tickets are \$12 per person; children ages 2 and under are free.,

please contact The Sports Club of Novi at (248) 735-8850;

s proud to announce that Jay Kim will dance the roles of

on about the production or the Academy,

also broadcast live on cable

Walled Lake Library Events

LOCATION: 1499 E. West

Weekly Story Hours

Maple Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

Meetings are

is and for those ages 55 and up; 6 for non-residents. CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

Benefit for NPL Capital Campaign Fund

Story Time Notes

times of each drop-in story time session are available in the library

TIME/DATE: 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

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

plished without the little ones in

tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out

and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248)

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontia Trail, Wixom DETAILS: Come for encourage ment, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, eichborhood Baby-sitting DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accom-(248) 926-8332 or harvestfelle

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: Second and fourth

DATE: Second Thursday of each Tuesday of the month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic tal. Commerce, Classroom C TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration need-

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: First and third Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

help you improve your com cation skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and prac-CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

<u>HEALTH</u>

Youa Classes

DATE: Beginning Monday, Jan. TIME: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walkin; \$80/10-class card; \$70/7-week evening sessions

Providence Medical Center

LOCATION: Providence Park, Novi. 47601 Grand River Avenu-CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Childbirth Education

DETAILS: Evening or weekend scries helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby. DETAILS: A one time class to

Breastfeeding Preparation DETAILS: A one time class for mon and her partner helping to provide tips for successful breast-feeding.

practical information about how to adapt to life with a baby.

Infant Massage DETAILS: This two session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage

Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m. ins or 10 class card for \$80.

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-Studios, local community televisio CONTACT: Melissa Cohn.

Novi Concert Band Rehearsals TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m.,

DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

Tuesday LOCATION: Novi High School,

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest corner of 1-96 and Novi Road). Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancial-showplace.com/for more informa-

Toy and Hobby Expo TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec, 30, 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday

Dec. 31 and 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1 DETAILS: This expo features vendors and collectors selling vintage toys, trains, dolls and hobby items from the 50's to today's \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-12.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to

The holiday season is here.

Plan parties and family fun, not a funeral



Every year, people lose their lives in senseless crashes involving excessive speed, drinking and driving.

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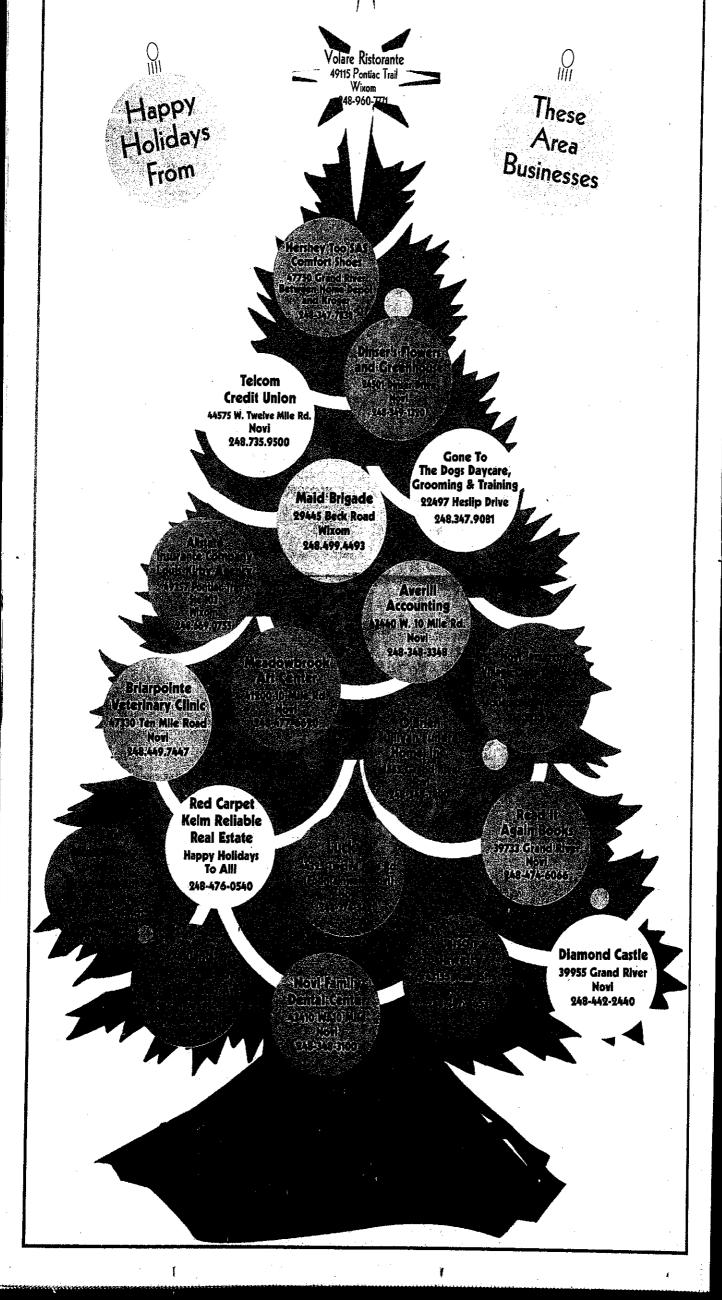
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Hoop it up

Wildcats basketball team is looking forward to their upcoming season. The KVC is going to be tough, but so is Novi. — Page 3B



Scores!

