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Happy birthday, Doc!

All the students at Deerfield Elementary School gathered together to celebrate Dr. Seusa birthday last Thursday. Each student brought in their favorite Dr. Seusa books, with the older students reading to the younger students. Here, Jaret Robson, Andrew Hixson, Alex Tarrant and Eddle Tchaouchev show their collection of books.

Tower strike possible

Bankruptcy emergence could lead to more problems

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Tower Automotive Inc. is off the chopping block and waiting for the judge's ruling.

Tower, which declared bankrupt-

cy in February 2005, will know Monday whether or not the compa-ny can reject current union contacts as a way of saving money while try-

ing to emerge from bankruptcy.

The Novi-based company had been in the United States Bankruptcy Court in New York for the past week asking the court to reject union contacts in order to impose necessary labor cost sav-

The trial concluded March 3, and Sharon Wenzl, spokesperson for Tower Automotive said the compa-ny is trying to negotiate outside of the courtroom. "It is possible that a negotiated settlement could take place," Wenzl said. "We're hopeful we can reach a

consensual agreement.

Judge Alan Gropper is scheduled
to make a ruling Montay.

Weizzl said Tower representatives
are ready to meet at any time with
the company's: Unlots to resolve

There is no backing down by unions representing Tower employ-ees if contracts are canceled, accord-ing to UAW Vice President Bob

ing to OAW was President above.

"If they nullify the agreements, we'll go back to the membership, and I think they'll strike immediately," said King in a statement. "I'm deeply concerned, and I don't want

Wenzi said negotiations are part

of the overall Chapter 11 process.

"Pursing the 1113 and 1114 legal, proceedings is part of the overall process and keeps the company or its plan of reorganization for emer-gence in 2006," Went! said.

Restructuring

Tower announced Feb. 27 two. developments in its ongoing reor-ganization efforts, including a tenta-tive agreement with its Milwaukee, Wis. unions and a plan to hargain further regarding the closure of its Greenville, Mich. manufacturing

facility.
The agreement with Milwaukee

tain issues related to the planned cessation of operations this month.

This agreement, which is the result of hard bargaining and tough discussions, emploed Tower to address approximately, 65 percent of its post-estimately, 45 the post-estimately and address approximately, 45 percent of the post-estimate medical liability and airlief of the continuous and the post-estimated the post-es from this group while also address-ing a variety of issues important to the unions and their members," said Kathleen Ligocki, Tower Automotive's president and chief executive officer in a statement.

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"If they nullify the agreements, we'll go back to the membership, and I think they'll strike immediately. I'm deeply concerned, and I don't want that result."

> **Bob King** UAW Vice President

Anthony Tomey: Go get em,' Tiger!

CC grad through minor ry for his team. league farm system

By Ramez Khuri

sure, Anthony Tomoy was proceed the perfect career path for him. carly,

to snow oil his throwing arm in the Detroit Tigers minor league system. More specifically his "closing" throw-ing arm.

A closing pitcher is one who working his way comes into games in the ninth tinning to my to short down the opposition; thus preserving victo-

ry for his team.
"Tove the pressure and excitement of coming in it the end of the game," said Tomey. "I'm not nearly for fail, I just want to go at people and show my best and hopefully see their best As a closer you have to have that attitude."
Since the age of 6, Tomey has dedicated his life to baseball. He was always one of the bigger kids

As someone who loves press was always one of the bigger kids

ure, Anthony Tomey has picked around, and discovered his talents

rly. "I thought I should try to get it

self. Tomey, who's father and uncle? "done," he said: "I play basehall own two limmy John's stores in "year-round, "I work out," at Novi, headed down to Vour Novi Park, and I ve Lakeland, Fla. list week to show off Novi, headed Your Novi Lakeland, Fla: last week Neighbol



Anthony Tomey hopes to some day play for his home town baseball team, the Detroit Tigers. He's currently in the team's minor league

Antidrug steps taken

Parents-only workshop to feature a drug recognition expert Tuesday

By Ramez Khuri AFF WHITER

The good news is John Lawrence has not seen an increase in drug use at Novi High School.

High School.

But he also knows drug abuse is prevalent in society. That's why the Novi High principat, with the help of parent Julic Sisson, has come up with a parents-only drugs and drug parabernalia recognition work-

phernalia recognition work-shop, to be held Tuesday night. "For me to say students who attend Novi High School are not involved in drug use, it would be a gross error," said Lawrence. a gross error, "We know I these bad kids are making

and it's our effort to effort to curb that. It's a very alarming issue and

topic which must be

irealed with J. Lawrence

the titmost direction by all."
To Lawrence, there's no betto Lawrence, there's no beta parents being educated and aware of these kinds of issues will help their kids and the dis-trict in efforts to prevent drug abuse in the high school.
"I don't know if it's possible to som the flow of druss. But for

to stop the flow of drugs. But for as many years as we've been trying to do that, I feel education is one of the best tools we have at our disposal to prevent students from making those kinds
of cholees," Lawrence said.
"The more we learn about drug
use, the more we're finding out
how wide-spread it is in society.
It's very alarming, and I've
given a lot of thought to how to
solve this problem."

The workshop will feature a
resentation by a drug recognition expert, Officer Jeramey
Peters of the Aubum Hills
Police Department. Parents will at our disposal to prevent stu-

Police Department. Parents will receive valuable information on drug recognition, what signals could indicate their child is involved with drugs, and how to approach the topic with their kids.

Lawrence emphasized the workshop is for parents of all children and not just those who have high school students.

"If I were a parent who had a child in grade school, I would definitely come to this," he said.

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Each student wrote a thank-you note for a veteran, and the note was tied with red, white and blue ribben

and had a small American flag

"The Stars and Stripes Forever" march as the children handed their

note to a veteran one at a time, say

ing, "Thank you for my freedom."

Everyone who participated had to spend the previous Sunday

"The veterans really seemed to

The children recited the Pledge

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Novi couple brightens smiles of children with deformities

■ Fund-raising gala slated for

As sommers for Michigan Friends of Operation Smile, they help by providing decorations and seeking auction items for the non-profit organization's fund-raiser, Journey of Smiles.

This year's event, the second mual, is April 29 at the Ritzartion Hotel in Dearborn.

Operation Smile sends missions

f medical volunteers to 29 counies to treat children with coreleft lips, eleft palates, tumors and Foundation 1982 by Dr William

P. Magee, Jr., a plastic surgeon, and his wife, Kathleen, a nurse and clinical social worker, Operation Smile provides reconstructive surgery to indigent children and young adults throughout the world.

In 24 years, the organization's pedical volumeers have provided

Schwartz first heard about the

ferri Klimek of Northville, who serves as the organization's liaison for southeast Michigan. Bassage Klimek a norse anes-

Make a child smile

Tickets for the Saturday, April 29. Michigan Friends of Smiles fund-raiser at the Dearborn are \$250 per per

The black-tie optional event will include a recep-tion, dinner, silent and live auctions and dancing to the Jerry Ross Band.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or purchase tickets, call (248)

10 purchase lickers, can (246)
347-2797.
For more information
about Operation Smile's
efforts to help children with
lacial deformaties, visit



nel how to perform such operation

This year, Journey of Smiles wil

Former NBA veteran John Salley

and celebrity hair stylist Ken Payer

at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-

Jackie and Mike Schwartz of Novi will handle the decorations again this year for the second "Journey Smiles" fund-raiser April 29 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Michigan Health Care System, has "It's really an incredible organizasurchase a curio cabinet from Jackie Schwartz, who owns the Home

nity to live a normal life."
"In 45 minutes, they give a child back its life," Jackie Schwartz said. mission, they also teach the coun-try's physicians and support person The cabinet was to display before-and-after phons of the chil-dren served on the missions. Schwartz was moved by organi-

ration's efforts and became good friends with Klimek. She even met one of the children, 4-year-old Mercy Jerotich Lamii from Kenya, helped by Operation Smile, who will be at the fund-rais-

surgery to repair an encephalocele
— a condition where her skull did

between her cyclids, and a large mass grew,

Her surgery and care was provided via the Michigan Friends of Operation Smile at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children' Hospital. She stayed with Klimek and her husband, Kevin, an anesthe-

siologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, for two

Victims often ostracized

Schwartz said Operation Smile is of money, the organization can give deformed children the kind of life they never would have had other-

are often emotionally traumatized many children are kept out of school: some are unable to ent or

dren have been ostracized. The organization has the knowledge and

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High school open house Saturday afternoon

atrium at the main entrance of the

building that is used for a variety of student and staff gatherings. Also included in the project was

renovation of the outdoor athletic

The Novi Board of Education and Novi High School are hosting a Dedication Ceremony and Open House to celebrate the completion of expansion and wing, carcer and technical education of expansion and control of the mental education include a new fine arms wing, carcer and technical educations of the world's leadcompletion of expansion and remodeling projects at the high

wing, career and technical educa-tion classrooms, as well as an school from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Construction began in 2001 after community members approved a \$37 million band issue to cover the costs of renova-tion projects at the high school complex, the auditorium, perform-ance gym, pool, administrative offices, student services and atten-dance offices and upgrades to all and technology upgrades across the district. Renovation at Novi trigit rocusted on developing those common spaces for student fearning, added spaces for vocational programs, secure entrances, and Architects at Fanning/Howey & 1500.

ing construction groups.

In addition to a brief dedication ceremony with members of the architecture and construction in several oreas such as art and



Brooktown moves another step closer

The Novi-based developer the ADCO Group LLC won preliminary site plan approval from city council Monday night for its Brooktown development, esti-mated to cost about \$65 million. The project will be built on the south side of Grand River Avenue wast of Meadowbrook Road. This rendering shows a view of the project looking south down the main boulevard. The buildings on the right and left are live-work units. Beyond these buildings on the right is a 14-plex condominium building. At the end of the street is the pool/clubhouse. ling. ADCO proposes a 225-unit multi-family residential development with some retail/office, restaurant and live-work buildings.

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Anthony Tomey

Age: 24 pitcher in the Detroit Tigers minor league system for three years Family: piritriend of five

ears, Carla Orlow Hobbles and/or Interests: watching tootball, basketball and hockey as well as playing baseball. He also enjoys working out. Advice: "Keep working

can't just show up during haseball season and excect to do well. It takes a lot of tions of kids play baseball throughout the country and the world. Competition is

lough." Awards: While in high school he won All-state, All-Dream Team and All-American awards. He also won two Mid-American Conference championship

In college.
Schools: He graduated from Catholic Central High School and Eastern Michigan University Grew up in: Farmington

CC grad working his way through minor league farm system

Tomey said Taft resigned from the Tigers last year, and now has a workout facility in Canton called Velocity Sports. Tomey has

called Velocity Sports, formey has been working out there five days a week since November I. "Myself, (Tigers pitcher) Nate Robertson and two of my best friends from high school, Bobby Malek and Charlie Haeger, who play pro ball, work out there too," said Tomey. "We lift, throw, work on conditioning, foot work and agility. It's a great deal, and Dennie is an unbelievable trainer. I'm in the best shape of my life."

While attending Catholic Central High School, Temey's team won the state championship during his senior year in 1999, and he was drafted out of high school by the Cleveland Indians,
But instead of signing with the
Indians, Tomey decided to attend Eastern Michigan University where his team won two Mid American Conference champi onships. His play was so impressive that, once again, Major League Baseball took notice. This time, however, it was the Detroit

Moving up the ranks

"I was drafted by the Tigers in 2003," said Tomey, "This is the greatest opportunity I've ever had.
I'll play for anybody, but just to have the opportunity to play with the Detroit Tigers. It's my home town in front of my family and friends. It's a dream come true, and hopefully I can make it a real-

a member of the West Michigan Whitecaps. He led the league in run average. The team also won 2004 Midwest League

year, and this year I'm looking forward to keep going with that," said Tomey. "The championship was just awesome. It was the greatest feeling because we played 142 games, and I worked was drafted with."

After starting the 2004 season

on a down swing, the Whitecaps team found itself in last place. cam tound usen in its place.

"But then we just went on a tear," said Tomey. "We had the best record in baseball. It was unreal. Then we just won the whole thing."

Tomey wasn't sure last week which team he was going to be assigned to before flying south. He guessed he'd wind up on either Lakelsand's high A squad or AA's

"The plan is to work my way
up," he said. "You just have to go
with it and see what happens."
And how is Tomey handling all.

"It's flattering when I'm out in the public and people ask for an autograph," he said, "h's nice, I have no problem with it and I won't reject anybody."

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Choi Kwang-Do students visit Ann Arbor veterans

perform to patriotic music

By Pam Fleming Twelve students from a Novi Twelve students from a Novi martial ans academy brought tens to some veterans' eyes Feb. 25. The children from I ferman Choi Kwang-Do, formerly Austin Choi Kwang-Do on Cotherine fadustrial Drive off of 10 Mile Road, per-formed for patients at a Veterans Affairs Hospital in Ann Arbor last hard," said Tomey, "You

Choi Kwang-Do is a type of martial and that provides a complete self-defense system and a health system for body and mind. The art is based in principles found in biomechanics, kinestillogy and sports medicine. Movements use natural and stress-free substitu-

the chance of injuries that thuse can sustain in traditional martial arts. Students who performed in Ann

ship group called the Hwa Rang Club, which means Flower of Youth Club, according to Erin Herman, owner of the local martial

manager. Erin Herman recently earned her Sa Dan, which is the fourth degree black belt in Choi Kwang-Do. This pins an clite group with this chievement as only two other

To be awarded the new rank, she traveled to Atlanta, where she had to poss a two-day, seven-hour pri-vate test administered by Gand Master Choi, founder of Choi Kwang-Do and a ninth degree black belt. This honor is considered to be the equivalent of achieving the rank of general in the U.S. Army. She will have to train for another

five years, however, before she can be considered to test for her fifth are natural and stress-free, reducing

and the student leader because she's still a student of the



Marisa Ayerst of Belleville talks with a veteran at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Ann Arbor during a recent visit from students who attend the Herman Choi Kwangmy in Novi. The students performed for the veterans and gave them a token of their appreciation.

twang-Do. They must also have a letter of recommendation from their teacher at school, write an essay demonstration, the children talked

art," leff Herman said.

To be a member of the flival can gClub, children must be age 612 and a gold belt or higher in Choi

Therman said.

