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■ Veterans to be honored
The First Baptist Church of Novi, 45301 W. 11 Mile Road, will hold a special 11 a.m. service Sunday to honor area veterans. The Livingston County Marine Corps League will provide an honor guard and fold an American flag to present to the oldest veteran in the church's congregation. Area veterans are invited to the service. For more information, call Gary Elmer at (248) 349-3647 or go to <http://www.firstbaptistchurchnovi.org/newsletter>.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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Novi Rotarians Joe Carrier, Julie Johnson, Jeanette Assaf and Keith Tappan are preparing for the Dec. 15 James Bond Holiday Party at Novi's Meadowbrook Country Club.

Bond-Aid

■ From Meadowbrook with love, Novi Rotary Club plans James Bond event

Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

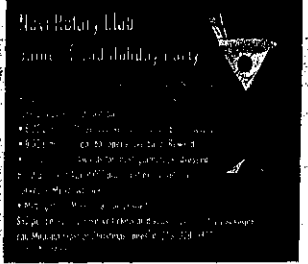
Move over, Pierce Brosnan. There's a new James Bond — Daniel Craig — who will appear in the latest Agent 007 flick, "Casino Royale," at theaters nationwide Friday.

Novi Rotary Club members are capitalizing on the new movie and popularity of the spy series this fall by featuring a Bond theme at their next fund-raising effort. The 7 p.m. James Bond Holiday Party will take

place Wednesday, Dec. 15 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

This raffle dinner has been an annual fund-raiser for the service club for several years. "But this year, we're spicing it up quite a bit with the whole James Bond theme and a live band," said Rotarian Joe Carrier. "We're trying to make it a bigger event."

First prize in the James Bond Holiday Raffle 2006 will be \$5,000. Tickets are \$125 each; only 100 will be sold.



For more information, call Carrier at (248) 344-4422.

'Goodie' or a 'baddie'

The Rotarians encourage attendees to dress up as a Bond film "goodie" or "baddie," at the black-tie optional dinner. "We want people to be creative," Carrier said. "Anything goes."

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NAME GAME

Judge rules in favor of Greater Novi Chamber

■ Novi Chamber ponders next move after Monday verdict

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

A Detroit federal judge denied a request Monday by the Novi Chamber of Commerce to halt the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce from using a similar name.

The Novi Chamber had asked for a preliminary injunction, alleging the upstart Greater Novi Chamber was causing confusion.

Now, the Greater Novi Chamber said it plans to move to have the case dismissed. The Novi Chamber is pondering its next move, said attorney Joe Carrier.

"We're deciding which way we want to go," he said. "At all times, we think they should change their name."

Whitney McClellan, executive director for the Greater Novi Chamber, said she was satisfied with the verdict.

"It just seems like such a waste of time and money," she said. "We just

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Executive Director, Greater Novi Chamber

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Noni Champion, Novi Chamber president, said in an e-mail to the Novi News: "We felt a significant decision was made in that a federal judge decided our case warranted further review by the court."

The Novi Chamber was founded in 1967 and has more than 300 members. It filed suit against the Greater Novi Chamber in July. The Greater Novi Chamber was founded in the spring and has nearly 100 members.

The two sides have been quarreling off and on since the summer. The Oakland Chamber Network, an umbrella organization of Oakland County chambers, proposed third-party-led talks during the summer. The Greater Novi Chamber accepted the proposal, but Novi Chamber officials preferred a more official form of mediation.

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Novi Police Chief Dave Molloy will undergo a 10-week FBI training course this winter.

Police chief to get boot-camp style FBI training

■ Molloy to study leadership at 10-week course for top cops

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Chief David Molloy is going back to school.

Not just any school — he's going to the FBI National Academy in January — where he will take 10 weeks of graduate-level classes and pick up skills he says will make him a better leader of Novi's force.

The rigorous program includes physical training and classes in civil rights, organization behavior, communication and modern crime trends. Molloy was able to tailor the topics to fit his interests and skill set.

"It'll better prepare me to lead the organization into the future," he said.

While Molloy is gone, Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg will handle daily operations in Novi. Molloy will stay in contact

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David Molloy
Police Chief, City of Novi

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Book talk!

Novi Public Library employee Pauline Druschel, right, talks about the novel, "A Thread of Grace," during last Thursday's senior book discussion meeting. The novel is about a group of WWII Italians who aid Jewish refugees. The senior book discussion group meets at noon on the second Thursday of each month at the Novi Library.

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No matter if you are planning a major home improvement project or simply trying to fix things around the house, finding the right contractor is crucial.

Pete Thomas, president of the Home Improvement Network, a contractor referral service, offers these useful tips:

- Get at least three estimates for your project.
- Ask friends and neighbors for referrals, and avoid choosing blindly from directory services that can include fly-by-night companies or those that change names to dodge legal problems.
- Ask for references and check them.
- Request certificates of insurance. A contractor should have three types of coverage: general liability, workman's compensa-

tion, and auto insurance.

- Look for an established contractor who's been in business for years. Chances are he will be there to make good on his warranty.

- Examine the warranty. How long is it in effect and what does it cover specifically?

- Don't decide solely on price. If one bid is much lower, examine the cost of materials as they could be of inferior quality. You usually get what you pay for.
- Look for designations which indicate a higher degree of professionalism. For example, in the remodeling industry, contractors may earn a CR (Certified Remodeler) or CGR (Certified Graduate Remodeler) designation.

- Follow your instincts. Do you like the contractor? Does he listen well? Does he return phone calls promptly?

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Larson Jewelry Design offers something different

Women are heading to Larson Jewelry Design in Novi for the wildly popular Pandora bracelets. It's the best place to buy them, because Larson carries all of the pieces that make up the one-of-a-kind bracelets.

Customers can pick from hundreds of in-stock pieces to make a bracelet that is ready to wear, instead of having to look through catalogs and place orders like at other stores. Pandora traveled to the U.S. from Denmark three years ago, and are popular for teens and women of all ages. The personalized sterling silver bracelets are inexpensive enough for anyone to buy, or they make a great gift. Parents can even start children off with the bracelet with only a couple pieces on it, and continue to buy more for special occasions. Or an empty bracelet makes a great Christmas present—along with a gift certificate so that the recipient can have fun creating the jewelry.



Larson jewelry, Terri Hanna, Brian and daughter Angelina Larson display a number of necklaces including a \$11,000 model, center, with 3.10 carat weight diamonds and 5.0 mm sapphires.

Those looking for something unique for a husband or son can find affordable gifts at Larson Jewelry Design like stainless steel bracelets. With dark, heavy metal, these are something that any man would love to wear. And the low prices means that anyone can afford this sort of gift. Titanium and rubber bracelets look like they're straight off a motorcycle. Tungsten carbide pieces work for guys who wear ripped jeans, or those who dress sharp in a suit. Plus extras like cigar lighters make a nice gift and start at only \$30.

"We stock a lot of fun jewelry that we know people are looking for," said owner Brian Larson. "This is the kind of stuff that anyone would love to get as a gift."

Larson owns and operates the seven-year-old boutique with his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Angelina. After designing original jewelry for 29 years, Larson fills the shop with artistic jewelry that is nothing like you've ever seen before.

Larson created pendants that mirror the moon and the stars, with modern, multi-dimensional designs. He tries to add movement to his pieces, so they're as graceful as the people wearing them. Some rings and necklaces use large precious stones in unusual shapes. They are the type of jewelry that will be commented on by every person at a party. But some of the original designs are simple, nostalgic pieces that will be treasured year after year.

"I am always trying to do something different," said Larson. "You won't see jewelry like this anywhere else. I make some that are pretty unusual, and others that would appeal to anyone."

Those who are looking for a precious gift for a wife or girlfriend can find something that will be meaningful throughout the years. Larson has designed beautiful diamond necklaces that start with one lovely piece, and build over the years. It gives the opportunity for a husband to buy his wife a meaningful gift each year, for Christmas or an anniversary, that can be worn and enjoyed, but will also build into something truly marvelous.

The store is also filled with other fine jewelry that reflects the jeweler's penchant for unique pieces. The store carries a large selection of 14k gold and platinum necklaces, bracelets, rings, diamond engagement rings, bridal sets, wedding bands and earrings. And the watch selection includes beautiful yet affordable timepieces. Festina watches are one of the most popular lines in Europe. Both sleek, dressy watches and rugged sports watches are made with a refreshing style. And Larson is the best Festina dealer in the United States. All sorts of watches for men and women are available in stock. "With Festina you can get a really nice watch without spending a lot of money," said Larson.

Larson Jewelry Design is located at 43155 Main Street, Suite 304, in Novi, south of Grand River Avenue in Novi. The store is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Hours also include 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays after Thanksgiving for the holidays. For more information call (248) 347-4653.

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BOND: Novi Rotarians set for Dec. 15 event

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The club is looking for sponsors for various aspects of the event, with all donations tax deductible. This is one of the club's two largest annual fundraisers, with the other being its golf outing.

Carrier said 200 people is the maximum the country club can

handle for dinner. "I think we should have a sellout," he said. "We're already three-quarters sold out now."

All proceeds will go to the Rotary Foundation. "There are no administrative fees," Carrier said. "Whatever we get in, we give out."

Rotarian Julie Johnson said the "hip" event should appeal to both baby boomers and echo boomers — 20-somethings who spend a lot of time in their cars and desire instant gratification. Johnson said the James Bond

Who Is James Bond?