Check out how the Novi Wildeats and the Catholic Central Shamrocks did last week in hockey action. Scores and highlights are printed in each week's score-board.

SPORTS



Regional Marketplace

With the opening of Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists in With the opening of Michigan remainment appearance of South Lyon, owners Mait and Michelle Brostrom are eager to make pain relief and healing more accessible to the community.

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There wasn't a point during the football season we didn't think Pat Sijan could do the job. He's a talented and capable kicker who omes through much more often

Now, he's coming through not only for football fans, but hungry customers, too.

Sijan is a cook and delivery driver for Pizza Marvelous in Novi. There, customers can order top there, customers can order our quality pizza, chicken wings and ribs that are just to die for. Delivery is available and Sijan may end up being the smilling face on the other side of the door when the bell

Give them a call at (248) 348-1000 and don't forget to tip him well, especially if you're a fan of Novi football's success!

Speaking of Marvelous

Who would have guessed the owner of Pizza Marvelous is none other than Andy Nofar.

Nofar and his brother were players at Walled Lake Western High School when sports writer Sam Eggleston covered them in 2001. That was quite the year with the Warriors advancing to the state semifinals before falling to Catholic Central. Notar has done well for himself.

serving up some of the best pizza in Novi while keeping some Novi students — and Walled Lake Western students as well — busy with employment.

People say we give athletes too much credit at times. Last week, we did.

In last week's edition of the Novi News, it was started senior wrestler John Favorite finished second in his weight class in the state finals. He actually made the state finals, but fell in the first round.

Darn it!

There's nothing like getting named a starter and ending up not being able to start.

enior Sean White sprained his ankle Saturday, which will keep him out this week and maybe a part of next week.

Add to his loss the fact starters



Todd Janer and A.W.
Stanek will be out
of town for Friday's game and the basketball team will be look-ing for a lot of inexperienced guys

to step up and score Under the coaching of Pat Schluter, we don't doubt they'll find the motivation to do it.

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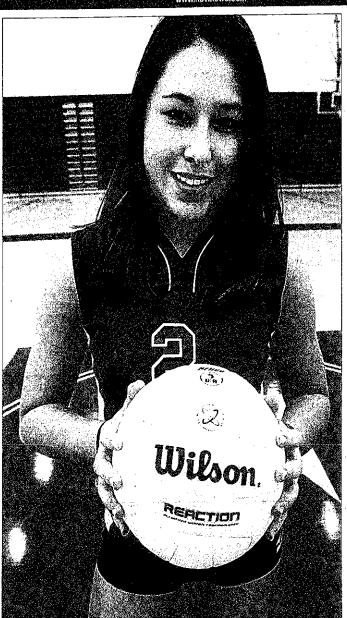
In year's past, certain newspapers (ahem — the Milford Times) the same company as the Novi lews have picked the Novi Wildeats to finish near the bottom of their conference in volleyball.

Each year that happens, the Wildcats not only compete well in their conference, they do well in the district too.

Though the particular sports writer who used to make those picks is not longer with the Times, we still kind of wish someone would go ahead and make that pre-

Not only does it make working with Julie Fisette, Novi's volleyball coach, much more fun, it also keeps the Wildcats on the right side of the wins and loss column

Call us superstitious, but don't fix it if it's not broke, right?



Novi's Jenna Kuhn will be a key part of the Wildcats' volleyball success this year.

No more **surprises**

Wildcats expected to be one of KVC's top teams

By Sam Eggleston

Novi volleyball coach Julie Fisette has big plans for her team

this year.

Why? Well, her squad boasts big talent, tall players and they're defending Kensington Valley Conference champions.

It's a recipe she hopes helps her team repeat this year.

"I sure wouldn't mind taking it outright("she joked. "I don't want to share. There's really nothing wrong with sharing, but it would be nice to have it all to ourselves."

There are a few returning players this year that would like to have an outright tille too. Seniors Jenna Kuhn and Megan Miller recipies two of the key not players from last year; lean who are

have an outright title too. Seniors Jenna Kufin and Megan Miller are just two of the key nole players from last year's team who are back. Joining them is a team of extremely talented athletes. Jessica Barndt, Shannon Cody, Stephanie Cripps, Annata Diacono, Natalia Frisk, Meghan Glokbamith, Paige Janer, Kanelyn McAboy, Hayley Miller, Lauren Purdy, Sarah Rybicki, Katelyn Tuck and Brittany Stefanson are all eager to take to the hardwood and help Novi reach its goals.

"They've all grown," Fiscite said of her players, "We're definitional weighted out the some problem will half.

nitely faller this year, which will help.

"More importantly, we're going to be deep, which we haven't been the past two years. We have three, four or five girls playing the game providing." the same position.

Fisette said it's comforting to know she can look down her bench and feel confident in any one of the players she might substitute.

She's going to need the depth this year. One of the team goals is the KVC title again. It just so happens the KVC is as difficult as

ever.