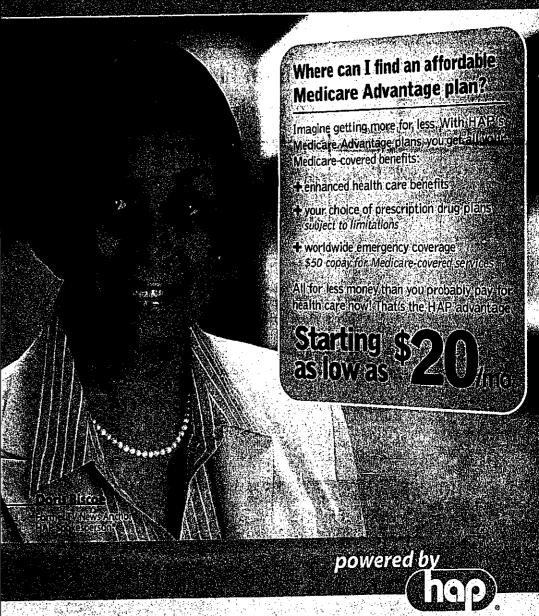
Ing helping out in the various classes at the academy, attending advanced training, going on field trips and participating in community.

Therman said.

with the velerary touching," Herman said, "I don't think there was a single person who didn't have a tear in

the performance," she said

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Novi Energy's Anand Gangadharan talks about the

BUSINESS BRIEFS

BeMaria's outreach program

Over 50 minority subcontract

ing firms were in attendance on Feb. 22, to learn about construc-

tion bidding opportunities with Novi-based DeMaria Building

Company and their clients with

the metropolitan Detroit area.

designed to encourage certified

minority contractors to network

with De Maria and Jearn how to

It was hosted this year at the

corporate offices of Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO

Schlichting, president and CEI of Henry Find Health System,

keynote speakers. Each spoke

ty and upcoming opportunities

Bobble heads at Second

March 16, at 8 p.m. at The Second City located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Directed by Jim Carlson,

Second City announced the

opening of its 27th revue "Bobble Heads of State," on Thursday,

"Bobble Heads of State" covers birth and old age and everything that happens in between, like the

Tickets for preview perform

ances of "Bobble Heads of State" are available through March 15 by phone at (248) 348-4448.

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about the strong need for diversi

and Charles Perkins from DaimlerChrysler were the

a success

natives his company finds for their clients.

Energy on the rise Business producing alternatives to

lower the costs

By Tracy Mishler

Anand Gangadharan is full of energy.

After spending several years working for Consumers Energy. Gangadharan, a 43-year-old nuclear engineer and physicist, opened Novi Energy in 2002.

Novi Energy provides a broad

Novi Energy provides a broad range of services in energy man-agement, energy procurement and energy infrastructure project development for industrial. institutional and commercial companies across the U.S. and "We go to various countries to

define energy strategies and help them implement ways of cost minimization," Novi resident resident "(The said. President said) we are currently and need to decrease reliance ...

Gangadharan said there is a fair amount of wind power in Michigan, and other forms of energy could bring low fuel costs into the state.

"We already have biogas plants, and Michigan could look at clean coal technology," he said. "We need to look at other forms of energy, aside from natural gas.'

Gangadharan said natural gas prices are high due to supply

He said competition from

Competition for energy

for high prices.
"External demands from growing economies such as China and India are competition for some of the same fossil resources that the U.S. secures

said. Novi Energy works with some of the largest consumers in the spanning a broad range of indus-Gangadharan said his typical customer spends between \$100 million and \$2 billion a year on

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its supply from," Gangadharan

ly working in Sri Lanka, helping the country define an efficient energy strategy after coping with the losses from the Dec. 26,

Clay Pearson said Novi Energy is becoming a very solid

can produce for companies.
"They have projects around the world and are doing good things," said the interim Novi city manager.
According to Pearson in a let-

ter to city officials, Gangacharan's wife, Anitha, an electrical engineer and senior staff engineer for Novi Energy, is going to work with the city on the possibility of a solar energy cell cogeneration grant to help save the city money. Pearson said a plan is only in

exciting,
"Consumers are so driven by price, that even the slightest the first idea state.

Novi Energy only works with

Advantage offered by lower cost

for every con offer home advanof energy can offer huge advan-tages," he said. "Our goal is to large corporations, such as autocompanies, area malls and large residential complexes.

The company has customers with low costs of energy."

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not-for-profit organizations.
Gangadharan said Novi
Energy has no direct dealings
with the oil business.

"Although more than 90 per-

of state, we like being in Novi,

He said there will be a lot of

energy, and business will be very

cent of business comes fro

Ganeadharan said.

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tries, including agriculture, automotive, chemical, construction, for the Novi News. She can be defense, education, food services, botels, manufacturing and 107, or at tmishler@gannetl.com.

Detail oriented

Celebrating 15 years of custom rides

By Tracy Mishler

Steve Muldoon spends his days paying attention to details.

The owner of Novi's Car and Truck Boutique is celebrating 15 years of detailing exotic, classic and everyday cars and trucks, this

Car and Truck Boutious oneped

booming.

'Our business model has changed over the years," he said. "We service clients now more than we ever did in Car and Truck focuses on detail-

ing and customizing vehicles.
"It's like taking a nice suit or garment to be professionally cleaned," Muldoon said. "Cars are here foreyer. What you do with it is up to you Car and Truck offers a wide var

ety of extras, including custom window tinting, audio sysdashboards, exhaust systems and tems, remote starters, cussound systems.
"Next to your home, your vehicle tom dashboards and gas and diesel performance parts is probably the biggest investment you will make," Muldoon said. "Our

better than new."

Car and Truck was the first busi-Novi Road located next to Michigan CAT.

ping center is the one-stop car shop. We're all open for business." Muldoon said it is a good idea to have your car professionally

"We're like a hidden jewel in Novi," Muldoon said. "This shop-

Novi Car and Truck Boutique employee Luke Kammer

buffs the finish of a Chevy Suburban in a bay of the

Novi Road business, Kammer was doing some basic

or maintenance on the tricked-out SUV.

Car and Truck

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Offers: Interior detailing,

Several automotive businesses

have since opened, including Tuffy, Auto Lab Diagnostic and Tune-up

Center, Classic Collision and

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

exterior detailing, wheels,

Monday through Friday; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Boutique

detailed every six months "Detailing will never go out of business for people who are busy and want it done in a timely matter," he said, "Winter doesn't stop people

> will clean the vehicle, change the oi and put new tires on in one trip.
> "Our services are a reflection of

our operation," he said. "The dinier your car the better. We'll take care of

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ABC nets HD DVD players

Toshiba America Consum Products, L.L.C. announced details of an integrated marketing communications plan to launch its line-up of High Definition (HD) DVD players. The Toshiba players will be the first HD DVD players to hit the U.S. market and will begin shipping to retailers, includ-ing Novi's ABC Warehouse at the West Oaks shopping center, this

Space leased in Wixom

Signature Associates-ONCOR lease of 15,821 square feet of ndustrial space located at 50761

tion.com.

Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented both the tenant, Energy Products & Services, Inc., a large national company specializing in communications equipment. This lease represents a west side expansion

50773 Ponine Trail in Wixom.

DDA moves to city half

The Walled Lake Downton ... but when spring comes they will bounce back even more." Car and Truck offer one day serv-ices and Muldoon said the company Development Authority office has noved to Walled Lake City Hall. The office is now located at 1499 E. West Maple Road.

> 'RARE' competition for students

Automation Alley encourages students to participate in this year's "Everyday Hero" student essay competition presented by the RARE Foundation in partnership with Automation Alley, Detroit Newspapers in Education and Your Child. Students in grades six in 12 have the opportunity to with savings bonds and other valuable awards by nominating their "Everyday Hero" in a three-page

ssay. Awards include \$300, \$200 and \$100 savings bonds for the top essays in each grade level. The top essay in each of six categories, arts nanagement, human service research and technology, health services and natural res

Hare's

personalized attention."

Newport Furnishings he considered by RARE for its Everyday Hero Award that neludes a \$1,000 honorarium fo appointments from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (248) 679-8910 for more Recinients of the RARE Award

information or to schedule an appointment. For more informaion, visit www.newportfurnishngs.com. Lisa and Thad Leppek invite

overhead low, while giving cus-tomers a high level of service and

from 5 to 9 p.m. today at Newport Furnishings, their new store of Lyon Oaks Drive north of Grand of Wixom Road.

can R.S.V.P. by calling (248) 679-8910 or by sending an e-mail to

unteer tree organization, seeks neighborhood organizations throughout Michigan interested in planting trees on public property in their communities. Global ReLeaf volunteers work with the community group to plan the event, arrange for the purchase and delivery of the trees and provide technical assistance on the day of planting. The community supplies the volunteers to plant the trees. Plantings are done on a cost sha ing basis with Global ReLeaf of Michigan matching up to 50 per cent of the cost of the trees up to

contact Jeanette Stump, Detroit Newspapers in Education, at (313) 222-8653.

Seeking tree planters Global Rel.eaf of Michigan,

Inc., a state-wide, non-pro

Global ReLeaf emphasizes planting trees in areas with heavy resident use and little tree cover, such as playgrounds, parks, schoolyards and roadways. This i a great way for groups to help replace trees lost to the emerald

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A Central Michigan University alumna and current graduate student has been named to a new marketing analyst position at the university, effective February 27.

Monlen Mull, a 2004 CMU May.

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Conce in business administration degree in accounting, has been employed by CMU as a marketing intern since fall 2005. Mull, a flower from the communications, "She is earn a master of business administration our team," said Nancy French, flower fall 2005. Mull, at Month Pleasant resident, will be communications, "She is earn excellent project manager and data analyst, and she provides our department with a frest per-

spective on cutting-edge market-

ing techniques."
Mull's responsibilities will include quantitative measure-ment of CMU's potential and successes, including predictive modeling and data mining projinclude quantitative measurement of CMU's potential and successes, including predictive modeling and data mining projects. She also will be instrumental in the university's efforts to track its Web site traffic and use that data to shape CMU's online presence.

"This is a great opportunity Joan and Gary Mull of Novi, Including the company of the presence."

is a rapidly expanding field, and I look forward to applying what I have learned to help CMU



Maureen Naughton of Novi and Graham and Ruse Ward of Novi announce the engagement of their children, Trisha Mary Naughton and Brian Justin Ward, Trisha is also the daughter of the late James

Naughton.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a Project Manager for Campbell-Ewald Advertising.

The groom-elect is also a 1999

graduate of Novi High School and as a Customer Relations Manager for Pulte Homes.

An August 2006 wedding is planned.

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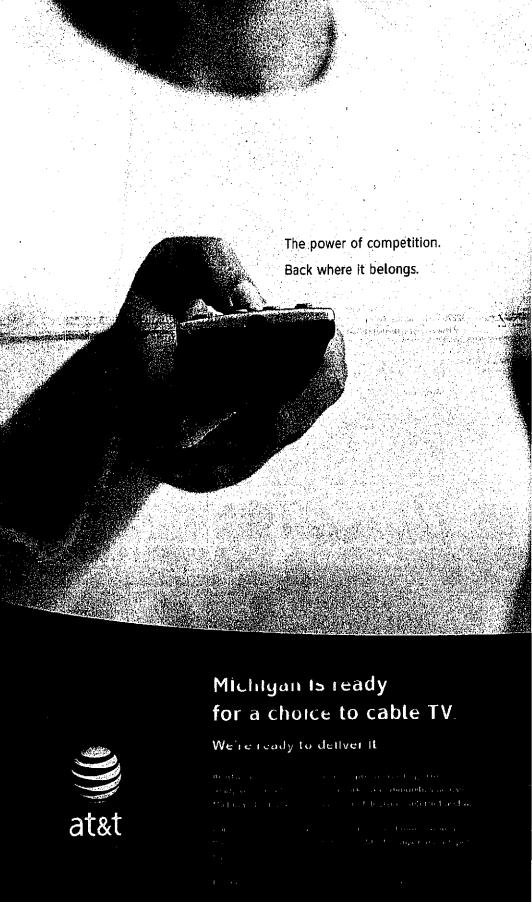


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PUBLIC SAFETY

Novi Police Department staff announces three promotions

The Sergeant and two lieutenants move up ranks 1996. He previously worked with the Ingham County Sheriff's Department after graduating from Michigan State University and 2002. He carned a law degree from Wayne State University and 2002 was considered in the rank of

By Pam Fleming

The Novi Police Department announced three promotions that took place last Friday.

Sgt. Victor Lauria and Sgt. Keith Wardinen were promoted to the rank of licutenant. Det. Kevin Rhea was promoted to the rank of sergenal

A special ceremony honoring the three officers took place at the Police Training Center adjacent to the departmen

Lauria began his career with the department in January 1988 after graduating from Northern Michigan University.

In 1991, he was named Novi Police Officer of the Year. He was promoted to the rank of detective in 1995 and the rank of sergeant

a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. He will serve as commander of the department's General Services Division.

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Wuclinen began his career with the Novi Police Department in and city council only the day

master's degree in public adminis-tration from Eastern Michigan this process.
"I am both honored and pleased University in 2003. He was promoted to the rank of letective in 2004.

and was promoted to the rank of sergeant last year. He will serve as

sergeant last year. He will serve as the commander of the Uniform Patrol Division.

A graduate of Ferris State University, Rhea began working as a dispatcher for the Novi Police Department in 1993.

He was promoted to the rank of patrol officer in 1997 and earned a

Lt. Tim McNamara retires The lieutenant vacancies came about with the promotion of Thomas Lindberg to Deputy Chief on Jan. 13.

The promotion of one of these lieuteness of the promotion of the promotion of the promotion.

last year.

Lauria is currently working on ty for a detective to be promoted to sergeant.

Memo issued only day

10 promote Sergeants Lauria and Wuotinen to the rank of lieutenant and Detective Rhea to the rank of

throughout their tenure with the organization and have a strong commitment to the mission, vision and values of the Novi Police Department,"

sergeant," Molloy said.
"These gentlemen have demonstrated their professional abilities

vacancy, and the promotion vacancy, and the promotion process was statted.'
Shortly thereafter, however, the command officers union approached Molley's office and asked that the formal testing and the state of the process he will be a second to the state of the process.

evaluation process be waived, thus giving the Chief of Police

mand officers union formalizing

select the next lieutenant. A letter was drafted and signed by the city of Novi and the com-

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at



Lt. Keith Wuotinen



"These gentlemen have demonstrated their professional abilities throughout their tenure with the organization and have a strong commitment to the mission, vision and values of the Novi Police Department."