Commander James Bond is a fictional spy who was an agent of the British Secret Intelligence Service created in February 1952 by writer Ian Fleming, while he was on vacation at his Jamaican estate called Goldeneye. To date, 21 films have been made, as well as two independently produced movies and one American television adaptation of Fleming's first novel under legal license.

Who's been James Bond?

Six actors have starred as the famous flo-

name is perfect for an event because it represents good vs. evil and is about a man who travels the globe.

"It's going to be thrills, chills and thrills," she said.

Deadline for sponsorship opportunities is Friday, Dec. 1.

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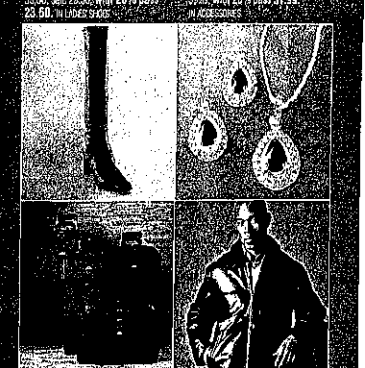
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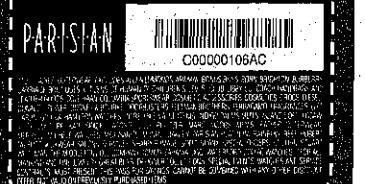
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Emergency CERT-tified: City rolls out first volunteer class

Residents assist in worst-case scenarios

By Greg Migliore



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Novi's recently graduated CERT Team.

CERT Details
 • CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team and is catching on in communities across Metro Detroit.
 • Volunteers assist authorities with first aid, crowd control, putting out fires and other duties.
 • Novi has trained about 40 members in its first class.
 • The city would like to have 100 trained by the end of 2007.
 • Another session will be in the winter. For more information, call the Novi Police Department at (248) 347-0504.

Greg Migliore, Novi resident, said he thinks people together from all walks of life, acting like an attorney, nurse, retiree and others.

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FBI: Novi police chief headed for FBI training

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with the department, and said he would come back in the event of an emergency.

The FBI has four sessions annually. Each plays host to 200 high-ranking police executives from U.S. and international police forces.

Molloy called the program "regimented" and "strict," and Novi's top cop will stay in a dormitory with a roommate. The academy is set on 385 acres of woodland at the U.S. Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va.

"It's kind of like the police academy for police executives," he said.

The academy was started in 1935. Former Chief Doug Shaeffer and other Novi police brass have attended in the past. Molloy said Lindberg could be a future candidate. Michigan usually sends about five officers to each session.

Kirt Bowden, Bloomfield Township's deputy chief, will join Molloy in January and is also taking graduate classes.

"I have not heard one person that's come back from it that didn't think it was an outstanding experience," he said.

Community benefits

Celia Todd, a 71-year-old Novi resident, said she's glad Molloy is attending and thinks it will benefit the community.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity," said Todd, a retired state employee. "He's doing a very good job with the police department. He's accessible. The concerns of the neighborhood are his concerns."

There is no cost to Novi to send Molloy to the academy. He will continue to receive his salary while he's there.

For Molloy, a 17-year-veteran of the Novi police force, the experience boils down to getting a fresh perspective on crime fighting.

"I have a thirst for knowledge, and there's many things I want to learn about," he said. "I'm excited."

"It's kind of like the police academy for police executives."

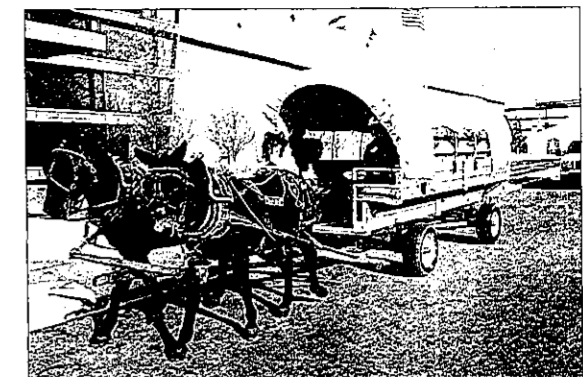
Police Chief David Molloy
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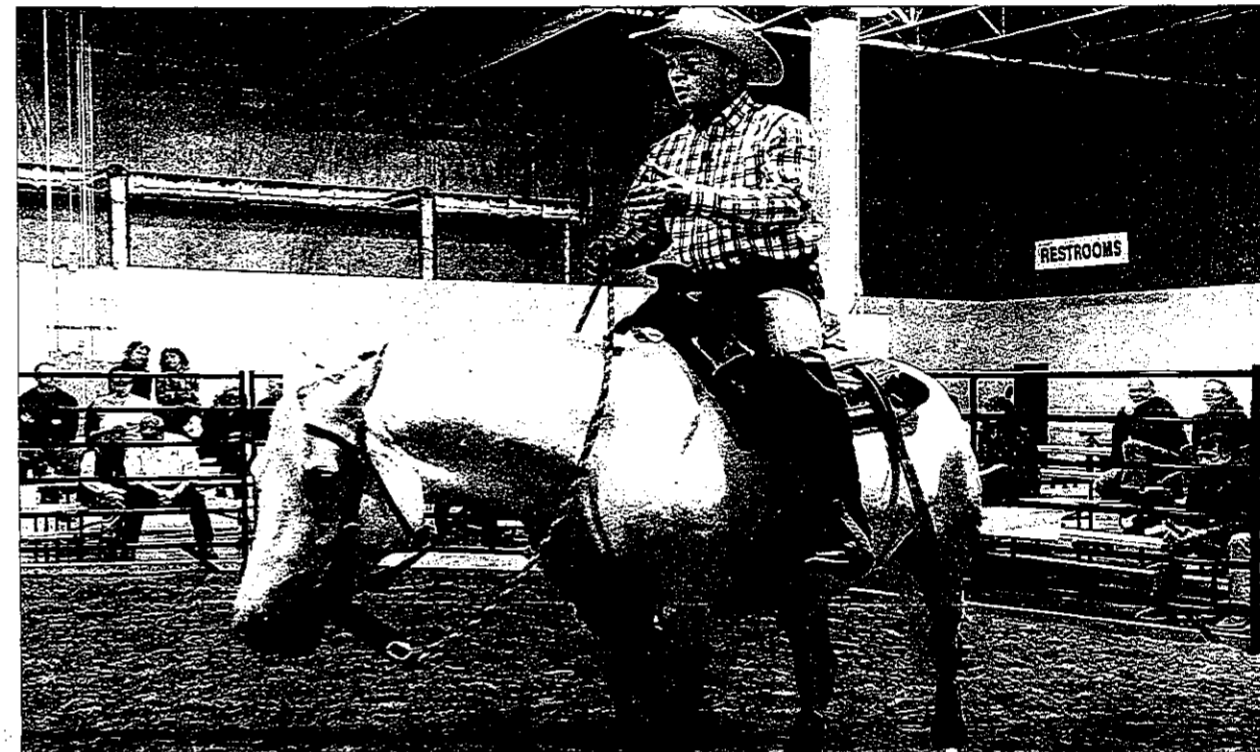


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 Novi News

Chris Holm tries out a saddle during last weekend's week-end's horse show in Novi.



Visitors to this past weekend's North American Horse Show Spectacular were offered free covered wagon horse rides around the Rock Financial Showplace's parking lot.



While riding a horse in the small presentation pen, Kevin McNabb gives a presentation on "Improving Your Lateral Movement" last Friday at the Rock Financial Showplace. McNabb talked about riders using their shoulders to gain better side-to-side movement of their horses.

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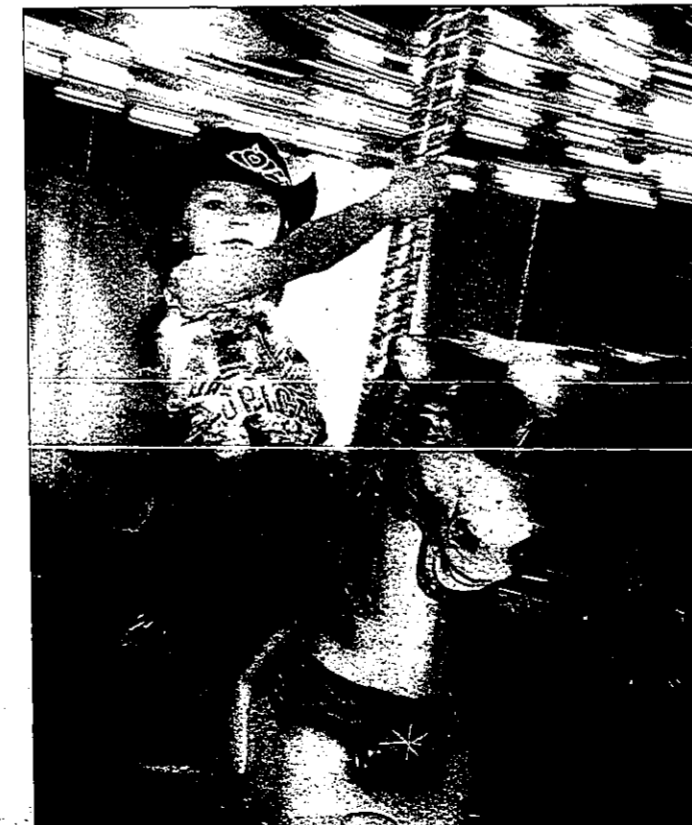
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Just horsin' around



With her cowboy hat and riding a horse around in circles, youngster enjoys a ride on the merry-go-round during last week's North American Horse Show Spectacular.