"The conference is pretty strong," Fisette said, "It's been growing for the past couple of years and it's going to be tough this year."

Milford, once again, is expected to be one of the top teams in the league while Picnkney and Brighton have both improved. Lakeland is expected to also have a very competitive program.

Fisette said she doesn't expect the roud to the Kensington Valley Conference championship is going to be an easy one.

The key?

"We're not going to look past anyone," she said. "We have to go into each game thinking we have to earn the win. No one is just going to hand us anything."

It's a lesson the Wildcats have learned over the past couple of years when the critics have picked them to finish near the bottom of the conference and they've instead finished near the top.

This year could be another hig one for the Wildcats, who had quite the selection to pick from during tryouts.

"I think this is going to be a great season." Fiscite said. "It's going to be exciting to watch, that's for sure."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

Winning not the only measure of success

The Detroit Lions professional football team made no quarrels about why they fired Steve Mariacci last week.

Quite simply, he wasn't winning enough games for them to keep him around as head coach. But winning isn't everything, right?

At the professional level, it is, It's the standard above all else. Personal

goals aren't counted. Great moments are quickly left behind. Thankfully, that isn't the case at Northville and

Classroom outside

of school

Sports, said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi, are an extension of the classroom. It's in sports at the high school level where kids learn the intangibles like hard work, determination and

work, determination and group effort.

"We're not going to fire a coach because they aren't winning." Masi said. "We want to make sure they're teaching the kids how to achieve. We expect them to teach the proper skills and to be knowledgeable of the game. If you teach these things then winning takes care of the same they winning takes they winning winning takes they winning takes they winning takes they winning those things, then winning takes care of

Novi athletic director Curt Ellis

agreed and said there's really no reason to put any additional pressure on the coaches — they do enough of that themselves.

"There's no one who puts more pressure to win on our coaches than they do," he said, "These are very driven individuals who want to see the athletes

they coach succeed. Every coach with the exception of

football has a pass to the state finals automatically. It's during the football season where much of the pressure to succeed is dumped on the shoulders of the coaching staff.

At Novi there have been two coaches in the history of the school: John Osborne and current coach Tab Kellepourcy. At Northville, there have been several more, with the most recent being first-year coach Ryan

Kellenourey put togeth-

er a 7-3 record this year while Hockman tallied a 2-7 mark. "Winning is just one of the measuring sticks that is used to determine success or failure." Ellis said. "There are a great many others, such as the academic success of our student-athletes, the growth and development both physical ly and socially, the character they build and socially, the character they build

and the ability to work as a functioning member of a team.

Patience

Neither school has made a point of firing its coaches for losing streaks.

Hockman's predecessor at Northville, Clint Alexander, compiled a 4-14 mark his first two years before going 7-3 last

Osborne put together several big winning seasons, but had his lumps at Novi, too. From 1990-95 he compiled 27-27 mark with no playoff berths and from 1977-79 he led the Wildcats to a 10-17 record. Before and after each skid, Novi was playoff bound.

"Are our coaches teaching skill and life-long discipline," Masi said. "Are they knowledgeable of the game and are they teaching that game correctly? All of that is considered in deciding how successful our coaches are

The administration at the high schools understand this better than many parents, who are often more upset about losses than the players are.

After the regional title game between Novi and Livonia Stevenson's soccer this fall, a fan stood to his feet and shouted the Novi coach needed to learn how to coach — a comment co ing after 40-straight victories for the ing after 40-straight victories for the Wildcats and a loss to the top-ranked am in the state.
"I just about dropped the trophy,"

Ellis said. "I couldn't believe what I

was hearing.
"That same coach has been recognized by MHSAA staff who has observed him as one of the finer coaches they have seen because of his calm

demeanor and his ability to positively interact with the kids during a contest,"
Unfortunately, that's typical at high school games. Parents and fans question every play and decision, some more vocally than others. Steve Mariucci no doubt heard the

as and the calls from the stands. made \$5-million this year to do it.

Kellepourey and Hockman? Well, let's just say with all of their off-se work and in-season sleepless nights the few cents they make a day doesn't eserve the cat calls.

Northville and Novi high schools

have made the right decision by putting the kids before the records. At the level, there's more to the game than, making the state finals.

"We want to see our students suc-ceed," Masi said. "That doesn't always

mean they're going to get wins.

"We're very fortunate to have such
dedicated coaches. They work all year
round and they do it for the sake of the
kids. That's what's most important to

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Height, in feet and inches, of Novi sophomore Caleb Dean.

Height, in feet and inches, of Northville sophomore Mike Rogers.

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Height, in feet and inches, of Catholic Central senior Chris Harding.

Days off for Northville and Novi schools for Christmas break, from Dec. 22 until Jan. 3.

Pom pon girls capture second

The Novi Wildcats porn poin train started their season off on the trip to the trip to the trip to the showing at the Mid American contest, but the Wildcats responded

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The team, exached by Lauren Madeja and Jeni Hubensedmidt, competed against over 50 teams and (1000 participonts. The judges took, note of appearance, formations, transitions, transitions, unity, precision, execution, technique, choreogration, mixed, showmanship, and there minutes into the final fally for minutes into the final stanza. phy, music, showmanship and three minutes into the final stanza

been plenty high as they took see- minutes remaining in the game.