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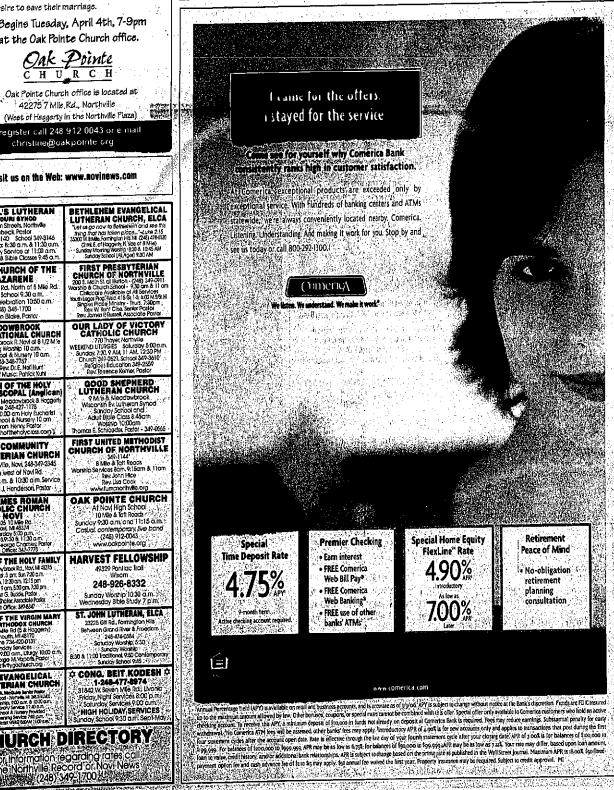
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Reading across America

Third and fourth graders at Deerlield Elementary School participated in Read Across America. Here, Jack Twomey is shown speaking to a fifth grade class in Alpena,

The following was written by Katle Erdman, a fourth grade stude Fun, exciting, and extraordinary events are happening inside of Deerlield Elementary, especially Read Across America. Read Across America is a great way to talk to classes all over the United States about great books. Mrs. Kaulman, Ms. Mast, and Mr. McCurdy (third and fourth grade leachers at Deorfield) and all of their astonishing students had a video conference with a class in Fishkill, New York and Alpena, Michigan all about speciacular books. Mrs. Kaufman, Ms. Mast and Mr. McCurdy's class shared a wonderful fantasy book, Tuck Everlasting and the fun filled realistic fiction book, "Frindle."





Novi High students OK'd for field trip to Mexico

■ Trip to take place June 21-30

By Ramez Khuri

A group of Novi High School students were happy to see their wishes granted last Thursday night.

Novi's school boand of education approved a field trip to Mexico request by teachers Marci Abel and Robert Baker to be taken bune 21-30. It will be the first such trip outside the continental United States since the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington Sept. 11, 2001.

Nancy, Davis, assistant superintendent of instructional services, presented the proposal to the board.

According to the trip itinerary, the main purpose is to give students the opportunity to see, hear and use Spanish in action, in a native setting, with all of the cultural company of the cultural co not miss any days of instruction," said Davis. "The trip will allow for a total Spanish immersion experience as well as sight-seetural components at work. Abel and Baker would like students to ing opportunities in three trajer in Mexico: Caxaca, notions and stereotypes abou Mexico and Spanish speakers.

Mexico and Spanish speakers.

To qualify as a participant, students must have completed
Spanish 3 with a B average or
higher. If necessary, priority will
be awarded to upper-level students. The maximum number of
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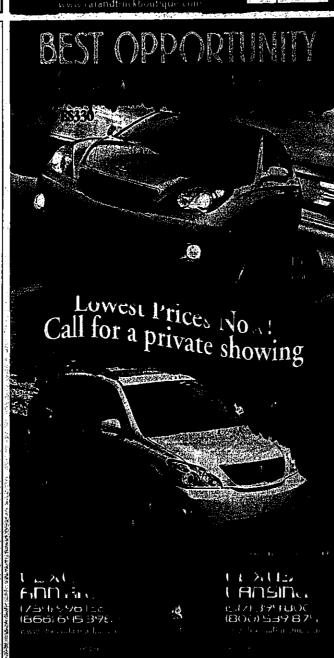


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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi residents Sarah Alban, Alexandra Barcelona, Craig Hearn, Matthew Messinkn, Brittany Neville, Jamic Vandommelen, Michaela Wasek and Michelle Wuerth were named to the full 2005 dean's list at Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University, Novi resident Andrew Glubzinski was named to the fall 2005 semester dean's list at West Point Military Academy, Carmen Sinkins, of Novi, was named to the fall 2005 semester dean's list at Illinois Wesleyan University

University.
Ashlie Pouliot, of Novi, was named to the fall 2005 semester dean's list at Northeastern

dean's list at Northeastern University. Lance Suttle, of Novi, was granted the Clifford Roy/Gold Eagle Scholarship and Rachel Lilly, of Wixom, was granted the Detroit Scholarship Showcase Annual Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year. Both are students at Northwood

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (UDM Law) stu-McCrimmon and his moot count team brought home a silver medal last week after competing in the 18th Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, McCrimmon is a

Compelition, McChimmon is a second-year evening student at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Novi High School students Asra Shaik, Kalyan Areeram and Sudhashan Mohanram, each received \$500 Scholarships and Tammay Prakash received an Lawach to Maction, in the Honorable Mention, in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Karen Janik, of Novi, was

Winter drumline still undefeated

■ Team scores 82.9 out of 100; highest in country

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

To say Matt Ownby has seen a remarkable improvement in his winter drumline this year would be an understatement.

His team finished fourth in the

state last year and did not com-pete nationally. But so far this year, the squad has gone unde-feated, including a victory in the first-ever Winterguard International Regional held in Michigan Feb. 18. Novi scored

Michigan Feb. 18. Novi scored 82.9 out of 100, the highest score in the country.

"Our group last year was sort of a starting over group from square one, where we worked on very basic things," said Ownby.
"We've been able to expand on hear skills considerably through those skills considerably through our fall marching season and into this winter. The group of students we have now work so hard that

we have now work so hard that they re barely comparable to where they were a year ago."

The international regional featured drumlines from all across Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Novi finished first in both the preliminary and final round competitions:
"We're very proud of that," said Ownby. "There are approximately 400 drumlines nation-wide that compete and they all culminate in Dayton, Ohio in April at the international championships of winterguard."

Having won the regional competition, Novi is qualified for the international final competition

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Novi High students Vicki Kelsey, Dan Hawley, Elaina Shope, John Webber, Chris Edwards, John McKenna and Adam Burkhardt perform in the school's drumline

tender for the championship. In the preliminary round there will be 48 drumlines to compete against. Novi will have to be in the top 20 of those to proceed to

guard as a group of 37 high school students who work hard relearsing three days per week. Typically, competitions are held on Saturdays throughout the sea-

the semi-final round, and will have to be in the top 12 of those 20 to make it into the final cound.
"If we can make the final round, 1 will be cestatic," said inside a gym. They're matched round, I will be estatic," said inside a gym. They're matched up competitively against other year was to compete in the regional, and then in the final round. We far surpassed that and even surprised ourselves by winning the preliminary round. We knew we were capable of it, but to actually accomplish it was a lot more rewarding and exciting."

Ownby described the winter
own will be estatic," said inside a gym. They're matched up competitively against other than groups doing the same thing. The groups doing the same thing. The year round. The students play exert round. The students

said Ownby, "It accounts for extra training on percussion instruments and marching. We use it to faster the marching percussion program that further enhances the fall marching band. It's like a winter training

ground."

Ownby said the winter dram Ownby said the winter dram-line keeps students learning and practicing in that style of playing throughout the entire year. It also keeps their competitive level up-year-round. The students play anything from sance drums, teno-drums, base drums, symbols, marimbus and xylophones. Each parformence is usefully about five

petitions, price of admis-sion is \$5 per person. The championship competitions are usually a bit more personal round. Actual prices haven to been established yet.

and whatever happens, happens," said Ownby. "We're not focused necessarily on beating other groups as much as we are on doing the absolute best we can do."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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asturn to the video series
"Questions of Faith." The video is

approximately 30 minutes long, and will be followed by discussion. Each class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 n.m.

at 7:30 p.m.

The church will be celebrating its 20th anniversary as a chartered, independent church in Novi on Sunday. The celebration will begin with worship service at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard, Executive Secretary of the Neighal Association of Congregational Christian Churches, providing the sermon. The worship service will include a tribute to Meadowbrook's charter members Meadowbrook's charter mach and will feature Meadowbrook's Chancel and Youth choirs, under the direction of Patrick Kuhl, min-ister of music, accompanied by instrumentalists.

A catered function and special program will follow the service, Normal Sunday worship service

For further information, ask for the Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, Minister of Meadowbrook.

Meadowbrook is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Call (248) 348-7757 or visit

www.mbcc.org.
• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cruss offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Commantion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship serv-ice. (The nursery 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

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 n.m. the served Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.chorchofthe-

holycross.com.
• Falth Comm Presbyterian Church invites you 10:30 a.m. services. Adult Sunday school is offered at 9 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is available

at both services.

Dr. Henderson will be teaching an Arnos and Hosea class on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.. Cost for the book and class is \$19. Everyone is

book and class is 319. Declyon. Is welcome.

Women's Bible Study, led by Jana Martin, is the first Wednessday and Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m., and 7 p.m.

The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call

(248) 349-2345, or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

The Holy Family Church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook

Road; between Grand River and 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.oak-pointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. The church meets at Novi High

St. James Catholle Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Cali (248) 347-7778.

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

in their fife, or that of someone they hold dear.

A one day women's retreat will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Registration begins at 9-30 that morning. The \$20 fee includes continental breakfast and

Church worship hour schedules are as follows: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

on Sundays.

The church is located at 777 W.

Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.fumcnorthville.org.

• St. John Lutheran Church is

located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills, Saturday service begins at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday tra-ditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service

begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is

provided.
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study at 10 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 or visit ww.stjohn-lutheran.com for more

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The church is located at 29200

Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more informa-tion, call (248) 427-2700 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or www.crosspointemead-

ows.org.
• St. Paul Latherau Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren during Lent, Over 13,000 churches nationwide have

gone through this campaign. St. Paul is hoping to bring this book and study to homes locally. These who already bought the book and wito aneauy rought the book and are looking to get more out of it, may sign up for a study group. Books will also be available through the church. Study groups will meet at various horsas in will meet at various homes in will meet at vands tolnes in Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Most will meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. For more infor-mation, call (248) 349-3140.

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• The Baha'l Faith will host a The Bahn't Faith will nost a community-wide devotional gather-ing focusing on prayers for peace at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at the home of the Kians. 23803 Ripple Creek Street, New Journal of the Samuel Indiana.

Kians. 23803 Ripple Creek Street, Novi, Interested parties are asked to call in advance, (248) 473-0355.

• The Novi Jewish Center will be hosting a party in honor of the Purim holiday 6:45-8:30 p.m. this Monday, It will be fun for the whole family. For more informa-tion, call (248) 790-6075, or e-mail novijewishcenter@earthlink.net. Compiled by Rames Khuri

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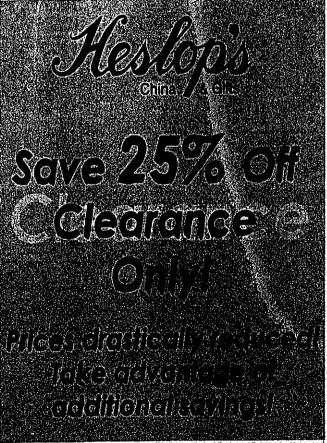
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SENIORS

Looking for fun during retirement

Choosing to retire wasn't hard for some Novi seniors

By Tracy Mishter RECORD STAFF WRITE

Doreen Poupard made no mis-

Dorect Poupard made ao mis-takes choosing between continu-ing to work or retiring to spend her life how she wants. The 69-year-old Fox Run resi-dent retired in 1999, with more than 40 years working in educa-tion, as assistant superintendent for the Ann Arbor Public School District

"(When retiring) you have to think a long time about money and how to get rid of all the stuff and how to get rid of all the stuti you've compiled over the years," Poupard said. "Retirement was an invitation to celebrate who I am ... to make my own choices." Poupard is among many women who had to take on'the responsibility of retiring without the support of a significant other. "Women are givers... they nay

"Women are givers ... they pay themselves last," she said. "It's not selfish to think of long-term

According to the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement, women typically earn less money than men, so the amount of their retirement benefits are lower, in both pension and Social Security

Know-how for retirement

Retirement is supported by three main sources of income, including Social Security, employer-sponsored pension plans and individual savings.

Gae McCord said she was pre-

pared when her husband, Denver.

past away.
"He prepared me to be able to take care of myself financially," McCord, 80, of Fox Run said. "Most men don't know how to teach women about all this. I

knew where everything was and I knew our accountant."

McCord said her full-time job was raising her children and volunteering with several organizations.

"It's hard (to retire)," McCord said, "It's especially hard for wid-ows. We're overwhelmed with the laws ... especially those who did-n't know what was going on when their spouses were alive."

Spend wisely

Theresa Bizek, 64, said retire-

ment for her was an easy choice.
"I retired at age 56 after 34 years with the county," Bizek said, "I found I could collect more money from my pension than I



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Fox Run residents Doreen Poupard, left, 69 and Theresa Bizek, 64, talk about how "retirement" has changed their lives.

could working."

Bizek said it was had after her
husbaid. Edmund, died in 1995,

but she knew what to do.
"I handled most of the money "I handled most of the money ... but it was hard to do everything on my own," she said. "I was covered by my husband's insurance and what we saved over the years."

Bizek said although on a fixed income, she's found ways to

make her money last.
"I got into mutual funds and found ways to make my money grow," she said. "Retirement for me is one big vacation ... sense of freedom." Poupard said seniors shouldn't ve to worry about money after irement. You have to plan before and

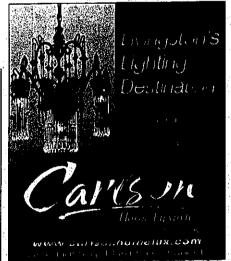
know what you're going to do,"
she said. "People think retirement
communities are the end, but I
meet people everyday who I'd
tike to be like when I grow up."
She said some people are afraid
to retire because they don't know

any other life besides going to

any other the besides going to work every day.

"When you work, you think work defines your life," she said, "but you should define your life, not work."

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 3/10

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9 a.m	Stretch and Strength
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12:30 p.m	
2-2:30 p.m	Massage
Monday 3/13	

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6:30 p.m.		