Palmer Park Ford employee Steve Williams takes a smoke break outside the Rock Financial Showplace last Friday afternoon. Williams was there to sell horse trailers during the North American Horse Spectacular.

MEETING NOTEBOOK: NOVI

Nov. 13 Meeting
All members present

Main Street gets preliminary approval

Council unanimously approved Main Street LLC preliminary site plans for the Main Street Novi development. The project could break ground off Grand River and Novi Road in June or July and be built in multiple phases. It will include medical, residential and commercial units.

The total cost is expected to be about \$120 million-\$150 million.

Fire station study

Council unanimously approved \$20,000 for an architectural analysis for Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3. All three stations are at least 25 years old.

The study would be used to determine how to modernize the facilities and at what cost. This item was taken off the 2006-2007 budget, but then re-appropriated when roof repairs to Fire Station 1 were \$45,000 less than expected.

Library study rejected

A deeply divided council denied a request for \$15,000 for a study to analyze ways the library and senior center could share services. The vote failed 4-3. Five votes are needed for appropriations.

Mayor David Landry, Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Capella, and members Terry Margulis and Bob Gatt voted for the proposal.

Video streaming debuts at meetings

No time to catch the Nov. 13 meeting in person? Videos of the meetings are available on the Internet.

Web surfers can go to the city site, cityofnovi.org, and click on the agenda item that interests them. A video of that part of the council meeting is also available on the website. The new addresses are: www.cityofnovi.org and www.novi.org.

To send a note to City Manager Pearson, it's now cp@novi.org.

Members Andrew Match, Lynne Paul and Toni Nagy dissented.

Fence approved

Council unanimously approved a \$175,105 bid for the Motor City Fence Co. for the Ella Mac Puffer Park outfield fence.

Consent Agenda highlights

Council unanimously approved:

- The Fire Department's request to purchase protective clothing for \$20,404 from the Rochester Hills Fire Department.
- Payment of \$1,500 to Commerce Construction & Landscaping Inc. for the 2004 Pathway Gaps project.
- Acceptance of the third conservation easement for Island Lake on the north side of 10 Mile, west of Wixom Road.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Need exercise? Take the plunge

Looking for a new indoor activity now that temperatures are starting to drop? The Novi High School pool, located at 24062 Taft Road, is open to the public. Swimmers do not have to be a Novi resident to use the pool. Cost is \$3 per swim, or a booklet of Pool Bucks may be purchased for \$20 for 10 swims between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Novi Community Schools Adult Education Office, 25345 Taft Road. Open swim times are 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. The pool will be closed Nov. 18, Nov. 22-25, Dec. 14 and Dec. 22-30. Children age 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. For updates, call (248) 449-1256. Swimming classes are also available for all ages through Novi Community Education. For more information, call (248) 449-1206.

Novi Town Hall Lecture Series kicks off second season Dec. 7

Proceeds will benefit Providence Park Hospital Pediatric Unit

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Kathy Crawford knows how important it is to have a dedicated pediatric unit in a hospital.

"That's because the longtime Novi resident's son, Doug, now 40, had cancer when he was 9. She remembers how she and husband, Hugh, an Oakland County Commissioner, used to wish he could be surrounded by patients his age, rather than adults when he had to be hospitalized or go for cancer treatment.

So, this year when she and her other-future series committee members decided what organization should benefit from the second season's profits, they chose Providence Park Hospital's Pediatric Unit.

"It's really a great cause," Crawford said. "Providence Park Hospital is going to be Novi's new bright and shining star."

The first lecture and lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 7 at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace will feature Michigan author/artist Mary Blockson of Bay City.

The second lecture at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 11 will bring local cardiologist Dr. Vicky Sarvas who will talk about "Little Known Medical Facts."

Sarvas has been a physician specializing in cardiology and internal medicine for 22 years. She has offered several health screening fairs in Novi in the past and recently moved her practice from William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak to Providence-St. John Health.

The third lecture at 11:30 a.m. on March 8 will offer area residents a chance to hear professional storyteller Yvonne Healy of Howell.

She will take the audience on a Celtic journey prior to St. Patrick's Day, sharing her family's first-hand history of Ireland.

To visit her Web site, go to www.healy.com

A Wolf Trap Artist Educator and Humankind Council Artist, Healy has shared stories across Michigan and nationwide as well as taught classes on storytelling.

Her CDs, DVDs and books will also be available for purchase.

Kathy Crawford
Resident, City of Novi

2006-2007 Novi Town Hall Lecture Series

The Novi Town Hall Lecture Series' second season will include:

- 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 - Michigan author/artist Mary Blockson
- 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 - Providence Hospital cardiologist Vicky Sarvas, M.D.
- 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2007 - Professional storyteller Yvonne Healy

Ticket options:

- Season Lecture Series (all three events and lunch) — \$125
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Mail reservation requests and checks to: Novi Town Hall Series, P.O. Box 659, Novi, MI 48070. Make checks payable to Novi Town Hall Series, LLC, and enclose a valid address, stamped envelope.

SOURCE: Lecture Series Committee

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Mall Claims to Know What You Want, Even if You Don't

By Drew Reed
Fashionista Today

North Pole - "It's better to give than to receive," the old saying goes. Now with Holiday Gift Guides from Twelve Oaks Mall, giving is easier than ever. Everyone has a list this time of year. Large or small, there's no shame in admitting that you might not know exactly what the people on your list need or want this holiday season. With the Holiday Gift Guides, you can get gift suggestions for everyone on your list.

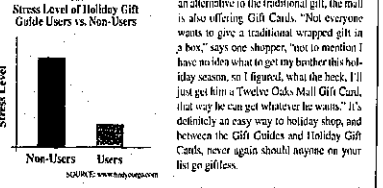
Mall shopper Nina Crawford said, "I have a few specific gift ideas, but, honestly, it's primarily a list of names. I've got this long list of people that no forget is best, and I need to buy from a gift this year. Until the Holiday Gift Guides arrived at Twelve Oaks Mall I was oblivious." With separate Holiday Gift Guides for Moms, Dads, Kids and Teens, you'll be able to polish off most of your list with some of the most popular gifts of the season. But don't forget about the Holiday Gift Guides full of Stocking Stuffer Ideas, Unforgettable Gift Ideas and more. The mall has seen a huge lift in customer

Local mall presents exclusive Holiday Gift Guides for Moms, Dads, Kids and Teens as well as \$25, Once-in-a-Lifetime Gifts and Stocking Stuffer Ideas. Get yours at the mall or www.findyourgift.com.

happiness and satisfaction, which can be a hard thing to achieve around the holidays. Even with this year's long shopping season, anything to make the customer happy is always welcomed.

That happiness might also have something to do with the giant snow globe exhibit in Court Square. This year the holiday exhibit is bigger than ever. Four giant snow globes surround Santa and about the holiday to-do lists and party scheduling, it's a nice break from the busy holiday season. "It's one of the most festive holiday events you can have," said mall shopper as she left the mall on Friday afternoon. "My kids and my neighbor's kids loved it. I even saw my husband crack a smile. Amazing." Families who visit Twelve Oaks Mall this holiday season can actually step inside the huge 20-foot snow globe where it's always snowing. After exiting the giant snow globe, kids can visit with Santa and then the whole family can have a photo taken right in a scene from Antarcctica with the

magic of green screen technology. Speaking of pictures, "The mall's great holiday cards," claims one shopper at the mall. "It's a great idea to see the look in their eyes as they see themselves standing in the snow of the South Pole." Green screen technology is the same method used on the evening news when the weather person is standing in front of a map. "It looks like a giant green screen," she said. "It's a special effect that makes it possible to transport the person in



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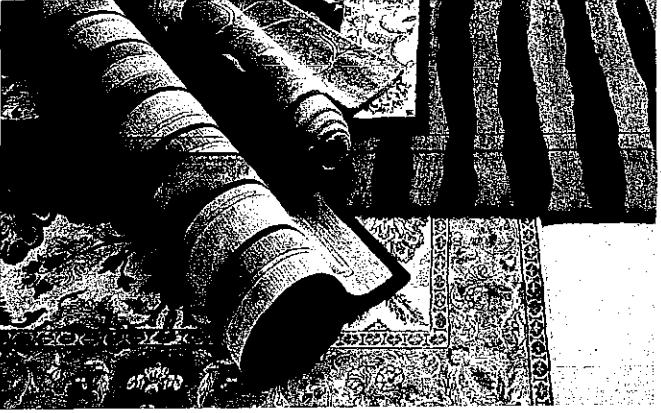
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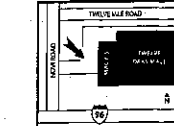
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Trinity's rating upgraded

Novi-based Trinity Health recently received credit rating upgrades from Moody's and Fitch and a positive outlook from Standard & Poor's investor services. The higher ratings will save the health system millions of dollars in interest in future years. Moody's upgraded Trinity Health's bond rating to Aa2 from Aa3. Fitch upgraded its rating to AA from AA-, and Standard & Poor's assigned its AA- rating and revised its rating outlook to positive from stable. The ratings upgrade comes at a good time for Trinity Health. More than \$935 million of additional new major construction is planned over the next several years.