Hockey splits week

The Novi Wildeats ended their eek with a win after taking a loss. just a few days before.

Against the Howell Highlanders.

the Wildcats faced a fough goalic team went 4-1 in their opening and felf, 3-1. Tom Ciaverilla, wide-

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The Wildeas value must have score of his own with just three

Kevin Michadezuk carned the win between the posts. Novi is now 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the KVC.

Grapplers start strong

The Novi Wildcats wrestling

the progress we've made early in

In their home opener just days later, the Wildeals followed the lead of Steve Rousseau, one of Novi's top returning players, as he scored two goals for a 4-3 victory over lichorobice (130). Adam

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The Novi Wildcats pom pon team took second at the 2005 Mid American Dance Team Championships to start their season off on the right foot.

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Rock 63-11 Wins were notched by

Cash (152). Espinoza and Ryan Ridenour (189) and Charles McClelland. The Wildcats also beat Flat Rock, 63-11. Wins were notched by 37-28, with wins from Vellathouham, Aditva Sathi (112),

Ballantyne, Lokar, Crawford, Payorite and McClelland. The only loss for the 'Cats came from Vellathouham, Sathi, Yusko,

SPORTS SHORTS

Motion tryouts

The Michigan Motion girls basketball club will be holding open tryouts Saturday and

The terouts will be at Novi Middle School, located on 11 Mile Road, and requires player to be present 20 minutes before their fryouts are scheduled and

to be fully dressed to play bas ketball. A parent or guardian must sign players in.
On Saturday, the U10 and U11 teams will tryout from 9-11 a.m. 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 fee to try out is \$20 per Pat or Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. or e-mail them at michiganmotion@yahoo.com.

Enrollment underway for Christmas Clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold various two-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6-14 at Novi lee Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 29-30), the Onyx-Rochester lee Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 27-30), Suburban Ice facilities in East Lansing (Dec. 27-30). Farmington Hills (Dec. 22-23) and 27-30) and Macomb

(Dec.22-23 and 27-28).
Mite Power Skating (ages 6-8) will focus on balance and agility, edge control and stopping, crossovers and accelera-tion, as well as forward and backward stride, Mile Puck Skills (ages 6-8) will emphasize stickhandling, passing and shooting technique. Squint/Pee Wee Power Skating (ages 9-12) will focus on powerful stride. explosive starts, edge control. as well as backward skating and pivoting, Squirt/Pee Wee Puck Skills (ages 9-12) will empha-

size puck protection, playmaking, scoring technique and stick checking. These climes will be held at each facility. The Defense Clime will run

at the Onyx as well as Suburban lee in Farmington Hills and East Lansing, Players will learn backward skating and acceleration, proper positioning, footwork, pivoting and lateral movement, as well as passing and shooting from the point and hody contact and stick check-

ing. Checking Clinics will run at the same locations, with emphasis on body checking technique, how to receive and avoid a check, angling and positioning, as well as strength on skates. The Scoring Clinic will run at the Onyx and Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and will teach shooting, deflec-tions, screening, rebounding

Just added to the schedule is a Goaltending Clinic featuring former Team Canada and pro-fessional goaliender Manon Rheaume! Goalies ages 8-14 are welcome to sign-up for this clinic that will run at Suburban lee-Farmington Hills on Dec. 22-23 from 9:30-11:20 a.m.

These clinics fill fast, so don't delay. Players who sign-up for more than one clinic will receive a discount. For more information on

classes and schedules, call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 or www.subur banhockey.com.

Registration for Winter

Learn to Skate Novi lee Arena will run a evensweek full/winter session of its Learn to Skate Program through Dec. 17. Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students get a punch eard for free admission to open skating at Novi lee Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in.

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ons. Open registration for Learn to Skate begins Oct. 17. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi-Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

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optional 30-minute practice ses

Travel baseball and softball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association will hold a travel softball meeting Monday, at 7 p.m., ir the media center of Scranton Middle School located at 8415 Malthy Road (west of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton. This is the first meeting for the 2006 season and is for any

new or returning U12-U18 For more information, con

tact Jeff David at 586-206-7646 or visit www.KVBSA.com. Skating Club of Novi to

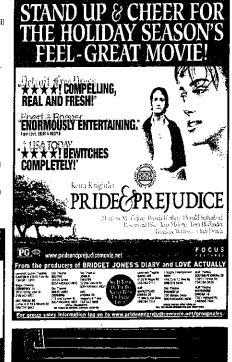
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of Novi will perform in the Skating Club's Holiday Exhibition, which will take place noon-2 p.m. Saturday at Novi Ice Arena, Skaters of all ages will be skating to their favorite holiday music during this United States Figure Skating Association-sanctioned

There will be a \$2 donation at the door.
For more information, call (248) 347-1010 or www.noviісеатена.соть.

Coach wanted

Northville High School is in need of an assistant gymnastics coach that has experience in spotting. Please contact Bryan Masi, Athletic Director at (248)





Shamrocks crush Farmington Unified

The Catholic Central
Shamrocks are starting their season off with a vengeance, letting all the pundits know their eyes are set on a state title again this year.