Tuesday 3/14

8:30 a.m	Panera Bread
9 a.m.	
	Line Dance
10 a.m	Asian Pacifi
11 a.m. , "Stroke/Brain Attack," Sharon Tomaszewski, I	Health Nurs
noon	Distribution
12:30-3 p.m. Focus Hope/TFAP 12:45 p.m. Bingo held in Act	ivities Doon
1-3 p.m	annointmen
2-2:30 p.m	Massag

Wednesday 3/15

9 a.m				Stretch and Strength
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noon				Lunch
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9 a.m	Line Dance*
. O a m	Medicare Part D Assistance by appointment
9:30 a.m.	Travel Meeting
noon	Lunch
12:15	
1-2 p.m	Line Dance
1-3 p.m.	
1:30-3 p.m	. Reading and Discussion group, The Lincoln
	Lawyer,"by Michael Connelly
2-2:30 p.m	

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, \$4,575 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Sarah Marchinol and must be received prior to March 10, 2006.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its t session at 9:00 e.m. EST, Tuesday, March 7th, 2006 in the Noviessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of

assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 13, 14 & 15, 2006. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 10, 2006. Appearances before the Board of Review are Ilmited to five (5) minutes of less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cl.novi.mi.us. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review considered. When submitting a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST-HAWE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

senting.

Persons on fixed of limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department; or at www.cl.govi.ml.us.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 13, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wadnesday, March 15, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at [248], 347-0485.

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OPINION

Novi News

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

WHERE WE STAND

Attract, retain and help: City needs to be business-friendly

When Lou Csordas became mayor a few years ago, he promised to take the "no" out of Novi - a reference to the city's reputation of being hard for businesses to deal with. Unfortunately, we're still hearing horror stories about how diffi-

cult it can be to go through Novi's permit and planning process.

At Monday's City Council meeting, Maureen Krause of the Oakland County Economic Development Corporation offered tips to our council on recruiting new businesses. But we'd like to see Novi focus on improving its relationships with businesses that are already here and work on developing processes that make it desirable for businesses to stay here.

Too many times we've heard business owners and developers complain and joke sareastically about how difficult it can be to get something as simple as a permit. Time is money; and it's time for our officials to get serious, once and for all, about making Novi a business-friendly city where everyone from small entrepreneurs to large corporations wants to be. The Novi Chamber of Commerce could even play a role in making this happen.

Correction:

On page 5A of the Peb. 23 issue of the Novi News, it was incorrectly reported that the Hummer of Novi dealership had a bomb librat on the afternoon of Feb. 14. The bomb threat was actually at the Land Rover dealership at 38200 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. No explosives were found in any of the vehicles.

Legislators afraid to fix state woes

would support a tax gas that would

reent agreed. Here's a case where politicians'

help reduce global warming, 59

terror at being smeared as a tax

lover overcomes rational discourse

Our present national gas tax is 18.3 cents per gallon, unchanged since 1993. But gas prices do affect con-

demand for big SUV's that has

behed lear up our automobile industry was provoked by \$3 gas. Only when the price of gasoline reaches the \$3.50- \$4 range will

large numbers of Americans demand cars that run on ethanol o

when demand shifts like that, our

imports of foreign oil, reduce glob

al warming and (nha!) sell more

Public Sector Consultants makes

increase to maintain or improve

the same point. Eighty-one percent of state residents would favor a tax

school programs, while 76 percent would favor a tax hike to fund early

The key point coming out of

The politicians, for their part, are

cal dogma, scared of how their

opponents might smear them if

They are willing to con

industry will quickly offer all

offer hybrid power trains. And

great thing about it is that it provides an easy guide to how to behave without really having to think very hard about what you're doing. Endlessly reminding your kids to "eat your vegetables" is one example. "Don't go out without outling on a coat; you'll catch

Those are hannless enough. But the risk of applying conventional wisdom to important public policy



taxes. True enough, But the dogma in Lansing is that any politician who advocates any increase in any tax, even for a compellingly good purpose, is dead meat

is that voters

don't like

The dogma stems from 1983 when Jim Blanchanl had just taken "will support increased taxes" and over as governor, the state was in deep recession and the state's budgthat "Michigan residents believe chools represents a good buy and et deficit was at an all-time high. they reject the contention that lowe taxes are more important than maintaining educational services

Blanchard proposed a temporary increase in the state income tax.

Two Democratic state senators, Phil Mastin from Oakland County and and prog David Serotkin from Macomb proreject higher taxes out of hand. the tax hike. Both were recalled, resulting in a Republican don taxes if the purposes for them are worthwhile. Amazing! tion of the state senate that has last-

worked perfectly, wiped out the deficit, and then was soon rolled

an increased gas tax was a way to

making ILS, dependence on foreign

hey ever displayed leadership and contemptuous of the intelligence of the public whose votes they cover. explains in large part why our political masters in Lansing conti shy away from considering any With Michigan headed into an election this November, you can purpose, good or bad. "We couldn't bly do that," legislators squeal, cians of neither party are going to we'd be killed in the next elec talk about what long-term benefits tion." Sadly, that passes for leader-.

ship in Michigan teday. But are the voters really that until next year a real disc Two recent polls cast doubt on the total acceptance of the anti-ta: dogma that has paralyzed so much

how we are going to avoid becom-ing a terminally damaged state depending on a floundering and declining rust-belt economy. With each passing month without action A recent national New York
Times/CBS poll asked whether it seems less and less likely that we'll find a plausible way of get-ting out of the jam we're in. people, would favor increasing the gasoline tax; 85 percent said no, 12 said yes. Big surprise! But when

Phil Power is a longtime observ er of politics, economics and edu-cation issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at prower@honner.com



Enjoying it Fox Run resident Gae McCord talks about her active ment." See the full story on page 11.

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Solutions not mantras

Me. Loudon chould not be upset because Mr. Mena finds her letters amusing. I don't think be was trying to be mean. Once I realized that she is eneating the mantras of the Democratic Party, I too find her amusing. Maybe mantras work for some people. I've tried them myself on occasion without much success. To believe that there were no weapons of mass

destruction in Iraq simply because we didn't find them is comical in a sense. Of course, Saddam had them; and he used them; even on his own copie. Even the UN acknowledges that. Bu here are even more reliable sources than the UN.

I refer to SADDAM'S SECRETS by Georges Sada, for example. Here is a man who was an acfighter pilot that went on to become air vice mor shal in Saddam Hussein's military, and whose pilots in the Gulf War. The Foreword to this book

was written by one of those 40, Col. David Eberly, an American pilot.

As a former officer in the USAF, I have to say that this is one of the most fascinating military books I have read, but it is also one of the mos books I have read, but it is also one of the most informative. It goes into the history of larq. Saddam Husein, and even the culture of this aimost prehistoric country. General Sada not only tells you what weapons Saddam had, but how he used and intended to use them, and when, where, and how they went, locidentally, Gen. Sada has been a guest on numerous radio and TV shows here in the Deuroit ana, including the set of the property of the same property.

wn WIR Frank Beckmann's show our own WIR Frank Deckillant S store.

The National Review does a reasonable job when it comes to being neutral with respect to the Democratic and Republican parties. In an article Off Track - Both parties bet on the other's flaws, March 13, 2006, issue, NR has this to say about the Democratic Party:

"In 2004, Democratic strategists assumed that the presidential race would be a referendum on the incumbent."
"The Democrats were wrong."

"Even more Americans fear we are on the

wrong track now."
"Democrats largely have Republican mistakes and mishaps to thank for their relatively happy

prospects this fall."
"Having been handed several opportunities,
Democrats have done a good job of squandering

I'll let Democrats fill in the missing blanks. In he meantime, I doubt mantras will succeed any nore in the future than they did in the past. We may prove to be more difficult to win than WW I or WW II. American people need, and hopeful-ly want, solutions, not criticism and mantras.

Richard Reising

Block scheduling problems

The Novi school district web site contains information about declining MEAP scores at Novi High School. This problem does not exist It the elementary schools or the middle school. What is the problem at the high school?

Perhaps it is worth researching the causes and symptoms of these surprising results. One vari-able may be block scheduling. It is time to review this method of teaching.

For many years, parents have wondered why homework is done in class under the block scheduling system. We all thought the 80-minute "block" was used for instruction — and

homework was done at home.

I used to be a band booster, and I knew 200 marching band parents who are very frustrated with the lack of flexibility in this system. Band

students are forced to schedule band as 25 per-

cent (one fourth) of their entire high school cur The school district should conduct research printing the money (Federal Reserve Notes) to with recent Novi graduates who are currently in college. Perhaps they can tell us how block. During the tenure of Alan Greenspan the dollar-

scheduling prepared them for college. Better yet, Principal John Lawrence already has a "parent school issues. Perhaps that committee can re-examine the effectiveness of block scheduling why our MEAP scores are down.

for our tax dollars. for our tax dollars.

We all know that block scheduling is a very expensive method to utilize teachers. Novi high school teachers receive a "planning period" for 25 percent of their day vs. the 14-17 percent of planning time under a traditional six or seven-hour academic day.

The Board of Education must show the

courage to re-examine block scheduling to see i taxpayers are getting a good return on this invest

Count your blessings

I grew up in this town, so I know a little how

the system works. It's all about the status, baby. When I was an elementary school student, the

coolest subdivision to live in was the one next to

Novi Woods. In middle school, all the cool kids

lived in Chase Farms, Addington Park, or Walden woods. Now we have a debate about our

status and bragging rights concerning whose kids are going to which schools. I could make a fortune by publishing a "Who's Who of Novi Students" due to this pettiness.

The bottom line is to be glad your children are

going to Novi schools. Count your blessings that your kids aren't in a broke school district with substandard teachers. Orchard Hills may be an

old school, but the education received there is no worse or better than what is being taught across

town at many of our other fine schools. What's so great about Deerfield anyway? Is the playground padding squishier than those covering the other schools in the district? Do the chemicals used to

clean the schools do a better job, or is it that "new school smell" that makes all the parents happy?

Like a pack of Nomads, we flock from one

neignormood to another just to inspire awe and envy at local parties and get-togethers. The kids that live in Island Lakes should be the ones who get Deerfield. Did you know they actually used outside the property of the p

sparkle? If you don't believe me turn on your fog lights when you enter that neighborhood at night

so you can experience the dream, the dream of

also admire driving though other neighborhoo

getting new cement payement poured, when I have to deal with a street that was incompetently

paved with a gravel roller and is falling apart rater two winters. Welcome to our reality. All of

us have sub-nor things to complain about, but

The March 2 letter by Doreen Lawton prompt-

We have now been engaged in Imq longer than

we were at war in World War II, with no end in

sight. It has proven to be falsely begun, poorly planted, and poorly executed.

Because the country was never placed on a

war footing (draft for manpower and taxes to pay for it) it is failing. It has been indicated more than

once that commanders in Iraq have repeatedly

request additional manpower.

Meanwhile: the Federal Reserve has been

none of us can count our blessings.

Fears government

state of our country.

ished diamonds in the cement to make it

od to another just to inspire awe and

country, but fear my government Clare Wilson

has lost 50 percent of its purchasing power. In the days of the Romans, and for a while after, gov-ernments debased the money supply by "clip-

ping," or reducing amount of precious metal in coins of the realm. Since the coins of today have

no intrinsic value it is done by simply printing more and more of the dollars (Federal Reserv

Notes). The more that are printed, the less each one is worth. Thus it takes more dollars to fill

your tank, send your child to college, pay your tank, send your child to college, pay you

taxes, pay your car and home insurance. The Empire lives on, but one does not know for how

long. Take care and protect yourself. I love my

Dennis O'Connar Bid award suspect

I read in the Novi News that JCK & Associates was passed over for a design project even though they were the low bidder.

I have checked and found that they were prequalified. That being the case, the low bid shoul have been awarded to them.

JCK has designed most of the utility systems in Novi for a long time and they surely are qualified to perform this work.

Furthermore JCK is a taxpaying Novi firm.

It is pretty obvious to many Novi citizens that City Hall carries a vendetta agents JCK & Prequalified, low hid and a long time Novi

firm. What gives? I think the Novi News ought to investigate this matter. We as taxpayers need to know what is going on at City Hall. Doing busi ness in Novi has become very suspect.

Jerry Sheridan

Who does president work for?

Who does George Bush work for? He wants our ports to be run by a company controlled by a country which is not a democracy. It appears that be sees no risk in having employees from a for-eign dictatorship having diagrams, schedules of operations and management of several of our major ports. After all, this non-democratic for-eign country is one George Bush believes we can tust. His administration is not even requiring that all records of this business be kept in the that all records of this business be kept in United States.

what you could have had if only you had worked harder in college, You can't tell me these kids don't deserve that school. After all, I live in Novi We only have to think back to the days after the 9/11 attack when, for security reasons, George Bush eliminated all domestic air flights Heights off of 11 Mile (we don't even have a sign), and I jump for joy when the city remembers to plow our streets after the latest blizzard. except for the one for the Bin Laden family which allowed them to leave the country without

appropriate questioning by our FBI and CIA.

We have only to think back to the start of war on Iran, which had no legitimate connection to 9/11 but was being strongly pushed by George

Bush.

We have only to think about the Geneva Convention violations and human rights viole tions which are common in dictatorships, and which George Bush says he has a right to direct to happen in our country in his role as President. He first threatened to veto McCain's anti-fortur legislation, and then when he reluctantly signed it, he filed a letter with it in which he claimed the right to not follow that law if he deemed it impor-

lint for reasons of national security.

We have only to remember George Bush's ions of our Bill of Rights and his refusal of judicial review as he has directed secret and nauthorized wire taps on our citizens.

Who does George Bush work for? He believes threatened to veto any attempts by Congress to stop what he is doing with our ports.

The Republican leadership is finally express-

John Kuenzei

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Current Novi School Boundaries and Non-Residential Areas

What you may not know about Deerfield

Now that our school hoard has voted regarding Deerfield and redistricting, it is time to lay out a few facts - something this com-munity is sorely short of.

Most of the Deerfield parents, myself included, were literally blindsided in January by the pro-posal to turn Deerfield into a eighborhood school. Since most of us really had no inkling that board had barely discussed this and the records indicate that parents had little choice but to meet together to explore this issue, and ask some questions, the first of which was "Why?"