Trinity Health is one of the largest employers in Michigan with more than 27,000 employees and \$1 billion in payroll. In Michigan, Trinity Health owns or operates 12 hospitals serving 35 counties, providing inpatient services to one of 10 Michigan residents needing care. Over the past five years, Trinity Health has invested more than \$668 million in capital improvement projects in Michigan.

McElya gains OESA board spot

Jim McElya, chairman and CEO of Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive, was appointed chairman of the board for the Original Equipment Suppliers Association at the organization's 2006 fall industry outlook conference. McElya most recently served as vice chairman of OESA. In his speech during the conference, McElya said OESA will focus more attention on supplier-to-supplier issues, evolving and growing in importance to members and to the industry while creating greater value for its members. He plans to direct significant energy on expanding supplier relationships in the industry and providing value to the entire



Michigan and surrounding Great Lakes states (91 percent) will stay with relatives — a significantly higher percentage than the rest of the nation.

Be Optimistic!

Optimist Club of Northville/Novi members Lee Dow (left), Karen Watkins and Ruth Schmidt sold trees during last year's sale in front of the American Legion hall on Dunlap Street. The fundraiser returns Nov. 24.

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Cars, trucks and vans represent the most popular form of Thanksgiving transportation (91 percent) — down 4 percentage points from 2005.

Slightly more Great Lakes residents will travel by air this year compared to last (9 percent versus 5 percent).

In Michigan, motorists will find gas prices historically high, paying an average 5 cents more per gallon than last year at this time. The statewide average for self-serve regular (as of Tuesday) was \$2.25 per gallon — a record for the Thanksgiving holiday period.

"Airports and highways will be busier than ever," said Claire Lockley, assistant vice president, ACG Travel Product for The Auto Club Group.

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Novi Concert Band takes the stage

Trumpets, flutes and drums, oh my

By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Marilyn Wallace calls herself a groupie. And she hasn't missed a single concert since her husband, Robert, joined the Novi Concert Band four years ago.

"I love the music and playing before people. I remember when we had only 15 members. It's a great band to be part of."

Ron Solow
Member, Novi Concert Band

Robert, an attorney by day and percussionist by night, is among 50 members from all over southeast Michigan tuning up the tunes in the Novi Concert Band.

Formed by the City of Novi Parks and Recreations Department in 1982, the concert band is a symphonic wind ensemble made up of all volunteer musicians, ranging in age from their teens to senior years.

"We're not a competitive band," said Brian Kochyan, assistant conductor. "The band is a good outlet and also a lot of fun. It's good for high school students and those who want to continue playing their instruments."

Kochyan said the band recently appointed a new conductor, Scott Cranner, after its former conductor, Jack Komara, retired.

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Novi resident Danielle Hammelf plays the flute in the Novi Concert Band.

strong with clarinets and trumpets. But Cranner said he'd like to see more flutes, horns, percussionists and low brass instruments.

He said he'd also like to see the band grow much bigger.

"I'd like to see much more involvement," he said. "This is not just a senior group. Anyone can join."

From Bach and Beethoven to Andrew Lloyd Webber and

Richard Strauss, Kochyan said the band tries to perform all sorts of music.

"We perform anything from Broadway musicals and show tunes to the classics," he said. "It's a well-rounded selection of songs that we have."

The Novi Concert Band currently practices Tuesday nights at Novi High School and starts its music at the Civic Center.

"We would like to get a permanent home to store our music and practice in," Kochyan said. "We have a real steady group that perform all the time, and it would be nice to have a place to call home."

"Wherever we are, we'll just continue the fine work that we're doing while representing the city of Novi."

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Board of Education

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PSAT/PLAN Testing will be Nov. 18 at Novi High School. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20. Students pick up packets from the Student Services Office. Call your counselor for more information.

No School

Novi Public Schools will be closed Nov. 22.

High School Talent Show

The Novi High School talent show will be held 7 p.m. Friday. Enjoy an evening of unique and various talents performed by high school students that have auditioned to participate in this program.

Northville High School Class of 2007 Fundraiser

Northville High School class officers are hosting a fundraiser at Pothely Sandwich Works, 17374 Haggerty Rd., Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Enjoy food, drink and music to be performed by talented seniors. Half the proceeds go towards Northville's Senior Prom.

Parent Information Nights

Jane Howe, the K-12 director of curriculum and assessment, will host meetings during the school year relating to curriculum, assessment, and testing in Novi. The schedule of topics, dates and time is as follows: Examining Student Work-What is the Evidence of Learning?, Feb. 7 at 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Learning Growth-Reflecting and Planning the Next Steps for your Child, March 26 at 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m. All meetings will be held at the TTC Building in the Forum.

Catholic Central National Merit Scholars

Two students from Novi have been named National Merit Semifinalists. They are Adam Budic and Eric Muller. To qualify as a National Merit Semifinalist, students must score in the top one-half of one percent on the PSAT Test taken in their junior year. Also named for a National Merit Letter of Commendation (achieving a PSAT score in the top five percent) is Brian Timm of Northville.

Hickory Woods Helping Families

Families wishing to help families that need financial assistance at this time of year are welcome to make cash donation that will be accepted in the school office, until Dec. 15. For more information, call (248) 956-2600.



Submitted Photo

Skate party!

Novi Woods Elementary School students enjoyed a roller skating party Nov. 2 at Bonaventure on Nov. 2. Pictured (left to right): Camryn Strong, Maggie Warner, Alyssa Stark, Principal Pam Quittiquit, Katie McMaster, Riley Balconi, Holly Ashworth, Kelsey Wickham, Mikayla Lynch, Payton Balconi and MaryGrace Sinkovich.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-058

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mark Garmo of Outdoor Acoustics is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of an 8' x 4' foot storage container for the operation of snow removal in the Westmarket Square Shopping Center located on the northwest corner of Grand Five Avenue and Back Road behind the TCF Bank at 47500 Grand River Avenue from December 4, 2006 through April 30, 2007. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure being considered for a temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 9:30 a.m. on Monday December 4, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to December 4, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (248) 347-0580

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-059

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Margaret Kenny of 40695 W. Thirteen Mile Road is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to sell firewood from her property located on the southwest corner of Thirteen Mile and M-5 from December 4, 2006 through March 31, 2007. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 9:45 a.m. on Monday December 4, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to December 4, 2006.

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Quick tips for packing a safe school lunch

State Points Media SPECIAL TO THE NOVEMBER NEWS

Whether you're rushing to get the kids out the door in the morning or preparing tomorrow's school lunches the night before, following some simple advice and "tricks of the lunchbox trade" can help keep your children's meals safe.

The experts at the Partnership for Food Safety Education are serving up these helpful tips when preparing school lunches:

- Always keep it clean. Make sure your hands, food preparation surfaces and utensils are clean. Use hot, soapy water to effectively get rid of bacteria. Teach your children to wash their hands before they eat. Also wash fruits and vegetables before packing them in your child's lunch.
• Be sure to keep hot foods such as soup, chili or stew hot by using an insulated bottle. Fill the bottle with boiling water and let it stand for a few minutes. Empty the bottle and then fill it with piping hot food. Keep the bottle closed until lunchtime.
• Cold foods should stay cold, so invest in a freezer gel pack (available in supermarkets and kitchen supply stores) and an insulated lunch box. Freezer gel packs will keep foods cold until lunchtime, but are not recommended for all-day storage. Any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, or egg sandwiches) not eaten at lunch should be discarded.
• If your child chooses a brown paper bag to carry lunch, it's especially important to include a cold source. A freezer gel pack or a frozen sandwich works well. Because brown paper bags tend to become soggy or leak as cold foods thaw, be sure to use an extra paper bag to create a double layer. Double-bagging will also help insulate the food better.
• Tell your child to use the refrigerator at school, if one is available. If not, make sure they keep their lunch out of direct sunlight and away from radiators, baseboards and other heat sources found in the classroom.
• Every parent should have a supply of shelf-stable foods for easy packing. These include fresh fruits and vegetables, crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, packaged pudding and canned fruits or meats.
• Freeze single-serve juice packs overnight and place the frozen drink in your child's lunch. The juice will thaw by lunchtime, but it will still be cold. The frozen drink will also keep the rest of the lunch cold.
• If you make sandwiches the night before, keep them in the refrigerator until packing up to go in the morning.
For more information on safe food handling, visit www.fightbac.org.



Photo by JOHN HEDERNOVA NEWS

Reporting from Novi!

WXYZ-TV reporter Dave Roxroth talks to Novi Woods Elementary School students during their taping of a "School Shout-out." The segments, which give different Metro Detroit schools an opportunity to introduce themselves to viewers, will be broadcast soon on Channel 7.