Catholic Central views of the parallel of the control of the pundits of the pundits who scored two goals in the victory.

The Shamrocks are now 4-0 to the very while Farmington on the very while Farmington.

Catholic Central skated out in front of a sold-out crowd at Farmington Unified's home icc unified fell to a disappointing 0-2.



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Time to step up

■ Wildcats have to transform from role players to team leaders

By Sam Eggleston

Quite frankly. Novi basketball coach Pat Schluter isn't about to give up anything.

The veteran coach has led his team to three-straight Kensington Valley Conference

titles. This year, the critics say be can't do it. They say it's all Brighton's to lose. "They're picked to win it hands down," Schluter said. "After that, it's really a toss up.
"I told the guys that we're not

putting in this time to be second.

I don't care what everyone else thinks. We've won it three years in a row and we're going to try to
make it four."

Cateb Dean and Tyler Hoover.
Dean, a 6-foot-8-inch tower,
has been rumored to be getting

athletic talent to try and pull it off with. Captains Steve Hart, Todd Janer and A.W. Stanek are all standout athletes on other sports teams while captain Sean White is one of the top baskets hall players at Novi.

Joining them will be juniors

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Adam Chandler, Trevor Borsak along with juniors Dan Piligian, and Wiley Moss, who are expectand Wiley Moss, who are expect-ed to contribute as well as senior Mike Longo.

2005-06 Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Team

Trevor Borsak John Brown Adam Chandler Caleb Dean Steve Hart' Todd Janer

Wiley Moss Matt Simpson A.W. Stanek* Cortlan White Sean White* Eric Zhao

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The height on the team comes from two sophomore centers in Caleb Dean and Tyler Hoover. Dean, a 6-foot-8-inch tower, plenty of action as well.

chemistry," said Schluter. "Right now we're learning, figuring each other out and getting bet-

Novi's 16-person roster is one of the largest carried in the pro-gram's history and by far the largest since Schluter took over the program.

"I guess I'm just getting too nice." Schluter joked. "We have a lot of good players on the team. Six of them are returning guys and last year they were role players and did a very good job. This year they have to become leaders and take more initiative. I think they will."

Novi will once again go in the hunt for their yearly goal of win-ning the Kensington Valley Conference and then the district

playoff tournament.

Of course, it's not going to be an easy task. The KVC is as loaded as ever with several of the less-fortunate programs from last year having built experience and talent. The non-league schedule isn't easy either.

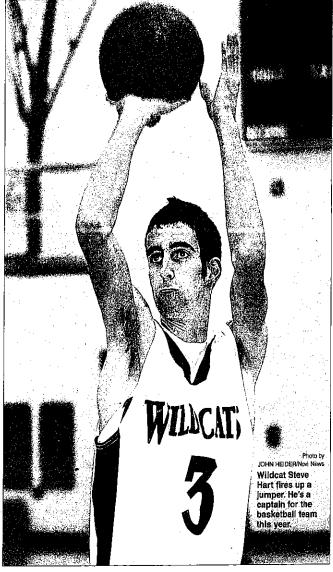
interest from Division I colleges.
Hoover, a 6-foot-7-inch All-Area football selection, should see plenty of action as well.

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Pat Schluter



Novi High School Winter Sports Schedule

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Cheerleaders hope to build on tradition

For the Wildcats competitive

regional tournament last season. me place short of advancing to the state championships. They have not defeated KVC and new strong." varsity coach Emily regional rival Hartland in three years. This year, however, they

fall sideline season, has an MHSAA-sponsored competitive our jumps, a lot of time on gymschedule. Cheerleading meets nastic

By Sam Eggleston

siastic about both.

It's all about experience in the world of

righ school bowling.

The Novi boys this year have plenty. The

girls don't. But coach John Osborne is plenty enthu-

"Tin expecting the boys to do well," said Osborne, "The girls have a lot of work to do, but I think they can compete, too."

DePollo, a senior who already has a 300

Danielsen, who moved up from junior var-

sity to varsity last year, will be expected to play a big role as well.

to qualify as starters this year.

Also expected to have an impact for the

experience," said Osborne, "We won the

The boys team will be anchored by Dan-

traditional, concentrating on formation changes and jumps, in the second round, athletes pionship meet, combined with cheer team, three is both a curse must be able to execute a set number of skills in unison, and and execution of stunts.

hope to build on their traditionally strong scores in round three of competitions and excel in their region to earn a spot in the state championships. The winter season, unlike the of time we spend in practice,

KVC placement.
Michigan teams are divided into five regions, with the top two schools in each region advancing to the state champi-onships on March 11, 2006. After moving to a different region this season, Novi's regional opponents will now include KVC rivals Hartland and Brighton, who respectively placed third and eighth at last year's state meet.

lationals on Saurdays, vovi's sand, tusteem to separate score in February's KVC championship meet, combined with young, but this year, most of my scores from the league dual team is back ... I have two senmeets, will determine final for this year, but I have the same sophomores and the same freshmen that were competing with my team last year who are

now juniors and sophomores. They have more experience on

the floor than they did last

The team is led by senior captains Georgia Katopodis and Quinn Priehs

"Both of them have cheered for me for many years, and ... because they've cheered with we're spending a lot of time on our jumps, a lot of time on gymnasties."