PTA meeting, we were "warned to be professional; to never tall "his" versus "them" and stick to the facts - which is exact ly what we did. Sadly enough, not some outrageous district purchase meant to waste your tax hough, we had Deerfield parents breatened with cowardly, anonydollars and shortchange the othe schools. They were purchased by sional member of the school board chastise other Deerfield parents for their opinions, and we've been forced to suffer through an unbelievable ty of the facts by those that hate Deerfield. When we as parents cational term used by the school board and the admi of coined by Deerfield parents other schools were the worst practices - and we were vilified. When we spoke of

strong parental invo this was taken to mean other schools didn't have any. When we talked about Spanish, those that don't have a full-time Spanish teacher were infuriated. The list enes on and on about literally everything Deerfield parents said. Nothing was taken for what it meant, and everything was twisted around by (dare I say it?) "them." And, a big "shame on you" to the elementary school principals and administration who, by omission, stood idly by

and let these ranting parents con-tinue this anti-Deerfield tirade. Shame, shame on you. The school board and admin in pursuit of this agenda, lost all credibility with the population

they serve. While we never got a direct answer to the question of why -our wonderful school board didn't have time to address the issues - I can tell you that a vociferous, victous, vengeance-filled minority of the community absolutely despise Deerfield and all of its parents; they've written letters to the Novi News full of misinformation; they spread false rumor and innuendo throughout the community from corner converse tions, to Bunko parties and play-groups. It only stands to reason that the Deerfield parents would get together and seek the truth. Given the tables turned,

would anybody expect any other elementary school's parents sim-ply "hand over the keys" without at least exploring why? This exploration is all we did. As a Deerfield Task Force, I can state were referenced. If there are inaccuracies in anything we pro moot at this point - you can and should point fingers at the admin-istration and the school board, Financial information came straight from the administration res came from Standard & out Orchard Hills; they keep rotesting MEAP scores and due to an oversight that school was not listed in the Standard & Poor's dalabase on Novi school

Our goal was to present facts, d when you gather facts you e the sources, and that we did quite well, and accurately. For ou offorts, a constant spew of rumor and misinformation came forth from the anti-Deerfield group. We were even publicly

cized for being organize urse, it does issues to be careful what you read, and what you listen to; it isn't always the truth. To wit:

Curtains

The curtains hanging on the cafeteria/stage at Deerfield are

Mrs. Smith, in memory of her late husband whom had recently passed away. Now, don't you

raised from its many fund-raisers...if you want to explore [wasteful] spending how about ing at the middle school level? That one-time \$4,300 expense made by Deerfield parents of stage curtains isn't even a full year's maintenance cost on the high school football field – but nobody seems to have an issue with that. And, guess what? Mr. Koster of the administration say: this football field needs improve ment. With whose tax dollars'

Deerfield has a full-time Spanish teacher while the other schools don't. This was a discretionary item determined by the principal, Mr. Nius. Every other principal, ivin 1945.

principal had the same
discretion. Decrifield doesn't have
a third and fourth grade reading specialist, and that's the discretion exercised by Mr. Nius. If you Spanish teacher, go see your prin cipal, for goodness sakes, and

Gymnasium

Deerfield's Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Snow, has a well equipped gymnasium including a equipped gymnasium including rock climbing wall. She has no more budget then any other elementary Phys Ed teacher. Once again, the DCC (PTA) is respon-sible for some purchases including the rock wall. It wasn't your tax dollars, it was our personal dollars buying Market Day items and spending money at the Holiday Shop, among other for your gym? Don't get mad at Deerfield, ask your PTA to buy

PTA Spending Speaking of DCC (PTA) spending, the Deerfield PTA has spent nearly \$37,000 on books. supplies, classroom earichment ents and other items in the past grants and other items in the particle of years, I would be very sur-prised if there was any elementary PTA in Novi without a simin Deerfield ever questioned what these PTA's eve they raise money as they see fit, and spend it accordingly as it should be - without interference from the rest of the district - as it should be. Anybody who walks through Deerfield with an attitude can get a very mistaken idea on where things come from. Knowing the facts is pretty important before making a judgment on whether your tax dollars were spent on something you might think is frivolous.

Music Room

Almost everyone is stunned to see the Deerfield music room outfitted with electronic digital keyboards (pionos), enough of them for every child. No, it was n't your tax dollars that were on these either. The music spent on these ettner. The music teacher, Mrs. Sonntag, was fortunate enough to find an educational grant for them; wrote a proposal, and was lucky enough to win. But, it was only enough, for half the keyboards, funds for the balance were donated by a I, and was lucky enough

Deerfield kindergarten teacher,

Palm Pilots Perhaps one of the most outra-

geous misstatements has to do with the Deerfield third and fourth graders getting "Palm Pilots." There are those that actu ally believe these youngsters were given something the equiva-lent of one of those \$500 Palm Tren's you see advertised by Cingular and Verizon...nothing could be further from the truth. They are relatively inexpensive electronic organizers – think \$20 and Radio Shack – and were purchased with discre-tionary funds from the technology budget. This budget is no larg-er or smaller then any other schools, proportionally; anyone having an issue with this should perhaps pay better attention to what their own school is buying with discretionary dollars. No Deerfield parent is probing into the discretionary spending of other elementary schools and

shouldn't be, nor are they making Busing costs were brought up by Deerfield parents only because that was the first reason Capacity costs are too high. That begged the follow-on question of "How much do they cost?" Our research was simply based on information supplied by the administration; if they were too high or too low, we don't know it was simply the numbers we were given. Yes - the bus cost are higher for Deerfield because of the larger number of bus runs and the distance they travel nobody disputes that. But, as Dr. Austin pointed out, why are we looking at elementary bus costs? If we are trying to save money on husing, shouldn't we start with all the buses for non-

events? That would be more

meaningful if you are trying to

academics that go all over the county all weekend long for ath-letics and other extra cutricular

Special Education and English Language Learners determine where immigrants will come from or where those with special needs will choose to live year, the number and geographic distribution of these children change. Those that believe we tion were wrong on two coun first, the cost data for elementary schools that we presented specif-ically excluded Special Ed costs, because the financial figures, supplied by the district had these already removed. Many erroneously believed and stated that because they "don't have any Special Ed students." That's not true but the numbers change every year. It sounded to me many of the angry, anti-Deerfield parents don't want the "burden" of special education in their own schools. Well, since this is something nothing of us have any control over - certainly not the parents, instead of venting about Decrifield, why don't you call the

parents of these Special : Education children and tell them

what you think? Tell them there

in your school and you think their kids should be bused away to another location. Shame on you if you consider these chil-

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Overall Costs

We looked at overall costs only because it simply followed from the busing issue. Well, like busing, that begged the follow-on question of "How much does it cost to run?" Even we were at first astounded by the figures given to us by the Administration, but then a small amount of analysis made them clear - running at a higher capacity then any school in the Novi system means it will be the most efficient and have the least ost. But there are other mitigat-

and not draw too deep a conclu sion here. These circu nclude average age and tenure of teachers (surprise: older teachers cost more to pay that younger ones) and age of the building (no surprise that the 48 year old Orchard Hills building costs the most to run, perhaps due to excessive maintenance

This is a real winner. Deerfield runs at full capacity, period. No other school in all of Novi even comes close. If anybody thinks any Novi school is crowded it could only be the one at greatest capacity. Yet, despite this indisoutable fact - people seem to think that other schools are more crowded. This is the kind of twisted [il]logic that has perme

You don't have to like Deerfield or believe in it, but everyone should believe in get-ting to the truth. Real solutions will fall out of the truth. Now that Deerfield's fate is sealed. hose angry parents and School Board members who wanted it dismantled have been given what they asked for. That was quick and easy. Now the real challenge comes in redistricting the elenentary schools with a boardapproved and administrationguarantees the most disruption the community. This will be mittee scheduled to be 43 members, so certainly it will consider all opinions of the community. Another issue will borhood school almost guarantees that its population go down by about 100 students to allow for growth. This means the costs will go up. Combine that with

in the redistricting, and you are looking at significantly increased lown the road. A new millage for capital improvement and haps a new school are sure to follow - meaning increased taxes. And in true political fash ion, this millage will come with all kinds of things bundled together - the essential academic needs, and the irrelevant non-

academic wants.

But at least, you can all stop hating Deerfield and its parents

Michael Salemi

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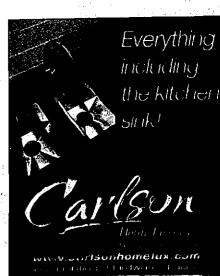
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EVENTS

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Boolevard CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Author Book-Sigaing DATE: Friday, March 24 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Author Timothy

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

Zahn will be signing his book "Star Wars: Outhound Flight.

DATE: Tuesday, April 4 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Theaters present "Guys and Dolls"

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 10-11 and March 17-18; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 19 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center.

45 185 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The Friday, March 17 performance will be a special ent night. Tickets for all students from college level on down will cost \$10, instead of the regular price of \$18. CONTACT: Tickets can be pur-

chased at the Novi Parks desk or call the ticket hotline, (248) 347-

City of Wixom Beach Party

DATE: Friday TIME: 8 p.m.-midnight LOCATION: Wixem Community Center, 49045 Pontiac

DETAILS: Tickers are \$15 per person, adults only and include buffer dinner, DJ and cash bar. Meet your friends in paradise and chase away the winter blues to the tunes of Jimmy Buffett. No bare feet allowed-flip flops a must. Pre-CONTACT: Must (248) 624-

2850 or online www.cityofwixnm.com Walsh College Gala

DATE: Friday

TIME: 6 p.m., VIP reception and silent auction; 7:30 p.m., dinner LOCATION: Hotel Baronnette, 7790 Novi Road DETAILS: The event features a

TP reception, silent auction, winetasting, and strolling dinner.
Proceeds will benefit the Walsh
College scholarship program and an endowment for the arts. VIP tickets are \$150; general admission tickets are \$75. CONTACT: (248) 823-1204

DATE: Monday

CONTACT: (248) 348-1946

TIME: 6-10 p.m LOCATION: Andiamo's /

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Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Auditions are for

eligible, audition packets will be available Feb. 13. Performances will be May 18-21. CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

DATE: Thursday, March 16

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your home safe, what causes a loved one with Alzheimers to wan-der, how to deal with different es of behaviors and the impact

Gardeners of Northville and

TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Nontiville Library. DETAILS: The program will be "Wildflowers," The public is wel-

WRIF Rock Girl Search

econd City DETAILS: 101 WRIF and the

photo and a resume.

Novi Theaters Auditions

DATE: Monday and Wednesday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center "The Wizard of Oz." Ages 7-97 are

Alzheimer Awareness Event

Twelve Oaks Assisted Living. DETAILS: This is a free program on learning how to make

on family dynamics.

CONTACT: Kim Calero, (248)

Heart Healthy Seminars

DATE: Saturday, March 25 TIME: 1 n.m. Heart-Smart sup plements; 2-4 p.m. Micro Biotic cooking and antioxidants; 1-5 p.m free heart-smart samples in store LOCATION: Better Health, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi CONTACT: For more informa tion, (248) 735-8100

Second City Detroit "27th Revue" previews

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday; 7 p.m. id 9 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: 42705 Grand River

Avenue CONTACT: Tickets may be pur-chased at the box office, (248) 645-

6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

DATE: Saturday and Sunday Auy 6, 13, 14, 20 and 21 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus "Southwest," 1000 Beck Road, Wixom DETAILS: This sale includes annuals and perennials and is spon-

sored by the Agriscience Greenhouse/Landscape Class. CONTACT: (248) 668-5673 Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, May 20 TIME: 6-10 p.m. LOCATION: Lucky's Lucky trike, Fountain Walk

DETAILS: This is a fund-raise for the Novi Chamber of Commerce, A variety of sponsor ships are available, including atten-dance and donations. Sponsors are

CONTACT: Chamber of

SCHOOL/

19045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

DATE: Monday, March 20 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center,

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Monday, March 16

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School, CONTACT: (248) 419-1200

<u>BUSINESS</u>

Networking Event DATE: Wednesday, March 22 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia tiple chambers to speed network. The cost is \$10 and includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. This even s for members only and reserva-

DATE: Tuesday, April 11

DETAILS: Reservations required. The cost is \$20 per per-... 19th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off

include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and champi-onship caliber golf.

Lakes Area Chamber of

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 2006 Heart of the Lukes Gafa DATE: Saturday TIME: 6 p.m.-12 a.m. LOCATION: Shenadnah Country Club, West Bloomfield

advance reservations and \$15 at the door. There will be a cash bar and

Commerce Events

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall,

DETAILS: "Hollywood Nights will be the theme. The cost is \$50 per person. Sponsors and donation are welcome for the silent auction. Reservations are required.

Business Card Exchange

DATE: Wednesday, April 26 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Opdyke at Square Lake, Pontiac. DETAILS: The cost is \$10

hors d'ocuvres. The host is Pontiae

Regional Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 335-9600

CLASSES

Walled Lake Community Education Seminar

DATE: Monday and Wednesday, March 27, 29, April 3 and 5 TIME: 6-10 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake iddle School, 46720 W. Pontiac

DETAILS: The seminar costs \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, March 23, to Walled Lake Community Education, (248) Friday, This 16-hour seminar will give you information to help you s the Michigan state builder's for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own see real estate investors and developers and building trades pe ple who want to work legally in

Women's Empowerment Weekend

DETAILS: This seminar is sponsored by Suttle Enterprises LLC, Marilyn Suttle. The cost is \$150; \$127 if paid before Feb. 28. Class ited to 20 women. Marilyn Suttle is a communication pro sional specializing in bringing life into balance with practical, usable every arena of your life.

CONTACT: To register, cal Marilyn Suttle, (248) 348-1023 o

suttle_workshop.htm **Providence Center for the**

Healing Arts LOCATION: Asserian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue.

> CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second

Tuesday of every month DETAILS: This is a free class. Artist in Residence TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first

and third Thursday of every month DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence May Oura Teevens and mixed media and collage. eginners are welcome, there is a

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: There is a \$10 mate-

Tai Chi Class TIME/DATE: 12:15-1 p.m.

Thursday DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is

TIME/DATE: Various times Monday, Wednesday and Friday DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in: \$80 for 10-class card and

Boost Camp Day

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. dren in fifth-12th grades with

Come in a minister of

fourth grade to improve the younger child's reading skills and incourage a love of reading.

E-Mail for Seniors

DATE: Wednesday, March 15 TIME: 1-3 p.m. DETAILS: Learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account. This class includes interactive dis-

DATE: Wednesday TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, March 18 TIME: 2 p.m. DETAILS: Learn how to download and listen to audiobooks from NetLibrary and recorded books audiobook from the library's web-

DATE: Monday, March 20 TIME: 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. DETAILS: A ARP volunteers will be at the library to assist indi viduals with middle and low incomes in preparing their tax given to participants age 55 and older. Please note that the volunteers help in the preparation of simple tax returns only. Appointments are required. Call the library to reg-

TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Kids of all ages are invited to a family story time fea-turing guest readers sharing their e stories. Sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union in honor of National Library Week.