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SALE OF USED VEHICLES. The Novi Community School District is disposing of four (4) used school buses and one (1) Box Truck. Individuals interested in purchasing these buses shall submit bids by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Instructions to bidders may be obtained during normal business hours by contacting James M. Kozar, Novi Community School District, 25345 Tuff Rd., Novi, Michigan. (11-1823-06 NN 322656)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVI, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi Community School District will receive sealed bids for \$500,000.00 Inaugural Purchase Agreement. Bids will be accepted at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tuff Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423 until 2:00 p.m. local time, November 21, 2006. Specifications may be picked up at the Educational Services Building during normal business hours. (11-9116-06 NN 322646)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 05, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: Case No. 06-082 filed by Novi Big Boy located at 28401 Novi Road. Novi Big Boy is requesting a variance to the previously granted sign variances for the Novi Expo Center. Case No. 06-083 filed by Novi Big Boy located at 28401 Novi Road. The property is zoned TC-1 and located north of Grand River Avenue and south of I-480. Case No. 06-091 filed by Callison Architecture for 27640 Novi Road-Norhton located at Twelve Oaks Mall. Callison Architecture, Inc. is requesting three (3) wall sign variances to erect three (3) 217.5 square foot illuminated outdoor wall signs at 27640 Novi Road for the new Nordstrom Store located at Twelve Oaks Mall. The property is zoned RC and located north of I-96 and east of Novi Road. Case No. 06-092 filed by The Taubman Company for Twelve Oaks Mall located at 27640 Novi Road. The Taubman Company is requesting five (5) sign variances to include: 1) Three (3) thirty-two (32) square foot wall sign variances to previously approved variances granted in case 06-038 located at 27600 Novi Road to be placed at the three existing mall entries with the verbiage "Twelve Oaks"; 2) Sign (A) 24' x 2' 8" (64 SF) to be located on the lower level at the northwest corner of the mall between Sears and Macy's; 3) Sign (C) 24' x 2' 8" (64 SF) to be located on the upper level, northeast corner adjacent to Sears; 4) A verbiage variance to the "Twelve Oaks" wall sign variance granted in appropriate case 06-038 with the change to "Food Court"; 5) Sign (B) 14' x 1' 10" (16.18 SF) to be located on the lower level southwest corner adjacent to J.C. PENNEY; 6) One (1) additional sixty-four square foot (64 SF) "Twelve Oaks" wall sign variance to be placed at the new expansion entry to the mall; 7) An eight square foot (8 SF) variance to the variance granted in appropriate case 06-048 for four (4) 4' x 6' (24 SF) interior directional (ing road) signs; 8) One (1) additional two sided 2' x 4' (8 SF) "Valid" sign to be located at the access to the valet entrance. Case No. 06-093 filed by BWI Construction, Inc. for 225 Eubank Street. BWI Construction, Inc. is requesting six (6) setback variances for the construction of a new home with a front yard deck located at 225 Eubank Street. Applicant is requesting a 4.5-foot southwest side yard setback variance, an 8.5-foot northeast side yard setback variance with an appropriate total setback variance for both side yards of 13 feet. For the front yard, the applicant is requesting a 3.58 southwest side yard setback and a 7.42 northeast side yard setback. A 9-foot variance is requested for the distance between the existing detached garage and the proposed new home. Property is zoned R-4 and located north of South Lake Drive and east of West Park Drive. Case No. 06-094 filed by Superior Diversified Services Corporation for City Center Plaza Phase 4 located south of Grand River Avenue and west of Novi Road. Superior Diversified Services Corporation is requesting a 130 square foot loading space requirement variance for the construction of a new 3,840 square foot single story building at City Center Plaza Phase 4, situated at 22-22-227-000, 22-22-227-000 and 22-22-227-004. Property is zoned TC-1 and located north of Grand River and west of Novi Road. (11-16-06 NN 322621)

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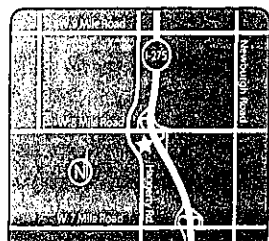
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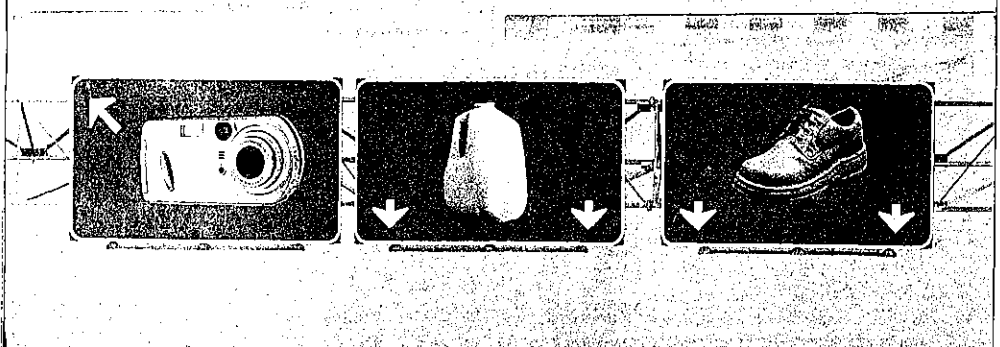
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- Free Peanuts, Popcorn, Hot Dogs and Pop
- UNO's Restaurant Gift Card Giveaway
- Tiger T-Shirt Raffle

Family Fun Friday – November 17th

- \$5.00 Credit for New Kids Savings Account*
- Beat the Banker Competition
- Northville Fire Department (11-4 p.m.)
- Northville Police Department: Child Safety Kits (4-6 p.m.)
- Snip It's - Children's Hair Salon Giveaway
- Free Papa John's Pizza, Schabold Chocolate Fountain, Cookies, Candy, Pop



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Novi News

WHAT'S GOING ON, NOVI?

Novi's Official Events Calendar • For a complete local events calendar, visit www.novinews.com.

EVENTS

Chef Loraine Appearance
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 18
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Better Health Market, 42874 Grand River
DETAILS: Chef Loraine of Sweet Loraine's Cafe will prepare Yukon Gold Sweet Potato Hash and Michigan Apple Cider Brandy Glaze using all-natural organic products.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0030

Democrats of West Oakland County
DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 21
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Souviki & Kabob Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road
DETAILS: An open forum on the topic, "Analyzing the Election," will be conducted by Ron Dewonkowski, Editor of the Detroit Free Press editorial page. Social hour precedes the meeting at 6 p.m.
CONTACT: (248) 624-7228

Lakes Area Optimist Club Essay Contest
DETAILS: Area students are encouraged to submit essays based on the theme, "I Want to Make a Difference Because..." for the 2007 Optimist International Essay Contest. Winners will receive local recognition and the essays will be sent to compete at the district level. College scholarships are available to the top winners at district and international level.
CONTACT: Kevin Terry, (248) 345-6437

Ring In the Holidays Parade
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 30
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Your business can participate by entering a creative, and illuminated float.
CONTACT: Novi Parks and Recreation, (248) 347-0400

Novi Chorales Christmas Concerts
DATE: Friday, Dec. 1
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington
DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
DATE: Sunday, Dec. 3
TIME: 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Church of the Holy Family, Novi
DETAILS: The Chorales will perform a mix of familiar Christmas carols and other Christmas music. They will be joined by the Toledo Handbell Quartet. Tickets are available from any Chorale, Novi Parks Department, and at the door for \$12 per person. (Groups of 10 or more are \$10 per person.)
CONTACT: Dick Bayer, (248) 349-3267

Novi High School Talent Show
DATE: Friday, Nov. 17
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Fuest Auditorium, Novi High School
DETAILS: The show will feature a wide variety of entertainment. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$2.50 with the donation of an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Proceeds from the show go to support the arts and journalism programs at Novi High School.

Novi City Council Meeting
DATE: Monday, Nov. 27
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 5
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School Board Meeting
DATE: Dec. 7
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road
Class of 2007 Senior All-Night

Party Meeting
DATE: Monday, Nov. 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi High School, Room 100

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The Chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, pro-active advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743
"Sweet" After Hours Mixer
DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 29
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Schokolad Chocolate Factory, 20450 Haggerty Road
NOTE: Please RSVP to the Chamber.
Chamber Holiday Luncheon
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 11:30 a.m. Registration; noon Luncheon
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace
Member Reception-Networking Event
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 14
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Franklin Bank, 17900 Haggerty Road
NOTE: Please RSVP to the Chamber.

LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in

GREATER NOVI CHAMBER

The Greater Novi Chamber is a non-profit business association. We provide enjoyable networking opportunities for our members; act as a bridge between local business and government; help businesses stay aware of other members' services and products and the activities of their community. For more information, contact: Wilburie McClellan, Executive Director, (248) 347-5222 or wmgcna@yahoo.com

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

CHAMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 11:30 a.m. Registration; noon Luncheon
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace

MEMBER RECEPTION-NETWORKING EVENT

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 14
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Franklin Bank, 17900 Haggerty Road
NOTE: Please RSVP to the Chamber.

CLASS OF 2007 SENIOR ALL-NIGHT

DATE: Friday, Nov. 30
TIME: 6-9 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO MILITARY SERVICE

DATE: Friday, Dec. 1
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills

TRIBUTE TO THE FISHING BOAT

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

TRIBUTE TO THE GOLF COURSE

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 3
TIME: 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Church of the Holy Family, Novi

TRIBUTE TO THE HOLIDAYS

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 21
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Souviki & Kabob Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 22
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TRIBUTE TO THE POLICE

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 23
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: Friday, Nov. 24
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TRIBUTE TO THE CHORALE

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 25
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

DATE: Sunday, Nov. 26
TIME: 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Church of the Holy Family, Novi

TRIBUTE TO THE HOLIDAYS

DATE: Monday, Nov. 27
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TRIBUTE TO THE POLICE

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 28
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 29
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TRIBUTE TO THE CHORALE

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 30
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills

BUSINESS

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group
TIME: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy Campus
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be current issues and share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, e-mail jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

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Why All the Household Dust?

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Desperate Housewives, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper. I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, you could air returns.