"They're definitely tough our jumps, a lot of time on gymnasties."

"The Novi team will have dual toward this goal of going to the

egy of the sport."

Other returning varsity ath-"They push each other just as hard as I push them ... they're an efficient team. They use their Jessica Jodoin and Victoria Roney, and sophomores Emily Kostrzewa, Jennifer Lau and Rachael Zbranchik. First-year varsity cheerleaders include time very well, so we'll get a lot

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inniors Kristie Cmoluch, Brandi

Karinen, Jennifer Lozon and Kim Sankovic, and freshmen Jillian Harold and Laura Tollis.

Parker said that her team's

Fordham-Johns.

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"My expectations are

Novi Boys and Girls Bowling Coach

Jennifer White, Kendra Hay, Melissa Lyons Danielle Capello and Laura Schoepfie.

"We're looking to have improvement throughout the year and we'll see where it takes us." Osborne said, "We're looking for

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But, talent will hopefully shine through. have some really good skills in Oshorne said. "They've been there championship as well." hefore and they can do it again.

game under his helt. Joining him will be returning starters Derek Smith, Alex Hamilton and Nick McMasters, Evan The Novi Wildcats girls bowling team has plenty of work to do, but Osborne said he's confident they'll be able to overcome the hurdles.

Bowling teams gear up for season

"My expectations are that we'll continue right along and continue to improve. Hopefully we'll be a threat to win the KVC

boys team is Mike Fleischer, who bowled as a sophomore but not last season. Juniors said, "We're basically starting back from a sophomore but not last season. Juniors Troy Wixson and Kyle Jones will also look Returning for the Wildcats are Alex "We have a veleran team with a lot of Dinser, Christine Skouberdis, Anna

Yamaguchi and Laura Stiner.

that we'll continue right championship as well."

Oshorne said experience will be the team's biggest asset, though his team didn't hit the lanes as often as he would have liked along and continue to improve. Hopefully we'll be a threat to win the KVC

lighting in the bottle. The prospects are there, we just have to get them going."

Check back next week for more season previews and Catholic Central's winter sports schedule.



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PSP REIGNS AS HANDHELD



Sony's platform perfect gift for your gamer's Christmas

Playstation Portable? Thought you'd never ask. When it comes to technology, I've come to find there's great and there's not-so-great. Nintendo and Apple had good runs through the years, but times are changing and

suddenly there's a new stud in town with Sony's Playstation Portable more commonly referred to as the PSP.

People have seen me toting this baby through town on more than one occasion and have stopped to ask me what it's capable of doing. The question should be:

Internet? Check. Videos? Sure. Pictures? No problem! Music? Yuppers. Games? It's a Playstation, isn't it? Podcasting? Yes,

Sam Eggleston and so much more! and so much more:
The only thing I can't do with the PSP is dial my wife
and ask her what's for dinner, but that's probably in the
works knowing the folks over at Sony.

works knowing the folks over at Sony.

Jabsolntely love this thing. I've been asked if I'm going to pick up the incredibly searce and over-priced Xbox 360 this year. I don't need to answer because I just look back down at my PSP and keep playing.

I've played video games from sports ("NBA "06" and "Gretzky "06") to role-playing ("Kingdom of Paradise") to fighting ("Marret Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects") to actical simulation ("The Lord of the Rings: Tactics") to first-person shooters ("Coded Arms"). So far, they're all pretty darn cool. There are plenty of other games I pretty darn cool. There are plenty of other games I haven't had a chance to play yet, like logic games, foot-ball, racing and even a "Star Wars" title.

The PSP is new enough that there aren't a ton of games

out for it yet, but the list is quickly growing. Movies? There are plenty out already and more scheduled each

called LIMDs that store a ton of memory on something the size of a silver dollar. They're easy to store, pretty well protected from natural scratching and they allow for great graphics, awesome sounds and full-length movies I've watched the bomb "Deep Water" and a cool anime For saving games, the PSP boasts a memory slot that takes digital-camera-sized cards available everywhere

the handheld is sold. Most recently I saw a four gigabyte hard drive that straps to it for keeping full-length movies and a ton of MP3s. It can hook directly to your PC for transferring files and downloads. But why is the PSP such a great deal at \$250, not

including games or accessories? Because it's everything we've always wanted from our handheld games.

It boasts a back-lit screen, a full controller including an analog joystick and it even has a built-in wireless moden When going head-to-head, it's always a worry if the games will lag. Recently, over Thanksgiving, I visited my

brother Azrael, and we played against one another. The game play was smooth and fun without the worry of the length of a cord between us. His wife Akasha. kept ask-ing how our "girlfriends" were doing since we hardly put the PSP down after swapping a couple of games.

What makes the PSP so attractive this time of year is

the fact that it's available and it's awesome. What kid who loves gaming wouldn't want one of these. Sure, little Timmy wants the new Xhox for Christmas They're sold out and currently selling for nearly \$1,000 on online auctions — not including games or accessories or even shipping at times.