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Council hambers at the Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Community mem-

Waited Lake Library Events

sion and hands-on practice, Call

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DETAILS: This program is for fifth and sixth grade students. It will include snacks and discussing the book "A Week in the Woods" by Andrew Clements. No registra-tion required.

Downloading Audiobooks

site to a computer and then transfer the file to a portable listening device. Call the library to register.

Tax Assistance Workshop

March into the Library

DATE: Tuesday, March 21

DATE: Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. hers are welcome to attend Meetings are also broadcast live on LOCATION: Harves

LOCATION: 1499 E, West iapie Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Weekly Story Hours TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.

Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday **Breast Cancer Support Group** DETAILS Includes stories DATES: second and fourth crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registre

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Heighborhood Baby-sitting (TOPS) chapter DATES: every Wednes TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in; 11:30

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Friendship Circle

HEALTH DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James Catholic DATE: Wednesday

Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads. DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers CONTACT: Norbert Monson. (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight, (248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi, (248) 348-9138, joyinvaldi@earth-

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: second Thursday of TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot,

00 Dorothy St., South Lyon.
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple ehildren and their families Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome CONTACT: For more informa-

tiòn, (248) 437-5496.

Women's Prayer Suppor

golfers with emphasis on posture, flexibility and strengthening exerhip Church, 49329 Pontiac cises, and prevention of co DETAILS: Come for encourage ment, belp, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer. group participation. Reservations CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfel

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday LOCATION: Assarian Cancer LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi Hospital, Commerce, Classroo TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk in; \$80/10-class card; \$70/7-week DETAILS: No registration needevening sessions

LOCATION: Meadowbrook

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golf inujuries, especially low back pain. The format will include lee-

red: there is no fee

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Park Medical Center)

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DETAILS: A one time class for morn and her partner helping to provide tips for successful breast feeding.
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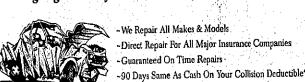
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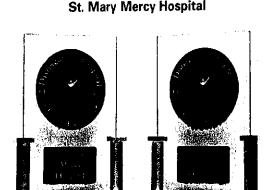
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LIBRARY <u>LINES</u>

Novi Public Library Hours

tiver Avenue DETAILS: This is a day of

nrichment and personal explo-ation designed to provide tools,

information and a new perspective on healthier living through whole ness. It is open to the public, The

cost is \$50 and includes lunch and

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Snack Tales

DATE: Monday TIME: 7-7:45 p.m.
DETAILS: This storytime is for students in kindergarten hird grade. Refreshments are included. egistration is required. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Story Time DATE: Tuesday, March 14 TIME: 7-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Preschoolers and

Reading Buddies DATE: Wednesday, ongoing

their families are invited to enjoy

bedtime stories. No registration

TIME: 4:30-5 p.m. DETAILS: This drop-in Reading. Buddy Program pairs older chil-

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SPORTS

WATER-PROOF

Wildcats send group of tankers to state meet

By Courtney Ratowiak

For 10 years, varsity swim coach Bill McCord watched it

happen. This season, he decided to par-

This season, no contining the first time in his coaching career, McCord became involved in the team's league meet tradition – by shaving his head at the Novi boys swim and dive pre-KVC championship din-

ner.
"I've never done it before. I didn't plan on doing it, but the guys just kept stepping up and every one of them did it," he said. "I was just inspired by their priorities being so in the right place that they didn't care about their hair. What was important to them was the unifying of the team and doing everything for going faster,

doing everyining in going mana-for performing better.

"Early on, somebody said,
'McCord, are you going to do it?'
and I said, 'No way', but then ... I
just got caught up in it. I liked
that I connected one more way to

Novi placed third at the KVC meet on Feb. 24-25, qualifying several athletes for the state meet and winning a league title in div-

The 200 medley relay of Derek O'Branovic, Drew LaDuke, Nick Wright, and Sean Bugbee had a time of 1:43.86, earning a state cut and finishing second in the

KVC.
"I saw my split and I knew I was going prelly fast, and then I saw Drew keeping up with the rest of the guys, and Nick and Sean just flew through the water," O'Branovic, who swam backstroke for the relay, said. "I was just screaming as loud as I could to get Sean to the wall faster."
"Theorems had a usert swim.

"Everyone had a great swim, and we did better than I expect-ed," Bugbee, a junior, added. "I

thought that we would come close, but we were almost a sec-ond, three quarters of a second (faster than the state qualifying ime). I thought it was going to be toser than that."

McCord said that the relay

team's accomplishment was due to dedicated utiletes and months

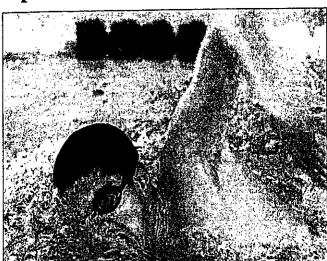
to dedicated athletes and months of successful training.

"I believed it from the start, I really thought it could happen, but I knew we really had to work," he said. "When I saw the time (for the 200 medley relay state cut), I cried ... I was so proud of them and what they had accomplished within the realm of what they were given. Some people can just dive in and swim a state cut, but we really had to do state cut, but we really had to do everything right."
"We worked hard for that state

cut. That was the best part about it. We really wanted to go after it, and we finally got it." Wright, a senior, said. "It was probably the most exciting moment I've ever

Bugbee also qualified for the state meet in the 200 yard freestyle, placing second in the league in 1:49.39. state

freestyle, placing second in the lengue in 1:49:39.
"The first thing I thought was, 'Finally," he said. "I had been working all season long, I kept trying, and I got a state cut atom of the last meets."
Chris Alberty was first place in the KVC with an eleven-dive score of 454.55, surpassing brother Michael Alberty's eightyear-old school record of 411.65.
"I got up on the board. My score was 406, and I was five points "away from the record," Alberty said, recalling his final dive. "I was so nervous. I dive. "I was so nervous. I thought, 'Just don't fail the dive, just don't fail the dive.' I completed the dive, and underwater, I just yelled as found as I could ... I came out of the water and I leaned over to see the score. I saw 454 come up, which was unthinkable. I



hote by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Sean Bugbee swims freestyle for the Wildcats.

never thought I could score that

high."
Following his performance at the KVC meet, Alberty became eligible for All-American consideration. All-American status is determined after a reevaluation of the athlete's dives by a committee of judges in an attempt to climinate the possibility of favorable scoring. Honorees, the top forty male divers from nationwide

public schools, are notified dur-ing the summer. Next up

The state meet is on March 10 and 11 at the University of Michigan. To advance to the state

finals on Saturday, swimmers must place in the top 16 at Friday's preliminaries. O'Branovic, in his last year of high school swimming, will be participating in the state meet for the first time.

"I've always wanted to go, but I've always been just focused on my (individual) times, and my tignes have really never been too close to state cuts." O'Branovic said. "It kind of feels like I cut it close, it was my last chance to get it, but it feels really good to know

that I'm going to states."

Wright feels that, at the state meet, personal success will not depend on swimming in the state finals or breaking the 200 medley

relay school record.

"I have no expectations for what we're going to do," Wright said. "I want to swim the fastest said. "I want to swim the fastest I've swam all season, I want to have our relay's best time all season, and I want to have fun. If we end up making it back the next day, and if we end up breaking the varsity record, that would be nice, but I just want to go there fired up and swim as fast as I can."

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Schoolcraft College names new haskethall coach

ear's All-Area team

It's All-Area time!

The Novi Wildcats and the Catholic Central Shamrocks have the potential to be well represented on several All-Area Dream Teams for winter sports.

Michael Brown is the new ad baskethall coach at Schoolcraft College, having served as an assistant coach during the 2005-06 season. Brown was an assistant varsity basketball coach at Belleville High School and a four-year starter in college, playing for Sienna Heights University his freshman and sophomore years and for Wayne State University

and for Wayne state University his junior and senior years. "I am genuinely inspired by the appointment of Michael Brown," said Sid Fox, Schoolcraft director of athletics. "I'm extremely confident that as hend coach, he will demonstrate an astute skill level, an enger-ness and excitement that will be velcomed by the college com-

munity.
"Michael has the charismatic qualities and espacity to bridge the college community into a new era of support for basket-ball at Schoolcraft." Brown said he is extremely

excited to step into his first head coaching job. "Schoolcraft has a great reputation, and the basketball program has had a lot of success in terms of the number of wins and players going on to four-year schools,"

"That's what we want to do, take players on to the next level and help them get a degree." Brown said there will be no scholarship players returning for the 2006-07 season, and his first task is to recruit between

12 and 16 players. "We want to put the best tal-ent we can on the floor," he said. "There is a process for finding out what kind of person potential players are, what kind of players they are, and will they buy into my goals and the direction the school wants us to

Spring has almost sprung

With winter sports about to spring is officially almost upon

Girls soccer, ba ball, Jacrosse, track and plenty year's spring

preview will be in the Novi News and will fea-

ports with some of the most highly touted area athletes.

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Wildcats going to the state finals this weekend include (from left): Sean Bugbee, Derek O'Branovic, Chris Alberty (diving), Nick

Novi wins a wild one on ice, beats WLC in overtime

■ Rousseau ties game, then scores in OT

By Remez Khuri

2/the Novi Wildcats varsity hockey team thought it had the game well in hand last Friday against Walled nst Walled

But not so fast. The contest was a regional championship game; and if Novi's players, thought the Vikings were going to just go away, they were in for a rude awak-

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ended up winning the game 7-6.

"I guess we let up a little alter gaining," the big lead," said Rousseau. They somed and started to gain momentum and they kept

many shots on goal we could," said Rousseau. "We wanted to keep working and doing the same things we were doing all game and throughout the whole season." Rousseau described his overtime

would have liked to won it in the third and have the score be 5-2. But the fact they came back and took it was crazy?

Novi played in the state quarter

Classic champs

The 95 Novi Ice Cats took the Chicago Mid-Winter Classic hockey tournament by storm winning all five of their games. The tournament, which took place in suburban Chicago Jan. 13-15, included teams from Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. In the championship game, they beat Fond Du Lac, Wisc., 3-2, to bring home first place in the Squirt AA Division. Front Row (left to right): Kenneth Kosinski, Andrew Murtland, Alex Shuart, Luke

Bagerie, Austin Petty, Dillon Andresen, Jordan Richardson, Wes Raske, Kyle Lash, Second Row: Matt Wisniewski, Ben Stone, K.C. Chaudoin, Alex Tachian, Mitchell

Robinet, Todd Goebel, Danny Middleton Back Row: Coaches Mike Robinet, Geoff Middleton, Mike Bageris and Todd Petty

Underclassman Wrap-up

JV Basketball

Brighton 28, Novi 51

The JV Cats bounced back with a tremen-dous team effort Feb. 14, dominating Brighton 51-28. The Wildcats dominated from the tip offensively as they shot an amaz-ing 70 percent (7-10) from the three point are, had 16 team assists as upposed to only committing 10 turnovers, and for second time communing for moves, and a second or in three games, every Wildeat scored. As the Wildeats were torching the net they were clamping down defensively by not allowing Brighton to score double tights in any of the four quarters. Additionally the 'Cats only aflowed 4 offensive rebounds the entire ga while Cullin Crandell took 3 offensive

charges for a single game season record.

Miles Reichtey had 9 points and 3 assists. while Chris Béllamy had 8 points. Also con-tributing to the team win were Brian Smith, Brandon Bradford, and Alex Lyall each wi 5 noints aniece. Forward Nick Pagano had 3 ils and 4 assists to pace the 'Cats.

Novi 47. South Lyan 46

The JV team held on Feb. 17 to beat South Lyon 47-46 as the Lion's last two attempts to win the game fell short. The 'Cats, who played amazing defense Tuesday versus Brighton came out lethargic and trailed South Lynn by 4 at halftime. In the second half the lead changed hands several times before the Wildears wrestled to a 4 point lead with less three pointer later allowed the Lions to have the ball under the Wildcat's basket with 4 seconds remaining only trailing by one. On the ensuing inbounds play the Lions missed two

shots as the 'Cats survived to win the game. Collin Crandell had 14 points, 6 rebunds and 3 assists to pace the Cats, while Chris Bellamy had 8 points and 4 steals. Mark Heard chipped in with 7 points and 3 assists.

Hartland 51. Novi 58.....

The JY leant sourced to a huge lead-feb. 21 versus Hartland and ultimately cruised to a 58-51 victory to record their 10th KVC win. The Cats jumped on the Eagles early by posting 22 points in the first quarter to take an eleven point lead. As the game unfolded he Wildcars eventually built a 20 point lead before the Eagles posted a small comeback in the fourth. For the first time on the season the Wildcats had three double-digit scorers in Chris Bellamy (15 points), Alex Lyall (10 points), and Collin Crandell (10 points).

ebounds, 3 points, 1 charge, 4 steals, and

one assist (between an opposing player's legs). Point goards Shuan Rydzewski and Chris Bellamy had 8 assists and only 2

In winning their fourth game in a row and nine of their last 10, the JV Wildeats clinched second place in the KVC Feb. 24 with their 41-30 win over Milford. The Wildests again demonstrated great team balance as 9 of 12 players scored. Alex Lyall continued his outstanding play by pacing the 'Cats with 7 points and 1 charge. The 'Cats maintained a small 2 point lead

at halftime, 17-15 as both teams grinded it out defensively and couldn't shake the other team. The pace quickened in the third quarter as Mark Heard hit a couple of short jumpers and Brandon Bradford acrobatically hit two lay-ups to help the Cats build a slim 5 point lead. As the fourth quarter began to unfold, the Wildcats were determined to lock down defensively and did as they held the

Mark Heard and Brandon Bradford each had 6 points, Collin Crandell had 5, and Shaun Rydzewski, Miles Reichley, and Chris Bellamy each had 4. Bellamy led the team with 6 rebounds while Reichley had 3 steals and 5 assists. Crandell had 3 blocks and a

The IV Wildears finished their season in

Novi 51, Willow Run 31

style by defeating the Willow Run Flyers 51-31. The 'Cats won their final 5 games of the enson and 10 of the last 11 overall. The Wildcats started slow as they couldn't find their shooting touch as the Flyers jumped out to an 11-6 first quarter lead. Brandon Bridford sparked the Wildcats by netting 6 of his 8 points in the second quarter as the 'Cats changed their press which produced 7 second quarter turnovers by the Flyers leading to a Novi three point advantage at halftime. The third quarter proved to be a continuation of the second quarter as the Wildeat preservi-caused 6 more Flyer turnovers leading to a 19 point third quarter explosion virtually sealing

the fate of the game as the Wildcats estab-lished a 40-21 lead. Chris Bellamy again controlled the game from the point guard position by netting 15 points. Pat Schlenke came off the bench on fire as he recorded his first double digit scor-Brandon Bradford led the team with 5 kills each. Lauren Farley and Kim Hildreth each had 2 aces.