Could air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Visit our website at www.americanpowervac.com for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your deed was being signed, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies who claim they

low powered portable systems attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. portable or truck-mounted equipment at www.americanpowervac.com. There are only a few of us in Michigan with equipment that is powerful enough to get the job done right and that equipment is a Power Vac truck. It is the most powerful equipment in the industry. This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. You'll know it's a Power Vac truck because it's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power Vac Power Vac trucks are able to pull the thick, heavy vacuum bag-like material that has accumulated deep within your cold air return lines. Also, there is no need to remove registers attached to the wall, doing so would ruin paint and destroy wallpaper. The problem is that there are so many fly by night companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the jobs worth. The average price to clean your air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$349 to \$499+ depending on the size of your home. Any company who charges per register or who has "599 Whole House Specials" are companies you want to avoid. American Power Vac, Inc. is family owned. You never have to worry about inexperienced teenagers coming to your home and destroying it. As always, I will personally be there to make sure the job is done correctly. So this fall, before starting the vicious cycle of constantly dusting, give us a call at 888-61-POWER or 248-656-0500 and visit our website at www.americanpowervac.com for a special savings.

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WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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Novi Rotary James Bond Holiday Party
 DATE: Friday, Dec. 15
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 8 Mile Road, Northville
 DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for the Rotary's humanitarian efforts. The event will feature live entertainment, fabulous food, and James Bond themed activities. Black tie optional. Tickets are \$50 per person, and reservations are required.
 CONTACT: Miranda Frost or Christmas Jones at (248) 320-6477

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library
 LOCATION: 46245 W. 10 Mile Road
 HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday
 The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23.
 DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Classes

Providence Center for the Healing Arts
 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
 CONTACT: (248) 465-3455
WANTED-ART WORKSHOP INSTRUCTIONS
 DETAILS: We are looking for people that have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops. Please call (248) 465-3455 if interested.

Colored Pencil Workshop
 TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month
 DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.
Artist in Residence
 TIME/DATE: 10:11-30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month
 DETAILS: Join Artist in Residence Mary Ours. Weaves and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee.

Assorted Art Workshops
 (Original)
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Dec. 5
 DETAILS: The cost for each art workshop is \$4.
Creative Scrapbooking
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Nov. 28
 DETAILS: Combine various embellishments with your photos to preserve memories. There is a \$3 materials fee.

Ceramics Class
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.
Tai Chi Class
 TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Thursday
 DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$5.

Yoga Class
 TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Mondays; 6-7 p.m., Wednesdays; 12:30-1:30 p.m., Fridays
 DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for seven-week evening session. Pre-registration required.
Massage
 TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday
 DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a 50-minute session.

Line Dancing
 DATE: Monday and Friday, ongoing

Novi Senior Center
 Novis Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
 DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
 TIME: 10-11 a.m.
 LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Childcare is available. Registration is required.
 CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3555

Neighborhood Baby-Sitting Co-op
 DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.
 CONTACT: Sue Tracer, (484) 380-0296

Breast Cancer Support Group
 DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
 LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C
 TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
 DETAILS: No registration needed.
 CONTACT: (248) 537-5017

Novi Toastmasters
 DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
 TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
 CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

New Take Oil Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Charter
 TIME/DAYS: 11 a.m., weigh-in; 11:30 a.m., meeting
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25025 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 DETAILS: \$28 per annual membership includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
 CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke, (248) 305-8546

Kansington Valley Mothers of Multitups
 DATE: Second Thursday of each month
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 45225 10 Mile Road, between 7th and Beck roads
 DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.
 CONTACT: Herbert Mason, (248) 861-4730, Florence Vaughn, (248) 477-3032 or Joy Lovelitt, (248) 348-9133, joylovelitt@aearthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi
 DATE: First Thursday of each month
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
 DETAILS: The Moms Offering (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes.
 CONTACT: jensung@necnet@yahoo.com

FAITH
 Meadowbrook Congregational

Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.

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FAITH

WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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Holy Family Kindergarten Registration
 LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-6847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

The Babe! Faith
 CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.babefai.org
 DETAILS: A variety of speakers and topics will be covered to assist those working through the divorce process. The cost of the workshop is \$35, and includes the book, Growing Through Divorce.

St. John Lutheran
 LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
 CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohnlutheran.com

Grace Pointe Presbyterian
 LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue
 CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail: gracepointe@mcme.com

Boost Camp Day
 DATE: Dec. 8
 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave.
 DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living. It is open to the public. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
 CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Community Healing Service
 DATE: First Monday of every month
 TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran
 LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville

Crosspointe Meadows
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 25200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

St. Paul Lutheran

Crosspointe Meadows

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CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
 Kindergarten Registration
 DETAILS: Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

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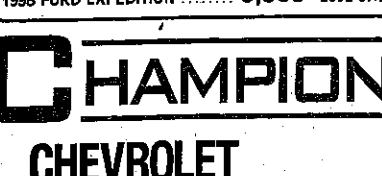
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St. John Providence Park Hospital-Novi Classes
LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave.
CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Childbirth Education
DETAILS: Evening or weekend series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby.
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DETAILS: A one-time class to review important information for birth of your baby.
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DETAILS: A one-time class for mom and her partner helping to provide tips for successful breastfeeding.
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Infant Massage
DETAILS: This two-session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage.

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Discussions
LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue
Getting a Good Night's Sleep, Dr. Brad Rowens
DATE: Tonight
TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: These free discussions

include dinner, a health presentation and an update on the hospital construction progress. Reservations are required.
CONTACT: To register, (888) 440-7325, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; for more information, Lou Martin, (248) 465-4505 or e-mail, lou.martin@stjph.org

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Coon, (248) 473-2610

Novi Concert Band Rehearsals
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday
LOCATION: Novi High School, Tall Road
DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players.
CONTACT: Derran Kochyong, (248) 348-5135

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America's Family Pet Expo
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DETAILS: Entertainment and education for pet lovers of all kinds. Animal experts, pet adoptions, and thousands of pet products for will be for sale. There will be stage shows, competitions, and demonstrations. General admission is \$10; seniors, \$5; children 6-12, \$4.5 and under are free. Please do not bring your pet!

Antique Arms Show
TIME/DATES: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 25
 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 26
DETAILS: Buy, sell, and trade antique arms. Admission is \$6, children 12 and under are free, and parking is \$5.

The Michigan Christmas Show
TIME/DATES: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
DETAILS: Experience the entire Christmas shopping adventure all under one roof, all in one week-end. Hundreds of unique gift items for the home and family. Food, entertainment, pictures with Santa, and

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DETAILS: This is a benefit for the St. John Providence Park Hospital Pediatric Wing, helping you meet food, wine tasting, and live entertainment.

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TIME/DATES: Friday Dec. 1, 12-7 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
DETAILS: Everything you need for your next woodworking project. Save hundreds on tools, equipment and supplies. Learn new tips, free demonstrations. Try before you buy. Admission is \$9, children 12 and under free. Parking \$5.
CONTACT: (816) 304-0909, www.thewoodworkingshows.com

Novi Bazaar and Fund-raiser
DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 25225 Middlebelt Road (between 10 and 11 Mile

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Angel's Place Annual Dinner
DATE: Friday, Dec. 8
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn
DETAILS: Angel's Place provides respectful and loving homes for persons with developmental disabilities. The dinner is a major fundraiser, and will feature Steve Yzerman as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$200 per person, or \$250 per person if you wish to attend a private reception with Steve Yzerman at 6 p.m. before the dinner.
CONTACT: Barbara Urbiet, (248) 330-2203 or barbie@angelsplace.com

Novi News Editor
 Novi Republicans State Sen. Nancy Cassis and Rep. Craig DeRoche retain leadership positions Tuesday within the Michigan Legislature.
 Cassis was selected as Senate Majority Caucus Chair, where Republicans hold a 22-17 edge. Current House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, was named minority leader by House Republicans, where Democrats gained legislative control last week by earning a 58-52 advantage.
 Cassis, a staunch Republican who has often sparred with Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, vowed to continue a theme she said was delivered resoundingly by voters last week: moderation.
 "If any going to reach out across the aisle, and anyone who reaches back will have my embrace," she said. "There's a spirit of harmony in the air. Let's work together for the state."
 Rep. Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township) was elected as the new Speaker of the House, replacing DeRoche. Sen. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) was named Senate Majority Leader.

Cassis, DeRoche retain leadership roles

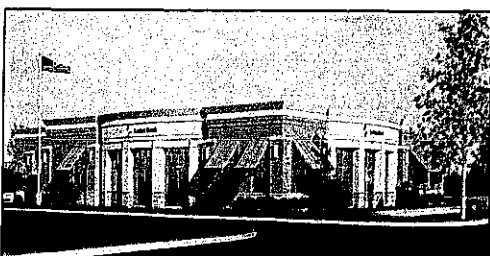
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Shop with a cop!

Lt. Keith Wuotinen of the Novi Police Department hands a girl's coat to cashier Belva Decoster of Wixom at last Saturday's "Shop with a Cop" program at the Novi Target Store on Wixom Road. Wuotinen was just one of the officers from the Fraternal Order of Police of Southwest Oakland County, who partnered with Target Corp. and the Walled Lake Fraternal Order of Eagles, to provide a brighter holiday for disadvantaged children in the area. Each child was allowed to select \$250 worth of clothing and gifts.