Go to the local department store, ask the clerk for the PSP and pick up some accessories for well under \$500 and you'll see tittle Timmy's face light up once he realizes the pure potential of the new system he's holding in

If you like Gameboys and all of the oldies but goodies or you've been thinking about picking up a new video iPod, consider the PSP. It's fun, it's cool, it's versatile and it just fits so darn well in your hands!

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can earn player and team attribute bonuses by sharing the

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puck, playing tough on defense or adding points to the board. When it comes to hand-held sports games, there's It's full of big names, big shots and always a doubt to just how challenging it's going to be.

Most games are pretty easy to master in a few minutes
and the winning just gets boring from there.

he opportunity to take control of their favorite team's destiny by play ing through an entire

awkward, stepping out of bounds is a given and game play isn't the smoothest. The developer took care of all those problems in the PSP version, making for a smooth, seam ess basketball game. Though the best part

your team to a championship, "NBA" man-ages to add even more fun to the package. This version of the some-times overdone genre allows players to hit the court for a ame of HORSE, paint and even dodge-

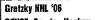
actually better than it's big brother, bu "NBA '06" manages to be just that.

In the Playstation 2 version, shooting .

ball, not to mention a three-point shootout and a skills challenge. re team's ekills, exhibition, scason, playoffs and wireless options. When you go wireless, there's options for head-to-head match-ups which add to the fun of The Con ng able to beat a real person instead of GENRE: Fighting

The downside to this version of the game is the lack of the pretty cool "The Life" affining game. It's really — well — more game mode on the PS2. Of course that version game than anything else. game mode on the 152. Of course that siontakes up a ton of memory and probably adds to the not-so-fun gameplay while trying to get through a regular basketball

The PSP does away with that though. It's smooth, it's fun and it's by far the superior sports game on the handheld at this



GENRE: Sparts - Hackey Welcome to the world of the NHL. GENRE: Sports - Basketball It's rare a hand-held version of a game is

ven bigger hits. In "Gretzky NHL '06"

eason. The newest installment that features the Great One's name plas elenty of little aspect hat make it a pretty cool gamers can take just hree skaters per team to

Gretzky challenge where players can earn points by matching the achievements of Wayne Gretzky's career. ket over the years, It's definitely worth owning if you're a sports or hockey fanatic, but it can be frustrating for

It's almost not fair to call "The Con" a

In this game, it's not about pu your opponent to a bloody pulp. It's about making bets, winning the ones you

games. Half fighter and half adventure. You start off by learning the ins an If you want to lead the Pistons to another NBA title, then this is the game to do it really get into the game. Street fights take

and matching up with some of the

ing to win or lose. It's in-depth, the story

"The Con" allows you to customize

must-get for those tired of the mind-less of the moves are for each character, especially out there.
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what the PSP is going to offer. And it's uniqueness and solid style of play.



Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects **GENRE: Fighting**

There's nothing worse than a fighting game that become monotonous and that's exactly what "Marvel Nemesis" becomes very very quickly. The game pits Marvel superheroes against each other in a 3D fighting game where every bit of the arena is capable of being damaged and most of it is usable as weapons.

The cool part about this game is that you can have as Soigher Man Caratin America. Venous

play as Spider-Man, Captain America, Venom and Dr. Doom as well as a

new crew of super beings called the Imperfects. There is a single player story mode that allows pla there's also a player-to-play-

er mode for direct compet allows you to select either The Thing or Jo Ohm as your first character, You light through 10 levels and then unlock another character when

The fights are relatively quick with most on a whole new meaning when you're not just because it's probably the best title immersed in the underworld. You take out right now. only the chance of playing your favorite characyour fighter and even his moves. Take that and add to the fact that the game is unique for it's genre and this game's a The keen gamer will notice how similar a lot

> "game share" — basically what that aspects when it comes to competing in this means is you can play head-to-head with your friends without them needing to PSP that have much better controls, features and own the game themselves.
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> Champ or chump? This game ranks
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> Champ or chump? This game ranks high on the Christmas list thanks to it's verse and you're itching to control your favorite



GENRE: Role-Playing

It's a beautiful day when a handheld brings a role-playing game that isn't all text and isn't all turn-based. "Kingdom of Paradise" does everything a role-playing game should. It has great cinematic sequences, smooth controls and a

compelling story.

peaceful world of Ouka. While the story unfolds, you're able to learn martial arts martial arts expertly set by com-

bining more than 150 skills own unique fighting style. Along the

The upside to the game includes it's sounds, smooth graphics and

is too strong at times it's really not

worst part is your character's magic

"Kingdom" is a unique adventure game that keeps the gamer going through it's entirety. Just when the and useful throughout the game. story seems to start to bog down, it picks right up with some strong The key to winning depends on how

much of a downside, is it?

tion and strong plot twists.

This game is a must-have for the role-playing fan on your Christmas list. It's a great title, especially since for such games is bright.

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Rising Gas Costs

WIXOM, Mich., December 8, 2005 – The soaring costs of heating oil and gasoline will hit homeowner's pockers had this winter, with heating bill expected to rise more than 50 percent during the cold monthe. Early preparation can save consumers time, money and unnecessary frustrations of dealing with leaky windows, a burst pipe or ice dants.