Bradford, Miles Reichley, and Mark Heard each recorded 2 assists.

Hildreth with 3 kills each. Lauren Farley and Kim Hildreth each had 2 aces.

Lauren Eibel, Lauren Shelar, and Paula Dietz each had 5 digs. The Wildcats finished their season in the KVC with a record of 7-7

The JV Wildeats finished with an overall record of 14-6 and 11-3 in Kensington Valley

Freshman Basketball

On Friday, the team traveled to Willow Run to play its final game of the season. It game started off well as the Novi freshmen were able to hold their opponents scoreless for the first four minutes of the game and took the first quarter 7-3. The second quarter was back and forth as

the Wildcass held a four-point lead with just seconds left, until Danny Kilger came off a screen and hit a three to put Novi up 19-12 at The third quarter was closely contested as

Willow Run began to press a little more and chipped into Novi's lead at 28-23 heading During the final quarter, Willow Run made a huge run, putting up 16 points to take the lead by two with five seconds remaining. Novi was the full length of the court away on the inbound, and made a long pass towards half court that was tipped out of bounds by a Willow Run defender with just 1.6 seconds

Novi's infound was a perfect lob from Kilger to Nick Brockman on the move. He put the ball down once on the floor, tossed it in as the buzzer sounded and hit the shot to

During overtime Novi quickly fell down by four. However, the Wildcats stuck with it and had some clutch free throws by Max Wujczyk and Brockman hit a big three to the the score. Novi missed some free throws near the end of the overtime, Willow Run had a chance to win it at the buzzer, but missed and the game

went into deuble overtime.

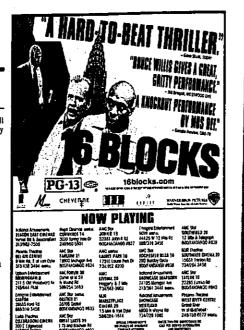
Novi came out and took control early and mantained the lead throughout to win 51-47.

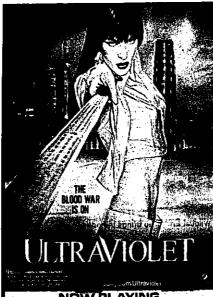
The squad was led by captains as Nick Brockman scored 15 points, Brad Kotylo added 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Max Wujczyk chipped in 9 points.

That put the Wildcats at 9-11 (4-10 KVC)

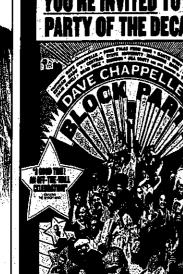
JV Volleyball

The girls' IV volleyball team lost to Milford. The team came out strong winning the first game 25-21, but lost the next two. Too hitters were Paula Dietz and Kim Hildreth with 3 kills each. Lauren Farley and





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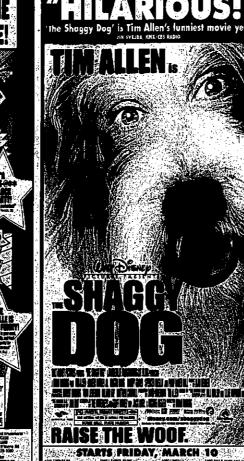
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Plymouth Canton cagers end Wildcats' season

■ 27-point third quarter too much to overcome

By Ramez Khurl

ball season ending at the hands of Plymouth Conton.
The final score rend 69-37 — a sile coach Pat
Schluter couldn't bare to look at:
"It was had," said Schluter. "We got down 15 at
but we couldn't

the half and they scored 27 in the third quarter. That

vi's goals before the season start-That loud thud echoing from Novi High School's gymnasium Monday night was the Wildents' basketer er, as the team finished third in the KVC with a 9-12

"Canton came out, hit every three they shot and played awesome," said Schluter. "We played hard, but we couldn't play well enough.

"I think these guys have to play a lot in the sunmer," he added. "They have to start right now developing and playing basketball all year. They have to
lift weights and get bigger, faster and stronger."
On a lighter note, the Wildcast slid defeat y psilant!
Willow Run 65-60 last Friday night. Four of Novi's

Harm instact want 1 points.

"That was a good win," said Schluter.
The Wildcast graduated seven seniors this year.

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players were in double digits in scoring, as Todd Jaynor and A.W. Stanck had 12 each, Kaleb Dane scored 10 points and added 14 rebounds, and Steve Hart finished with 11 points. "That was a good win," said Schluter. The Wildcats graduated seven seniors this year.

Close call for CC, but it's agony for Northville

■ Shamrocks first to defeat Northville

By MICK McCABE

Northville, the team with the 20-0 record, was trailing by a point with eight seconds left when Novi Detroit Catholic Central, for the third straight time, missed the front end of a Storrs, who helped his team win the Western Lakes tournament championship last Wednesday with a last-second shot.

Stors raced down the court and leaped in the air at the free throw line, floating toward the CC basket when he let go of the final shot. The ball hit the rim twice, hounced off the backboard, hit the rim again and began rolling around the rim. "I thought for sure it was

"I thought for sure it was going in," said CC's Rob Forte, who was guarding Storrs. "My (15-6) was happy, but certainly heart stopped for a second. It not glouting over the victory. "I know how they feel, we've heen there," said CC coach Rick

The ball fell off the rim and The ball fell off the fine and harmlessly to the floor and Catholic Central escaped with a S6-55 victory Monday. The Class A district game took place on the first night of the state tourname took place on the first night of the state tourname to played all year." Yes it was, but in the end, the Catholic Central escaped with a S6-55 victory Monday. The Class A district game took place on the first night of the state tourname to played all year." We did play that way all first night of the state tourname. "But before a packed gyint in Novi." Dairrell. Schulmacher. "But Sherma." Both locker robihs were suit." In before a packed gyint in Novi." Dairrell. Schulmacher. "But Sherma."



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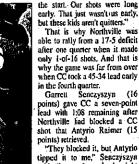
Mustana Chris Lorente. left, tries to put pressure on a Shamrock during the final seconds of Monday's playoff game.

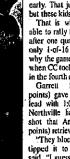
Send it to the Northville lock-er room because this is how a heart breaks.

Coratii. "There were years we had great teams and we'd play Detroit Redford in the first game "I saw that it was going to hit the rim." Storrs said. "I thought it was going to rattle in. But it rattle dout."

We knew those guys weren't going to quit. They kept fighting, they dout."

played all year."
Yes it was, but in the end, the Mustangs had always found a





only 1-of-16 shots. And that is why the game was far from over when CC took a 45-34 lead early in the fourth quarter.
Garrell Senezyszyn (16 points) gave CC a seven-point lead with 1:08 remaining after Northville had blocked a CC

points) retrieved.
"They blocked it, but Antyrio tipped it to me," Senczyszyn said. "I guess I was in the right place at the right time. I feel bad for them. All the work they did

and they lose and all you can do points and Chris Lorente added 14 as the most successful team in

"I feel real bad for the seniors

Catholic Central iced by OL St. Mary's, 3-2

Shamrocks beat West Bloomfield. Farmington

before bowing out of playoffs

By Ramez Khurl

Detroit Catholic Central's

Saturday, as the Sharmocks were defeated by Orchard Lake St. Assists were recorded by: Jeff Gonship competition.

Tim Buttery scored a goal for CC.

Prior, the Sharmocks crushed the West Bloomfield Lakers, [1-] on Wednesday, March 1 in the team's region five semi-final, It was CC's 21st victory of the Seam of Collic Central's first game of Goal scorers were: Mike Medical Medical St. Catholic Central's first game of Goal scorers were: Mike Medical St. CC CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical St. CC CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical St. CC CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical St. CC CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical St. CC CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical St. CC St. CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical St. CC St. CC was called for a penalty late in the Medical started the second period off with a bang when he won the opening back for pass shock for Dan Sharmock shorthanded pass from Naurato, and some the Score of the play throughout the first period and fine third period when Player shiper Dan Hall took a bang when he won the opening a back for Dan Sharmock scored for a pass back for Dan Sharmock scored for a pass back for Dan Sharmock scored a pass back for Dan Sharmock scored a pass back for Dan Sharmock scored by the first period when Sharmock scored beneficial started the second period off with a based when he won the opening a back for Dan Sharmock scored by the Sharmock scored beneficial started the second period off with a based for pass from Nick Pederson and snapped a wrist shot pass Sharmock goalie Ross Tashtian.

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Goal scorers were; Mike the playoffs was also a success on Mavigitia with a hat-trick, Nick Kroll with two goals, Buttery, Doug Raymond, Dominic Scale, Jeremy Christopher, Ched The game was delayed for Shamrock forward Jankowski lead headed to the third period.

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Six Shamrocks headed for state wrestling competition

Captain for the Shanneck team the state competition.

and State qualifier in 2005; worn and State qualifier in 2005; worn this first match by Technical Fall with a score of 20.5. He won his on, each losing one match.

The Catholic Central overtime for CC was John the state competition.

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Six Catholic Central wrestlers are headed to Individual State competition at the Palace of Auburn Hills after qualifying this past Saturday at the Individual Regional competition in Hills after qualifying as Saturday at the Individual Regional competition in the Palace of Saturday at the Individual Regional competition in 1:27, his second match by a marrow of the State competition.

School. A total of aine Shamrocks competed on Saturday for the chance to move on the State competition.

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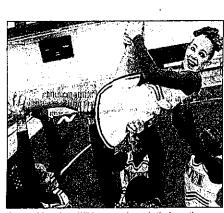
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Wildcat competitive cheerleaders show their spirit as they run through a routine.



Competitive cheer Wildcats go through their routines as they prepare for regional competit



Rachael Zbranchik, left, helps fellow varsity cheerleads Emily Kostrzewa with her hair ribbon.

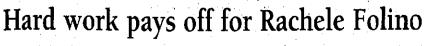


ABOVE: Varsity cheerleaders Emily Kostrzewa. teammate Emily Jilg into the air.

RIGHT: Novi High varsity cheer coach Emily

Photos by JOHN HEIDER





Sitting at the dinner table with an advanced-placement calculus book cracked open is a situation most nthictes would rather avoid.

Add a human anatomy and physiology book and another for finance to the scene and most jocks would break land speed records getting out the door. Not Rachele Folino. The Novi

senior has seen plenty of tough numbers. On the basketball court, she saw two defenders on her most of the game. Off the court, she saw her grade maintained at a 4.0. Both were products of hard work. And hard work has paid off for Folino. She's the first-ever Division

I basketball scholarship recipient from Novi High School, She's an All-Area All-State, All-Conference and All-State player. Now, she can add All-American nominee and Academic All-State to her resume

"It's an honor," she said, "It's

The nominations came from her high school coach Bill Kelp and

Jim Halverson.

Being named to the Academic All-State team required more work off the court than most basketball of the court man most existence an accolades. She had to carry a 3.5 or better, so Folino's 4.0 grade-point average was perfect. She also had to have some kind of All-State

Folino found out recently she

her AAU Michigan Belle's coach,

off," Folino said, "I'm glad my hard work with my home work is paying off too. I'm kind of neurotic

passionate about my grades."

Both awards are difficult to obtain. To be nominated for All-

recognition, which she earned with an Honorable Mention All-State

was nominated for the honor of being a McDonald's All-American,

just a great feeling to know all of my hard work has been recog-

ontain, to be administed for Ares-ence on the hardwood basketball floor and as a leader. To make the academic team in Michigan means she's just one of 15 girls from the Class A team to earn such an

honor. But there's only so far high school accolades will take Folino. and she's well aware of it. The senior said she's going to enjoy them while they're here, but they don't mean much in the way

of her collegiate career. A full ride to Niogara University awaits Folino next year. To keep the scholarship, she has to maintain "It's nice to see hard work pay a 3.0 GPA or better. Of course, she has to do even more than that to get

some playing time.
Foline will be one of four forwards on the team-next year. She'll be expected in add weight through

strength and conditioning while increasing her speed and shooting

capabilities.
"It's going to be difficult," she said. "I don't have a choice other than to work as hard as I can and see what that gets me."
If her high school cureer has been any indication, hard work will not see that

get Folino plenty.

But it's more than brawn where she's going, Freshmen on athletic

teams at Ningara are required to attend study hall. Folino said it will only help her maintain her grades and, eventually, graduate with a tlegree. That's the future, though. She

No doubt there's going to be plenty of awards along the way.

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Wildcat ecently

Academic All-State McDonald's All-America

Volleyball season ends with loss to WL Northern

■ Kuhn comes up big all year for Novi squad

By Ramez Khurl

Girls

finish

third in

regional

■ Next up:

state finals

tomorrow at Troy Athens

By Ramez Khuri

With a number of injuries and strong competition trying to earn a coveted state final

position, the Novi-Northville

gymnastics team finished third in its regional meet Saturday. Novi-Northville's overall

score of 144.25 would have

placed the team first in two other regions and second in another. The effort carned a

spot in the state final team con

Canton High Schools were Overall, the team had the fourth highest score of the al

teams competing at the four

normally one of their stronger

other three events."

qualifiers/regional

said coach Mark

After defeating Walted Lake
Western and North Farmington in
three games apiece, the Novi
Wildeats volleyball learn an into a
brick wall with Walted Lake

of our sails," said Fisette.

Keeping up with the theme of of the most skilled she's ever had in threes." Northern ended up defeating Walled Lake Central in three volleyball knowledge. games, before ousling Novi in three.
"I think the girls pulled together

and played well," said Wildcats coach Julie Fisette. "Walled Lake Northern is a very competitive team, and they just outplayed us. They did a great job."

Fisette described her team as one

The second game was the closest for Novi, as the Wildcats lost 26-24.

"That kind of took the wind out of our sails?" and forms. ence champions, but tied for fourth place this year. The Wildcats also won district competitions back-to-back the last two years, but lost this

terms of individual capabilities and volleyball knowledge. "We had a bit of a problem bring-

together this year as we had hoped to," said Fisette. One bright spot on the team was ing those skills together and playing as one and utilizing everyone's indi-vidual talents together," she said. senior Jenna Kuhn. She not only led the team in kills on Saturday, but also throughout the season with 306 total. She had 45 aces, 60 blocks and was second in passing with 145 "Our goals are always the same, to do better then we did before. But we fell short of that this year."