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By Drew Reed
Technum Tinkly

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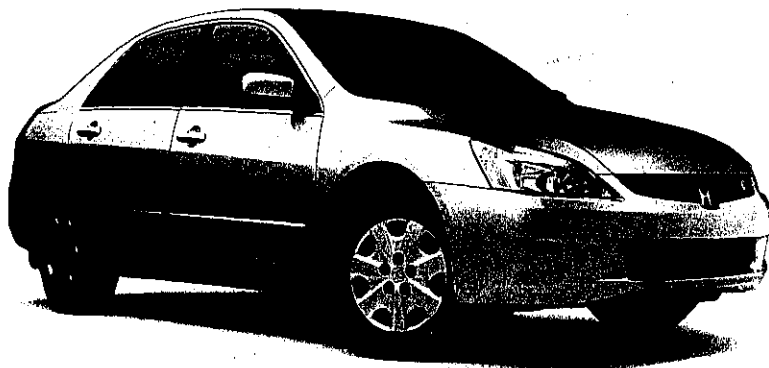
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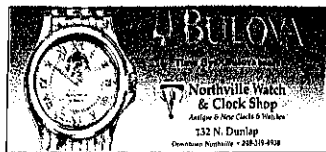
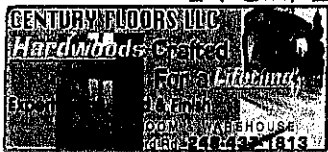
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GRAND OPENING

Novi tops Plymouth 41-26 in district opener

By Jeff Theisen
NOVINEWS

The Novi girls basketball team built a big lead and held on Monday in the opening round of district play. The Wildcats topped Plymouth 41-26.

Novi led 13-6 after the first quarter. The lead grew to 14 before Plymouth knocked it down to nine by halftime.

"I thought we started out good," Novi head coach Bill Kelp said. "Things got a little close, people got tight."

The defenses took over in the third quarter with Plymouth holding a 6-4 advantage in trail by seven going into the fourth.

Novi's lead was cut to five before Plymouth was forced to foul, and the Wildcats held strong at the line for the win.

Stephanie Crawford led Novi with 12 points.

Caroline Johnson pitched in nine points.

"We have to rebound better than we did tonight," Kelp said. "That has been a strength of ours all year. I think this was the first time we got outrebounded and won (41-32). That's good to see that we still won, getting outrebounded."

Kelp said that with the win, the Wildcats have won more games than any Novi team in the past eight years. A win against Novi and it would be more than the last 10 years.

"This team has accomplished so much more than anybody ever thought they would," he said. "I think we're playing with a lot of confidence. I hope we continue to do that and we'll see what happens."

Novi played Northville on Wednesday with the winner advancing to Friday's final at South Lyon. Check novinews.com Thursday for results from Wednesday's game.



Novi Wildcat Taylor Graybiel, right, battles for the ball against Plymouth Wildcat Ke/S Robinson.

Photo by JONAH HEIDER/Novi News

Regular season

Novi wrapped up regular season play with a 52-42 win Nov. 7 against South Lyon and a 61-8 whipping of Harland on Nov. 9.

Against South Lyon, the Lions led 12-11 after the first quarter, but an 18-5 advantage in the second quarter left the Wildcats (16-4, 10-4) ahead for good. Both teams scored 13 points in the third quarter, leaving Novi up 42-40 heading into the final quarter.

Crawford and Johnson led the way with 11 points each. Crawford also secured a team-high 13 rebounds and went 7-for-7 from the free throw line.

Taylor Graybiel pitched in 10 points, and Amanda Diacono pulled down 11 rebounds to go with four points.

In the season finale, head coach Bill Kelp involved all of his players in the 59-point blowout. Twelve players made the scoreboard, with Taylor Graybiel leading the Wildcats with nine points. Crawford, Katie Chiklops and Jessica Cingel each scored eight points.

Harland was held scoreless in the first quarter and trailed 35-1 at the half. Harland shot just 2-for-32 (6.3 percent).

JV Girls Basketball

The Novi junior varsity basketball team ended its season 14-6 with a 34-19 whipping of South Lyon on Nov. 7 and a 55-21 win against

Continued on 2B

Online:

Novi played Northville on Wednesday. Check www.novinews.com Thursday to see if the Wildcats reach Friday's district finals at South Lyon.

Krygier takes over Wildcat hockey

Former NHL player excited to get going

By Jeff Theisen
NOVINEWS

First year Novi hockey head coach Todd Krygier inherits a quality program. In turn, his players inherit a coach with NHL experience.

Krygier knows he doesn't have to do the gruntwork of rebuilding a team. He just wants to maintain

and build on the hard work from others.

Todd Krygier

Head coach
Todd Krygier

First year
Coach quote: "We've got four really good lines, three good sets of (defense-men) and our goaltending is good. I'm kind of surprised me, because I didn't think we would have that much depth. I've seen something good from just about every kid out here."

"Dan Phelps built this program in eight years, and built it into a



top five program in the state," Krygier said. "My main goal is just to maintain that and continue that on. He deserves a tremendous amount of credit."
"I don't have all the answers. I'm going to make mistakes, but I do have a lot of experience and

knowledge."
No answer Krygier found instantly: His team is ready to play.

"They work hard, they're coachable, and I find they're open to different types of systems that they haven't seen before or experienced," he said. "We've got four really good lines, three good sets of (defense-men) and our goaltending is good. It kind of surprised me, because I didn't think we would have that much depth."

"I've seen something good from just about every kid out here."

Krygier said he wanted to

coach hockey at the high school level because of the academic involvement. He wants to make sure the kids are learning more than just hockey.

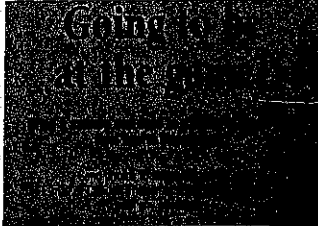
"The reality is ... hockey is going to be over someday, he said. "What are you going to with the rest of your life? There's no reason every kid on this team can't go to college and play hockey somewhere, if that's what they choose to do."

"But I think it's important that they know that school is tremendously important, as well as hockey."

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Novi News
Athlete of the WeekStephanie Crawford
Novi senior guard

Crawford led the Wildcats with 12 points in a district-opening 41-26 win Monday against Plymouth. She also led the team with 13 rebounds and 11 points in a 52-42 win against South Lyon.



HOCKEY: Wildcats ready to hit the ice

Continued from 1B
One foundation Kryger has helped establish is a new locker room for the team.
'It's a locker room that is equal to any NHL locker room out there right now,' he said.



Photo by JEFF THEISEN/Novi News

Novi senior defenseman Scott Eberling gets ready to send a pass Monday at the Novi Ice Arena.

BASKETBALL: Novi wins district opener

Continued from 1B
Hardland two days later.
Against Hartland, Kehey Maccarrone led Novi with 14 points and seven rebounds against Hartland.



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Kelko Chaklos, left, Shannon Cody, middle, and another Wildcat teammate watch and cheer their team Monday against Plymouth High.

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Novi third at River Rat

By Jeff Theisen
The Novi swim team placed third Nov. 11-12 at the River Rat Invitational in Ann Arbor.
Ann Arbor Invitational swim meet with 5485 points. South Lyon was second with 4891. Goshen Point was third with 3715.



Medallion Elite had Ann Arbor Harney's Hecca Throckmorton in first place in the 400 butterfly. They both touched the wall at 1:03.99.
Katy Abel won the 100 backstroke in 1:21.31.
Novi had a strong showing in the 50 freestyle with Abel finishing second in 25.50 and Dana Hapanowicz was fourth in 26.31.

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The Novi Bobcat cheerleaders perform Saturday at Cheerfest 2006.

Submitted to the Novi News
The Novi Bobcat junior varsity and freshman cheer squads accepted top honors for their performances at the WJFL Cheerfest 2006.
Cheerfest 2006, the annual cheerleading competition for the WJFL, was held Saturday at Northville High School.



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The Novi Bobcat junior varsity and varsity combine after Cheerfest 2006.

Sports shorts

Cash makes Albion basketball roster

Albion College head men's basketball coach Mike Turner has announced his 13-man varsity roster for the 2006-2007 season which begins Nov. 17.
The roster includes Jim Cash, the son of Charles Cash and Dawn Cash of Northville and a

Chandler voted All-MIAA

Albion College senior cornerback Chase Chandler (Novi/Novi) was voted to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

first team in football for the second year in a row, the league publicist announced Monday night.

Chandler led the MIAA with five interceptions, including one he returned 30 yards for a touchdown against Oberlin College, and he led for the league lead in fumbles forced. Chandler was one of Albion's leading tacklers, finishing with 37 solo and 112 assists.

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Shamrocks use balancing act

Johnson impressed with team's depth

By Jeff Theisen
Head coach Todd Johnson has experienced it all with the Catholic Central program. He enters his 11th year with the Shamrocks and fourth as head coach.
The Shamrocks won it all two years ago and came up on the short end of a 2-1 loss last year to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

strength for the Shamrocks. 'I have eight guys that can play that will create a lot of competition for the lineup.
The top defenders are Dominic Scala, Greg Merrill and C.J. Poynt, who transferred in and won't be eligible until early January.
The Shamrocks don't see team goals, but Johnson points out a couple of things the Shamrocks always aim for.