"The winter months can be very damaging to your home if you don't plan ahead," says, Allstate Agent Louis Kirby, "By following some simple guidelines and taking some precautions, your home has a better chance of surviving the winter intact, without breaking your bank account."

Strong winter winds, combined with heavy snow and ice, can impact a home's energy efficiency, thus driving homeowners to turn up their thermostar to compensate for hear loss. Allstate Instruct Company, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Allance to Save Energy offer the following this for winterring your home and eliminating unnecessity heating costs:

- Invest in a programmable thermo-stat, which can be set to automatically lower temperatures at night or when the family is away:
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- Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawlspaces to see if it meets the levels recommended for your geographical area;
- Make sure furnaces and heaters are operating properly. Clean or replace litters on furnaces once a month or as needed. A heat pump can trim the amount of electricity used for heating by as much as 30 to 40 percent;
- Prevent ice dams by keeping gutters and downspouts clear of feaves, natu-ral debris, snow and icicles:
- Keep the draperies and shades on your youth-facing windows open dur-ing the day to allow the sufflight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows;
- Close fireplace dampers when not in use. Check chimneys to make sure birds haven't nested or there aren't other problems;
- Close off unneeded rooms to reduce heating of unused areas;
- Make sure air ducts are insulated and sealed;
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed: make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes;
- Bleed trapped air from hor-water radiators once or twice a season. Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radia-tors.
- Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing;
- Insulate your hot water heater and hot water pipes. Wrap pipes nearest exterior walls and in crawl spaces with pipe insulation or with heating tape:
- Detach all gardening hoses and shut off water supply to outside faucets;
- Tag the location of your main water valve and make sure you can easily turn it on and off; and

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Matt Brostrom works on the neck of a patient at Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists.

New facility promotes healing and healthy lifestyle

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists recently expanded into South Lyon

By Kate Phillips

With the opening of Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists South Lyon, owners Matt and Michelle Brostrom are eager to make pain relief and healing more accessible to the community. After managing the Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists facili-ty in Hamburg for four years.

ty in Hamburg for four years. Matt was excited to serve the community with a new location.

"I like to see someone who is in pain for a long time start to feel good again and return to the things that they want to do," and want to good again. Matt Brostrom, who is a licensed physical therapist. "To see that is so rewarding, I get excited about what I do."

Matt or wife Michelle Brostrom work personally with clients from the start to finish of every session. Michelle is a doctorate level physical therapis; with post graduate studies in neck and back pain.

It is essential to get to know each person in order to provide good care," Brostrom said, "We are constantly evaluating what's going on with each person. We have to keep changing what we are doing as we help them improve. The couple is now starting a

free exercise and wellness class

Specialists is located at 25700 Pontiac Trail in the

to 7 p.m. Monday through late evening appointments are also available.

(248) 446-2801.

at the South Lyon Center for Active Adults. Brostrom hopes

I make a special connection with seniors as I help them work through their health issues," Brostrom said,

beginners to get used to exercising. Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists is a premier Cybex physical therapy facility with 14 weight bearing machines and four cardio machines. Matt and Michelle help clients learn to use the equipment, which can be intimidating to some.

Once therapy has ended all

Michigan Rehabilitation Gateway Commons shopping center in South Lyon. Stop by

to tour the facility. Hours are normally 8 a.m. Friday, but early morning and

For more information call

to help seniors keep moving as a way to cope with illnesses and injuries.

Brostrom said.

Developing an exercise plan is a part of the physical therapy for seniors and clients of all age. Michelle and Matt help individuals start exercising at the clinic then put together a plan so they can continue throughout the year.

State-of-the-art Cybex work-out equipment makes it easy for beginners to get used to exercis-

on the Cybex equipment free of

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists Physical Therapy ≩ irand ∩~ening: October 2



Pictured (left to right) are physical therapists Rodney Goble, MPT; Amy Goble, PTA; Michelle Brostrom, DPT; and Matt Brostrom, MPT.

er for people to exercise," Brostrom said, "It's such a en-cial part of healing and preventative measures.

twe measures."

Normally clients receive a prescription for physical therapy from a physician after a surgery, illness or injury, then the therapy is paid for by Medicare or private medical insurance.

The therapy consists of several parts, including hands on

al parts, including hands-on work such as soft tissue masing and muscle energy techmost important part of the thera-py is the education. Brostrom said that he talks with clients about the injury or surgery, helps

about the injury or surgery, helps them learn strategies for recovery and teaches them ways to stay healthy.
"I don't want people to have to come back here over and over." Brostrom said. "So I leave them with their own tool box so they know what to do to help themselves."

Brostrom works with several

affiliated sports trainers to pro-vide sports specific therapy and charge. iniques. Then therapists begin to wide sports specific therapy and introduce exercise. But often the education for athletes. Rodney

Goble, the co-owner of the Goble, the co-owner of the South Lyon facility, also owns facilities in Pinckney, Hamburg.-Hartland and Fowlerville. Specialized equipment: swimming pools and athletic consultants are available in cooperation with the other locations. Brostrom will bring a coach or trainer to work with athletes offsite at a baseball diamond or hockey rink.

"It's more than just recovering the game and developing a healthy technique, Brestrom said.