Last year's team fied for confer-

digs for the season as well.

"Jenna's been our leader," said
Fisette. "She did a fine job all year."

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SPORTS SHORTS

LTC came hosts NCAA Division I coaches

Lacrosse Training Centers brings some of the top East Coast lacrosse coaches (and staff) during their June 23-25 lacrosse camp in

Brighton.
Tom Mariano enters his tenth season as the head men's lacrosse coach at Sacred Heart University evolve into a solid and competi tive program as they enter their fourth season as members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), arguably one of the top

lacrosse conferences in the coun as head coach. Tim McIntee has been at the forefront of the successful turnaround of the Manhattan men's lacrosse program, MeIntee joined Manhattan

after a stellar playing and coaching career on the collegiate, pro-fessional and international level. Darryl Delia is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a co-director of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camps. Delia coaches at Fairfield University where his duties include serving as Offensive Coordinator as well as, Recruiting Director for the

Stags. Register online at www.LacrosseTC.com or give (248) 788-7020.

Soring Learn to Skate

Novi Ice Arena will run an eight-weck spring session of its Learn to Skate Program from March 8-May 13, 2006 (no class-es April 12-23). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is

available Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in, Classes will run once optional 30-minute practice ses-

sions.

The following classes will be

Beginning Tots
Snowplow Sam 1-3
Basic 1-5
Skater's Edge Accelerated

Bridge Program Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway and skate rental is available. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) icearena com today to inquire about the proper class for your

Suburban Showdown signup

Team and individual registra-tion is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League, All West League games with take place at Suduhan 100 Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arona, while all East League, games will take place at Suburban Ice-Macomb and the Onyx-

for team registration this year - the Gold division permits up to three players who competed at the A, AA, Junior Varsity or Varsity level during the 2005-06 season, while the Silver division does not allow players from those levels to com-pete. Teams will only play other teams in their division at the mite (1998-99 birth years), squirt (1997-97 birth years), pec wee (1994-95 birth years), bantam (1992-93) birth years) and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play 10 games plus playoffs and practice ice can be purchased at a discounted rate

based on availability. Individual registrations are being accepted at the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age cla cations: Players who competed at the A, AA, AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete. New this year is a girls

division, All girls ages 7-14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as individuals will participate in an evaluation skale to form teams, and will only play against other teams made up of individuals.

The Suburban Showdown Youth Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June, with no games during Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend. All play-ers in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer program if they register by

Requests to play together will be

For more information, contact Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010

Baseball training camp

Rick Green, head ceach of the Novi High School baseball team and winner of six consecutive KVC Championships (2000-05), is offering this fundamental camp for players ranging from 7-14 years old. Rick and his staff Scott Combs, Mike Koceski, Paul Sabol and the 2006 Varsity Tearn vill instruct participating players in the following:

Hitting Fielding Throwing fundamentals Pitching mechanics

 Base running Stretching/conditioning
 Video station and hand-outs

The cost for each session is \$50 in advance/\$55 at the door, \$5 discount for registration of five or more players from the same team Camp fee includes Novi Wildeat Baseball t-shirt. Pre-registration payment and application are due by March 15th. Each player should be prepared

to workout indoors and will need to bring their own glove, but, and butting belmet. Baseball pants/sweats, athletic shoes (cros-

training or running) and athletic supporter/cup should be worn. supporter/cup should be worn.
For more information, contact
Jim Celeski at (248) 735-8781 or
Doug Scott at (248) 374-6122.

3-on-3 youth hoop tourney

Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting the first March Madness 3-on-3
Basketball Tournament March 25-26 at the Recreation Center Incated at Hillside Middle

The cost is \$85 per team with three or four players on each. team. T-shirts will be given to all particpants and awards will be given to the first-place team.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203 for more infor-

All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

This camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls, ages 10-19, are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from every state and 18 countries attended the 2005 camp.
College basketball scholar

ships are possible for players, selected to the All-American Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Bridgeport, Conn., Babson Park, Fla., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Ill., North Manchester, Ind., Towson, Md., Ypsilanti, Glassboro, N.J., Schenectady, N.Y., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, Blacksburg, Va., Lyndonville, Va. and Beloit, Wis. Call (704)



Wild Stang gymnast Kylea Pohl's favorite - the floor routine.

WORK ETHIC:

The key to captain's success

By Sam Eggleston

For Kylea Pohl, being a leader means being someone other gym-nasts can look up to. That's why Pohl, a senior cap-

being my favorite. Floor really shows your personality, your presentation and how much fun

and she's hands down our most

olished performer on that event,"

coach Erin McWatt said, "She

really knows how to play the crowd and show everything off."

Pohl started her career with the

Big impact

regional events.

They had a somewhat disappointing start on floor, which is Foucher. "But they rebounded with excellent results on the

other three events."

Six girls qualified for the individual state meet this Saturday, also at Troy Athens. Two of the team's seniors. Rachel Deneau and Sarah likhani-Pour, qualified all around for the first time in their careers. A third senior, Emma Platt, qualified in three events.
Individual state

Division 1: Amy Reynolds fourth on bars, seventh on beam
• Division 2: Sarah Ilkhani-Pour: fourth on all around, first on bars, second on beam, Ruchel Deneau: third on all around, first on beam, second on floor, Emma Platt, third on vault, fifth on bars, seventh on floor; Jacqueline Gazette: sec-

and on bars, second on vault; Lauren Duda: sixth on vault. "The lean is very excited about this weekend," said Foucher, "While cracking the lop three may be out of the question, there will be close competition for positions four through eight, just like the past

several years.
"With another good meet,
(Novi-Northville) may just find
themselves finishing even higher than last year," he added.

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She quit club gymnastics that year, focusing on making friends at the high school level instead. Her determination in the sport hasn't wavered.

means being someone other gymnasts can look up to.

That's why Pohl, a senior captain for the Wild 'Stangs, focuses on being a visible example.

"The more the team sees you working, the more they want to work," Pohl said. "You have to show them that you work to get what you want, that it's not going to come easy. Especially this year."

In's a role Pohl enjoys. She said played a real maturity. She leads by example and the girls certainly look up to her." It's a role Pohl enjoys. She said

year."

With just 14 members on the combined Northville-Novi gymnastics team, Pohl and the other a 3.9 grade-point average, dances coptains have had to get hig at Flex Point Performing Arts scores. They've been doing that center in jazz, ballet and lyrical well enough to keep them in the styles and she puts in hours as an expectation of the property is a style and she puts in hours as an expectation of the property is property to the property of the property in the property of the property is property to the property of the property of the property is property to the property of the running for a state finals berth this

ram.

Pohl has qualified for the regional as an individual in her place with Pohl.

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beyond the beam, bars, floor and almost vault. McWatt said the way Pohl state.

"She's also involved with dance everyone it could be their last year and feally excels in the classroom, which is a testament to how she manages her time," McWatt said. "It's said they might not be able." and really excels in the classroom, which is a testament to how she Interest sport and it is a comment of these careers with the gymnastics team, girls. So the fact that Kylea is able careers with the gymnastics team, on the successful as she is in the classroom, on the competition. I'd hate to see it end."

Wild Stangs as a sophomore, but between really shows yo has quickly made a mark for her-dedicated person she is. "I'm extremely proud of Kylea seggleston@gannett.com.

styles and she puts in hours as an and the success she's had this employee and Ouernsey's restau-year."

With a Michigan High School



Arts Kylea Pon!

Rochester Ice Arena

resentation, and flow much funities and a construction of the floor routines.

Others have noticed her passion of her life is an example for all to for her floor routines.

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manages her time," McWatt said. "It's sad they might not be able "This is a difficult sport and it's a to finish out their high school

Roor, and with her dancing in between really shows you what a Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

Home Owners... How is Your Attic's Insulation and Ventilation?

During the winter, attic insulation prevents heat from excepting through the ceiling and into the unheated attic space. During the attempts, atticities outside heat from radiating downward through the attic into the home. All insulation materials work in the painciple of trapping. The tiny air pockets in the insulation restrict heat from teying to pass through. The value of insulation is expression terms of R values. In general the thicker the insulation the more air pockets in has and the higher R value it gained thus indicate the institution the more air possess in has and the higher R value is gained thus increasing the ability to resist hear transfer. Cenerally older homes are under-insulated by roday's standards and should be evaluated to determine if it it economically feasible to upgrade the artic insulation and help reduce your unity bills.

• Have a home attic inspection performed. Current knowledge of the home's artic condition, and improving the artic insula-tion, and ventilation, will generally improve the home's utility cost as well as helps when placing the house on the mar-ket for sale.

TYPES OF ATTIC VENTILATION



approximately 10 to 15 degrees E This will help in avoid-ing the reduced lifespan of the nof shingles. Never block efficiency

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In the artic space and cause problems. In a properly insulated artic space, the ventilation is important and will not lower the temperature of the home living areas. In the Mid-West section of the country, the peneral rule of themple for artic ventilation is one to three square feet of ventilaten is one to three square feet of attic floor.

- Soffit Vents are provided on the underside of the cave either as grills or the continuous style. Soffit vents work in conjunction with gable, roof, or ridge vents.
- Roof Yents are cut in the 100f near the top of the 100f line. The higher the better to allow HOT AIR to tise and dissipate to the exterior via these vents.
- Gable Vents + are louvered openings at the gable ends of the roofs. Generally on the side walls at the rop of the roof height.
- Power & Gable Ventilators are equipped with a thermostat that will turn the fan on when the artic temperature reaches a certain point and turns off when the artic temperature is properly reduced

TYPES OF ATTIC & ROOF CON-

GRAPILE OR ROUF CONSTRUCTION.

Gable & Hip Roofs – Common roofs that can easily be insulated by placing insulation between the celling joins are bottom chords of insuses. A vapor barrier must be bated under the insulation (towards the warm aide of insulation) to reduce any moisture from entering the artic space from the house, it is recommended that soffic venus have baffles installed to help pervent the insulation from covering the venus that allowing adequate airflow from the soffic venus to the roof, gable, or trige vents installed in the artic for intended ventilation.

Cathedral Ceiling – Due to the inherent lack of access above eathedral ceilings, it is very important that adequate ventilation be provided in these roof structures. The

very important that recognitive recommendation pytem is one that use continuous ridge and soffix ents by venting each raffer bay. It is recommended that 1 _ " air space is provided above the insulation and below the underside of the exterior toof sheathing for proper air flow. This air flow is required to remove any condensation and avoid build up of heat, which can shorten roof shingles life span.

One & One Half Stary Homes – These types of autos have several small section that must be properly insulated and the knee wells, floors, sloped ceilings, and any fair roofs areas. The outer attic fat treated as a non-heared area and should be insulated and properly ventilated. This allows air to enter through the toffit vents and cait up above the slopping ceiling to the attic space show the 1 sory northout of the home. The top portion should have either roof or ridge vents installed.

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Gina's Bridal owners Gina Licavoli (left) and Judi Licavoli (right) help a customer find the perfect dress. Everyone at the Milford boutique will

Gina's Bridal Boutique

Gina's treats brides like family

By Kate Phillips

Brides have been driving to Gina's Bridal Boutique from as far as Chicago and, the East Coast. The Millord business has already created a reputation since its fall opening.

Just a step inside and it's clear that there is somethis different about Gina's. Old wooden floors and ornate antiques are combined with feathers, tulle and flowers to create a romantic look. create a remantic look. Swirling white cloth hillows

about, forming soft edges. . . The bride can stand on a restored carpenter box as she peers into a heavy wood-framed mirror. Crystal chande-

liers shroud her in light.
"I think people love that it's small and intimate with a "I think people love that it's small and intimate with a romantic style," said owner Gina Licavoli, "And it's a very comfortable, cozy place."

The space is organized so that there's enough room for a family or bridged party to look at a family or bridged party to look at

family or bridal party to look at dresses together. Custom built wooden dress racks border the walls, so the group has room to

enjoy the experience.

Those that call ahead can bring bridesmaids together for an evening celebration with champagne and hors d'oeuvres or could bring the entire family in for a morning of coffee and

Bringing families together comes naturally to owners Glina can make wedding preparations and Judi Licavoli — a mother of aughter team. The longstanding Highland family has all pitched in to open the new ward to the wedding like the



Gina's Bridal Boutique, located in downtown Milford, offers a perfect customer

shop. Sisters and cousins come in to work or just chat and even the men in the family help out with the heavier jobs

"We're a close-knit family," explained Gina. "This is fun for us to do together."

And bringing customers into the family circle is a part of the experience at Gina's. By build-ing relationships, Gina and Judi

rest of the family. The mother-daughter team sometimes lends a hand with decorations, clothing and other last minute details.

Many brides purchase bridesmaid dresses at Gina's so they can rest assured that the order will be processed correctly and on time. It's more convenient to take care of alterations at one place instead of ations at one place instead of making extra work during an already busy time. "Trust is crucial with some-

gowns and hridesmaid dresses," said Ginn.

said Gina.

And one thing that Gina and Judi stress is that one-use dresses shouldn't cost a fortune. Both the bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses are the bridesmaid dresses are priced modestly. Bridesmaid dresses start at \$140 while bridat gowns range from \$600 to \$3,000. That's quite a bit less than the typical boutique. So Gina has worked hard to

find unique gowns that are moderately priced. They are

Location: 222 S. Main Street in Milford Phone: (248) 684-4462 Web: ginasoridal.com Hours: Open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7. p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and other hours by appointment.

"Every girl wants to be orig-inal and have something different from what her sisters or friends had," explained Gina, "If you come here your dress

won't be the same as any other."
Hanging on the rack is a light
Georgette dress with beaded
Chantilly lace and Georgette
draping around the waist. The
wispy creation would be wellsuited to an outdoor summer

wedding.
Another is natural colored silk with a pick-up skirt. It's a more classic look made trendy with the use of a newer shade of white. The dresses vary widely to allow room for per-

sonal expression.

Gina and Judi can help a bride select a dress that will work well for an outdoor or cool-weather wedding, or one that will travel well for a wedding on location.

At Gina's every bride will find a dress that makes her look beyond beautiful, it's the stuff that dreams are made of.

"What girl doesn't dream of having an incredible dress," said Gina, "It's the kind of dress that will make her so beautiful that when she opens the doors and walks in, every-one gasps."

"It's the perfect beginning to

the journey together as husband