Top scorers include Jeremy Christopher and Chad Wilhelm.
'These two guys are probably the top two candidates, Johnson said. 'But as much as any year in the past, we have four lines that can score. I would say that there is going to be very little separation between our top scorer and our bottom guy.'
Johnson said defense will be a

Shamrock Schedule

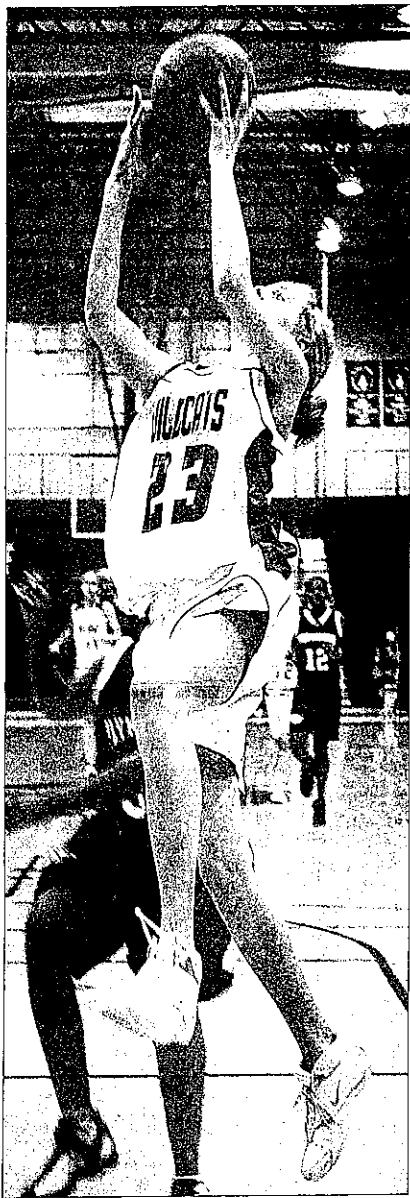
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1/13 Trenton at Compwure, 3 p.m.
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1/27 Culver Military Acad. at Culver Ice Arena, 2 p.m.
1/31 Trenton at Trenton Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
2/3 Grosse Pointe North at Compwure, 7 p.m.
2/5 MHS Showcase at Trenton Ice Arena, TBA
2/10 MHS Showcase at Trenton Ice Arena, TBA
2/15 Port Huron Northern at Compwure, 7 p.m.
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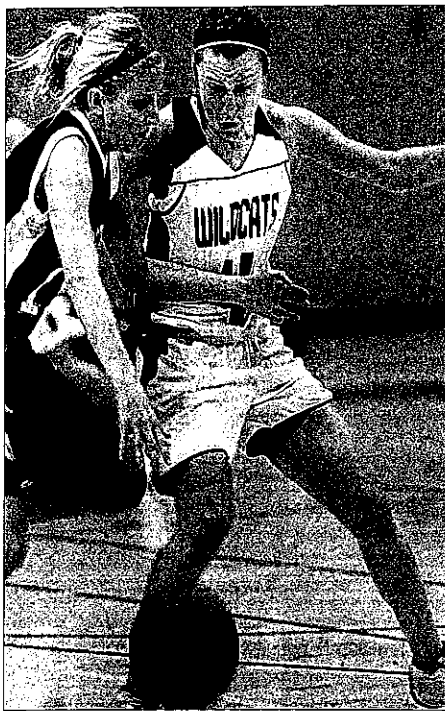
UNCAGED 'CATS



Novi's Caroline Johnson puts in a layup during the Wildcats' game in South Lyon Monday night.



Novi Wildcat Amanda Diacono, right, is guarded on a shot by Plymouth Wildcat Stacy Kionowski.



Wildcat Katie Chaklos guards a Plymouth Wildcat during last Monday's district playoff game.

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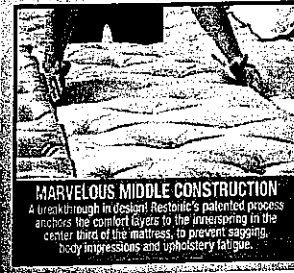
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Home Owners... Do You Know The Condition Of Your Home? Give Your House A Home Check-Up!

Have you lived in your home for 8, 12, 25, 30 years? Have you checked the condition of the walls, insulation, ventilation, sewer system, electrical system, plumbing, fan-ducts, exterior damage, furnace, water tank, etc.? Have you checked for gas leaks or radon? How about asbestos tests that are required?

We can provide you a Home Check-up to ensure you know the existing condition of your home. Your knowledge of your home's condition can save money on repairs. For instance, replacing damaged sections of the roof rather than re-roofing the entire house or completing repairs to unknown water leaks, air leaks or fuel tank leaks or carbon monoxide leaks are a few things to consider. This will provide a Home of Mind in knowing and understanding issues which should have attention to them and avoid major issues down the road.



"Have you had routine service for the heating and cooling systems in your home? Have the systems been checked for efficient operation? This can help reduce your energy and heating and cooling costs."

Have you checked your doors and windows for air leaks? This may also identify broken seals in thermal pane windows as well as identify maintenance that would be required to keep windows in good condition and provide ease of operation for the windows. Windows stuck closed may simply be painted shut, or a symptom of condensation build up that has formed a glue like substance on the window frame. Ensure that you know which is the case and what type of attention is required.

In the storage area in your basement is the area of your hot water tank and furnace? Is this area full of boxes and storage items to the point that your furnace may not have the sufficient air intake available in this area to run efficiently and safely?

Are all the appliances in good safe operational condition?

Have your home checked for any air leaks which could be reducing your home energy efficiency around doors, windows, drains, water pipes, and roof stacks.

Ensure your attic has the proper amount of insulation and ventilation. Ventilation is often found to be inadequate in the majority of homes in this area. Proper ventilation will help prevent moisture build up in attic space. Proper ventilation will also help control excessive heat in attics which could lead to premature shingle failure. Do you have mildew or mold growing in your attic?

Ensure the bathroom vents are not venting into the attic space. Ensure excessive moisture build up and possible mildew/mold development.

Ensure all exterior drainage and water run off for the roof is properly directed away from the foundation and structure. This will help avoid damp basements and wood siding decay.

Are there any unknown water leaks for the plumbing system of the house? Are all showers, faucets, toilets and drains operating properly?

Do your lights dim when the dishwasher or furnace/air conditioner are running, or do you have a breaker or that often trips?

Do you have squeaky floors in your home, or cracks in certain areas of the wall and around door/window frames?

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New clients have to stop to catch their breath when they walk into Scappare.

It's shockingly lavish. With massive curved ceilings, bold colors and luxurious window coverings, the salon and day spa doesn't look like something that's usually found in southeast Michigan.

The five-year-old salon is straight out of a chic magazine—the type of place where celebrities get waxed and highlighted. The atmosphere is like a combination of Beverly Hills and an old-world chateau, overflowing with velvet curtains and soft pillows.

A grand piano fits right in, and the delicate music brings even more elegance to the beautiful surroundings. "I'm still shocked when I walk in every day," said Chris Cortis who owns the salon and day spa with his wife Lindsay. "We keep doing updates so the salon still looks amazing to us, day after day."

At home in Scappare

Scappare is the type of place where people would dress up to get their hair done, but it's actually quite relaxed. There's no snobbery by attitudes, just old-world hospitality. At Scappare, the stylists and technicians treat clients like personal friends. That's because after a couple visits they see already friends. Once people try Scappare they won't go anywhere else. Even new clients feel like wel-

comed guests. Just like a party at home, guests sit down to plenty of festive refreshments — pastries, coffee and cake, or even wine and cheese.

The staff develops close relationships with their clients, often styling hair for several generations of families, and supporting them through the happy and sad occasions of life, from cradle to grave.

Guests feel comfortable talking about whatever is on their minds. It's a place to share laughs as a stylist shares in the intimate beauty process of life. "Our staff is very down to earth and friendly," Lindsay Cortis said.

It's a fun environment for the stylists as well as their guests. "People love coming in here, because they can tell that we enjoy what we do," said Chris Cortis. "That makes for a very friendly, comfortable atmosphere."

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Relax at the spa

The lavish atmosphere makes the perfect setting for relaxing spa pedicures.

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Priced for affordability

Even though Scappare is an upscale salon, the prices aren't upscale. Many customers are surprised that Scappare doesn't cost more than the average salon.

"The Cortis family prices services low enough so guests can afford to stick around for an entire evening of salon and spa treatments. Clients are not being well-served if the salon is empty."

"Our clients keep coming back because this is a good value," said Chris. "People are getting a lot for their money."

Educated staff

The value in services at Scappare is tripled when taking

into account the education of each stylist, technician and massage therapist.

It's always been a priority for staff to attend seminars throughout the country, to learn about new styles, good products and national trends. The group just returned from a hair texturing seminar in Manhattan.

No expense is spared to make sure that stylist stay on top of their game.

"We spend a lot of money on education, to stay up-to-date," said Chris. "That's what people expect when they come here."

Part of the expertise of the stylists is learning how to create a style that is perfect for each client. The stylists look for clues to help figure out exactly what a client wants — from body language to past conversations.

"They get to know a lot about each person, so they can help talk through decisions about new colors and styles. It's not so much the opinion of the stylist that matters — it's the preferences of each individual client."

"If we want people to love their haircut when they leave," said Chris. "If we don't think they'll like a drastic change, we try to persuade them to take things a little at a time so they can get used to it."

"It matters most to us that our clients are happy with the way they look."

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